

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 14 August 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 1 Member of the Public.

101.14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Barnes and D Holborn.

102.14 Disclosure of Personal/Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

103.14 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2014

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.

104.14 Public Participation

A resident advised the cycle racks have still not been installed at the Carrington Centre shops. The news that the developer has agreed to install a dropped kerb next to the coffee shop later in the year was welcomed.

A resident had provided details of a complaint made to the Ironman UK Event organisers regarding the disruption caused by the event. This will be considered on a future agenda.

The meeting was advised the dog fouling signs, designed by local schoolchildren, and part funded by the Council have been erected. Also the bike marking at Ecclestone Library, again part funded by the Council, had been carried out.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

105.14 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

14/00555/OUT Outline application (all matters reserved) for demolition of 3 no. buildings and hardstanding and erection of 5 no. detached dwellings at Lydiate Farm, 12 Lydiate Lane.

14/00891/FUL Erection of a first floor front extension over existing porch to provide an en-suite bathroom at Horse Stone Farm, Parr Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to this application.

14/00566/TPO Tree works to Sycamore - crown raise to 5 metres at 20 Chaucer Close. The description of the works on the application is to be queried as the submitted information relates to four trees.

14/00841/FUL Proposed single detached garage to front of property at 24 Cricketers Green. The garage extends beyond the building line and is to be queried.

The Chairman provided a brief report on Chorley Council's Development Control Committee meeting on 5 August 2014 at which the Camelot application was refused.

106.14 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Resolved: the financial update was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

The application for assistance from St Mary's PCC towards the costs of a replacement mower for the churchyard was discussed. The PCC now has sufficient volunteers and the parish

Council's contractor cannot provide the required flexibility for cutting at very short notice. Further discussions are to take place with the Churchwardens.

A grant application from Veterans in Communities for a contribution towards the costs of providing services for veterans or their families was considered. As there was no evidence of direct benefit for Ecclestone residents, there was no proposer for the request

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

£ 670.60	Employee 1	Salary
£ 460.68	Employee 2	Salary
£ 502.16	Employee 3	Salary
£ 242.62	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 43.16	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Over 60's	Grant
£ 170.00	St Mary's PCC	Grant
£ 125.00	LANPAC	Grant
£ 72.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£ 27.72	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 54.26	United Utilities	Surface water charge

107.14 Purchase of Ceramic Poppies

A suggestion to purchase a number of ceramic poppies from the Tower of London artistic installation was considered. The suggestion was to lay a poppy, on Remembrance Day, for each of the residents of Ecclestone who lost their lives in the First World War. Enquiries are to be made with the Church regarding the acceptability of the laying of the poppies.

Resolved: provided the Church grants permission for the laying of the ceramic poppies, 30 are to be purchased at a cost of £25 each (+delivery).

108.14 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Three Tier Liaison - items discussed included school places and the redesigned Chorley Council website.

PACT meeting - there were 5 recorded crimes in the village. PACT meetings are poorly attended and, in the future, local Officers will visit PACT attendees on at least a monthly basis instead of holding meetings.

A brief report on the Friends of St Mary's AGM was provided.

109.14 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 September 2014.

110.14 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and in accordance with Section 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

111.14 Disposal of Land Owned by the Parish Council

A request to acquire part of an area of land at the entrance to The Hawthorns, which is in Parish Council ownership, was considered. There was no proposer for the request.

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