

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 12 June 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

Present Councillors M Frost (Chairman), K Brown, H Caunce, V Caunce D Holborn, C Lilley and M Miller.

Also present 1 Member of the Public.

### 71.14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, A Barnes, D Bonney and W Mason.

### 72.14 Disclosure of Personal/Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Miller, as an immediate neighbour of a property subject to a planning application, declared a pecuniary interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 5 (Planning Matters).

### 73.14 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 8 May 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.

### 74.14 Public Participation

A resident provided information on the potential allotment site, including an interpretation as to the reasoning behind the offer of land. The resident advised she does not want conflict with the Parish Council.

A resident had queried the appropriateness of the naming of the Carrington Centre housing development as Madison Chase. The meeting was advised the developer is responsible for the naming of a development, but the Parish Council would be consulted on any new street names.

A resident had raised the issue of the impending closure of the NatWest Bank. The meeting was advised the bank is currently in negotiations with the Post Office regarding banking facilities.

Recent vandalism to corner stones on garden walls along Parr Lane was reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 75.14 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

14/00372/FUL Erection of detached single garage at 10A Bannister Lane.

14/00470/FUL Demolition of existing cottage and outbuildings and erection of a new detached two storey dwelling at Folly Cottage, Syd Brook Lane.

14/00491/FULMAJ Erection of 20 dwellings on land to the rear/side of the Carrington Centre incorporating the substitution of approved housing types and the erection of two additional dwellings (resulting in 64 dwellings in total across the whole of the site) at The Carrington Centre, New Mill Street.

14/00546/FUL Erection of a single storey front porch at Sunnycroft, 69 Doctors Lane.

14/00548/FUL Erection of a single storey front porch at Holmlea, 67 Doctors Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

14/00483/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension, single storey side extension, detached garage, new boundary wall and demolition of existing outbuildings at Green Cottage, Woodhart Lane. Concerns were raised at the impact of the extensions on the existing 16<sup>th</sup> century building.

Cllr Miller took no part in the debate or decision on the following items:

14/00550/OUT Outline application for the erection of up to three detached dwellings to the rear of the existing dwelling at Ricmarlo, Preston Nook.

14/00551/OUT Outline application for the erection of two detached dwellings and the remodelling of the existing dwelling at Ricmarlo, Preston Nook.

Resolved: objections to these applications are to be submitted as both fail to meet any of the three criteria contained within Policy HS3 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 for permission for development within private residential gardens on sites not allocated in the Housing Allocations Policy.

#### 76.14 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Resolved: the financial update 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:

£	670.60	Employee 1	Salary
£	421.62	Employee 2	Salary
£	466.14	Employee 3	Salary
£	224.22	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	156.39	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	1128.00	Townsend Print	Walks Map printing
£	100.00	Euxton and Eccleston Brownies	Grant
£	558.00	DW Groundwork	Summer bedding
£	72.00	DW Groundwork	Village Green mowing and weed killing
£	72.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	30.04	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£	54.26	United Utilities	Surface water charge

#### 77.14 Drainage Works to Junior Football Pitch

A request from Eccleston Junior FC to carry out drainage works to the area subject to the lease between the Parish Council and Northern Trust was considered. Subject to receipt and approval of the proposed works, the Landowner had indicated the works would be acceptable.

Resolved: permission is to be granted, subject to the Landowner's approval of the works.

Agenda items 9 and 10 were brought forward.

#### 78.14 Chorley and District Carnival

Councillors considered an invitation to provide a representative for the Chorley and District Carnival Community Interest Company. The invitation was noted.

#### 79.14 Lancashire Permit Scheme (LPS) for Road and Street Activities

Details of a Lancashire County Council consultation were considered. Having ascertained the Scheme did not apply to Walking Days and parades, Councillors had no comments to make.

#### 80.14 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors discussed, at length, the merits of a Neighbourhood Plan. The preparation of a Plan will require time, expertise and funding. In a parished area the parish council has lead responsibility for initiating a Plan however, significant input from residents and a referendum will be required if the Plan is to proceed to adoption.

Resolved: the issue is to be progressed to the point of arranging a public meeting, advertised by a flier delivered to residents.

Agenda items 13 and 14 were brought forward.

#### 81.14 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 (1, 2 and 3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

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

#### 82.14 Allotment Provision

The offer of land for allotments was considered. Councillors were of the opinion that, at this time, it would not be appropriate to take on the land.

#### 83.14 Reports from Outside Bodies

PACT - There were 6 recorded crimes in the village.

#### 84.14 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 July 2014.

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