

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 October 2013 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors M Frost (Chairman), D Bonney, K Brown H Caunce, B Harrison, C Lilley, W Mason and M Miller.

Also present 2 Members of the Public.

125.13 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, A Barnes and D Holborn.

126.13 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

127.13 Minutes of the Meeting held 12 September 2013

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow Members of the Public to speak.

128.13 Public Participation

A resident provided information on a planning application for a shed for dog grooming purposes, which was on the agenda.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Agenda Items 6 and 7 were brought forward.

129.13 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

13/00890/FUL Retrospective application for the erection of wooden garden shed for dog grooming use at 78 Doctors Lane.

13/00909/FUL Erection of bay window to front at 21 Beechfields.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

13/00884/ADV Installation of signage for the convenience store including 3 internally illuminated fascia signs, store information signage, ATM signage and 2 poster frames at Unit 10, The Carrington Centre. A query was raised regarding a discrepancy between the opening times on the signage and the hours of the licence application.

13/00885/FUL Construction of an external plant enclosure associated with the convenience store consisting of 1 refrigeration condenser and 3 air conditioning units including the installation of acoustic wall lining to the store facade within the plant enclosure at Unit 10, The Carrington Centre.

Resolved: a request for noise reducing barriers, to be installed to the sides of the plant in order to minimise noise levels at adjoining residential properties, is to be submitted.

130.13 Draper Avenue Drainage

The Chairman provided an update for residents regarding the piped drain to the rear of properties on Drapers Avenue. A meeting has taken place with a representative of the landowner. Evidence that the drain is on the landowner's property was provided and a response from senior staff is awaited. The Council has requested its solicitor to provide an opinion on the ditch/hedge presumption for agricultural land raised at the last meeting. NFU was unable to provide assistance as the Parish Council is not affiliated.

A representative of the landowner had advised of its willingness to allow members of the Parish Council sight of the survey of the drain.

131.13 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 653.56	Employee 1	Salary
£ 436.66	Employee 2	Salary
£ 478.30	Employee 3	Salary
£ 250.90	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 45.30	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 53.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 35.40	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 52.09	United Utilities	Surface water charge

132.13 Trees on Land in the Control of the Parish Council

The Chairman provided details of a recommendation from the Open Spaces Committee for the adoption of a procedure for requests for works to trees on Parish Council controlled land.

Councillors discussed possible issues relating to trees and it was suggested costings should be obtained for a survey of all trees on Council controlled land.

Resolved: The recommendation of the Open Spaces Committee was adopted.

133.13 Neighbourhood Priorities

Submissions for Neighbourhood Priorities were discussed. An improvement scheme for unadopted land at the end of Mill Lane and allotment provision were suggested.

122.13 Open Spaces Committee

A report from the latest meeting of the Committee was provided. The chosen contractor for the Ball Court had advised it had entered into a Company Voluntary Arrangement (CVA). Chorley Council, as funder for the Ball Court, had been informed and had advised continuing with the contractor. Work is progressing on the Walks Map. The refurbishment of the Skate Park was approved. A new priority list for the Millennium Green is to be drawn up and replacement litter bins have been ordered. A quotation for the Village Entrance Markers is to be obtained.

122.13 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £175 is to be made.

122.13 Carol Concert Arrangements

Councillors discussed arrangements for the Carol Singing. The local schools are to be contacted, prior to confirmation of a date, to try to avoid clashes with their events.

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to Eccleston Brass Band.

Resolved: a donation of £200 is to be made.

122.13 Peter Lathom Charity

Details of proposed changes to the operating scheme were provided.

Resolved: the proposed changes were accepted.

123.13 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - There were 6 recorded crimes, mainly thefts.

124.13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 November 2013.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.