

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 February 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, D Holborn, C Lilley, W Mason and M Miller.

Also present Borough and County Councillor K Iddon and 4 Members of the Public.

13.14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Barnes and B Harrison.

14.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

15.14 Minutes of the Meeting held 9 January 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.

16.14 Public Participation

Children playing football against the container on the car park have been causing problems for residents of Drapers Avenue. Councillors explained the container is on the car park temporarily and that the Police had been asked to keep an eye on the area. A resident suggested additional signage to prevent this however Councillors explained local residents deliberately ignore signs relating to other issues and that the All Weather Ball Court is being provided to address the problem.

Residents mentioned security lights on the Carrington Centre shops were shining into some properties on Drapers Avenue. Northern Trust had previously dealt with this for other properties and will be asked again.

A resident complained about dog fouling on Drapers Avenue.

Problems caused by a tree in the verge on Drapers Avenue were reported. The issue will be raised with Lancashire County Council.

The issue of disabled access to the Carrington Centre shops was, again, raised. Councillors advised of discussions under way with the Landowner and Chorley Council's Planning Officer.

Parking on double lines was raised and this will be taken up with Lancashire County Council.

A resident had raised a number of issues and requested they be included in the Parish Council newsletter. The issues included dog fouling, parking on double yellow lines, obstructing the pavement, drivers using mobile phones when driving and dogs barking when their owners are away from the home.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

17.14 Container

In order to avoid the container becoming entrapped by the ball court construction permission was given for it to be temporarily sited on the car park, pending relocation by the Football Club. Since the container was moved two residents of Drapers Avenue have complained that young people are kicking footballs against the container and the Scout Hut. Councillors discussed options including serving four weeks notice on the Club to remove the container.

Resolved: the Football Club is to be given four weeks to advise of a date for removal of the container, with the Council reserving the right to have the container removed at cost to the Club.

18.14 Carrington Centre

An update on discussions under way with Northern Trust and the Planning Officer was provided. Amendments have been made but Councillors were of the opinion the disabled access was inadequate and that the revisions to the parking bays mean drivers cannot open doors fully.

Resolved: Chorley Council is to be asked to re-evaluate disabled access to the retail units and disabled parking arrangements

19.14 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt of the precept request by Chorley Council was presented and noted.

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
£ 459.68	Employee 2	Salary
£ 489.87	Employee 3	Salary
£ 259.70	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 17.55	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 192.00	Croston Plumbing and Heating	Boiler repair and service
£ 40.00	S Edwards	Fruit tree pruning course
£ 2142.50	J J O'Grady	Skate Park surfacing
£ 72.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 30.53	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 52.09	United Utilities	Surface water charge

20.14 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

14/00136/FUL Proposed two storey side extension following demolition of existing single storey garage at 24 Cricketers Green. The impact on parking provision is to be investigated.

14/00015/FULMAJ Outline application for the redevelopment of the former Camelot Theme Park comprising the erection of up to 420 dwellings at Camelot Theme Park, Park Hall Road, Charnock Richard. The matter was deferred to the next meeting to allow Councillors time to study the information and to query developer's contributions towards local infrastructure.

21.14 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual financial risk assessment in accordance with the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

22.14 Lancashire Best kept Village Competition

Nominations were provided for the Certificate of Merit Section entries.

23.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Borough/Parish Councils Liaison meeting - items discussed included the 2014-15 budgets and planning guidance relating to renewable energy planning applications.

Planning in Practice Workshop - information was provided on highways issues relating to planning applications and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

PACT Meeting - There were 4 recorded crimes in the village and details of revisions to the Neighbourhood Policing Team were provided.

Three Tier Forum - the proposed meeting revisions were put on hold.

Western Parishes Neighbourhood meeting - the project to improve the Mill Lane area was included as a Neighbourhood project

24.14 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for an item of business, in accordance with Section 1 (6) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: Members of the public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

25.14 Recreation Ground Gate

Replacement of the 5 bar gate and kissing gate at the Bradley Lane entrance was agreed.

26.14 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 March 2014.

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