

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 9 January 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors M Frost (Chairman), L Armstrong, A Barnes, D Bonney, K Brown, H Counce, V Counce, B Harrison, D Holborn, C Lilley, W Mason and M Miller.

Also present 3 Members of the Public.

### 01.14 Apologies for absence

Non received.

### 02.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Non declared.

### 03.14 Minutes of the Meeting held 12 December 2013

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

### 04.14 Public Participation

Problems caused by smoke from the burning of wood on the Carrington Centre were mentioned.

A resident raised an issue of a section of path under water on the Recreation Ground towards Bradley Lane. The issue was referred to the Open Spaces Committee.

The issue of disabled access to the Carrington Centre shops was raised. Councillors advised Northern Trust had agreed to look into the matter. Chorley Council's Senior Planning Officer is also liaising with Northern Trust.

A resident mentioned advertising boards are obstructing the pavement near the entrance to the Carrington Centre.

Security lights on the new Carrington Centre shops were shining into homes on Drapers Avenue. A resident advised they were necessary for the security cameras. Northern Trust had agreed to look into the matter

Children playing football along Drapers Avenue Pond are causing problems for residents. The residents were advised to contact the Police.

A resident had contacted the Council regarding several issues, including the Bradley Lane pond. The resident is to be advised the pond remain, at present, under the ownership of Northern Trust.

The Environment Agency had advised of the preferred option for the Croston Flood Plan is a flood barrier in Ecclestone.

A resident had queried whether anything was planned to commemorate the Centenary of WW1. The matter will be discussed by the Village Activities Committee.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: Agenda item 9 was brought forward.

### 05.14 Access to Carrington Centre Retail Units

Arrangements for pedestrian access to the redeveloped Centre were discussed. At present residents living across The Green have to cross via the pelican crossing then cross the vehicular entrance to the Carrington Centre, with no pedestrian assistance other than a proposed island in the middle of the entrance.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be asked to relocate the pelican crossing on The Green to the north of the entrance to the Carrington Centre.

#### 06.14 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
£ 413.64	Employee 2	Salary
£ 466.32	Employee 3	Salary
£ 242.50	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax and NI
£ 5.85	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£ 50.00	Friends of St Mary's	Membership
£ 222.00	Ark Welding	Litter bin installation
£ 72.00	E.on	Electricity charge
£ 30.53	United Utilities	Water services charge
£ 52.09	United Utilities	Surface water charge

#### 07.14 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

13/01161/FUL Proposed single extension to front and rear elevations and alterations to car park (amendments to application 13/00695/FUL) at Verdes Ristorante Pizzeria, 230-232 The Green.

13/01212/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and detached garage and construction of a new dwelling with attached garage at 72 Doctors Lane.

13/01206/CLEUD Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing single storey extension to the garage which is attached to the dwellinghouse at Folly Cottage, Syd Brook Lane.

13/01197/SCE Request for Screening Opinion Pursuant to Regulation 5 of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 for the Croston Flood Risk Management Project at Land 380m South of Four Winds, Southport Road.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

A request, from Adderbury Parish Council, for a parliamentary debate on the need for reform of the National Planning Policy Framework and the provision of interim protection measures, was considered. Having had time to study information relating to the request Councillors were of the opinion that, given the position with Chorley's submitted Local Plan, no action should be taken.

#### 08.14 2014-15 Precept

Councillors considered the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. Additional funds were included for the Bradley Lane pond, once adoption has been completed.

Resolved: the Precept was set at £39694 (£41330 inclusive of Chorley Council's top up grant), resulting in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents

#### 09.14 All Weather Ball Court

Chorley Council is providing £77,000 towards the cost of the Court from funds arising from the Sagar House development. Councillors considered funding the balance of £430.

Resolved: the balance is to be funded.

#### 10.14 Bus Services - Budget Proposals

Councillors considered a response to a consultation from Lancashire County Council regarding the withdrawal of the 113 bus service in the evenings and on Sundays. Whilst understanding the

requirement for savings, Councillors were opposed to the complete withdrawal of this service as the lack of an evening service would make it impossible for residents working in Leyland and beyond to return home via public transport, and felt a reduced service should be provided.

Resolved: a request to provide a reduced service until 11:00pm is to be submitted.

11.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT Meeting - There were 7 recorded crimes, mainly thefts.

12.14 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 February 2014.

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

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