

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 March 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 6 Members of the Public.

27.14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Barnes K Brown, and D Holborn.

28.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

29.14 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 February 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.

30.14 Public Participation

The issue of an overgrown tree on Drapers Avenue was again raised. Councillors advised this was being looked into by Lancashire County Council.

A resident asked for an update regarding the proposed disabled access to the Carrington Centre shops. The current feedback from Chorley Council's Planning Officer has not fully addressed the issues raised and the Council will continue to press for a clear statement.

The naming of the new housing development on the Carrington Centre was queried. Residents were advised the Parish Council would be consulted when it comes to the naming of the streets within the development, but not the development name itself.

Residents expressed concerns regarding the proposed redevelopment of the former Camelot site. Concerns raised included the impact on the local infrastructure, with roads and drainage and sewage systems being unable to cope, and the current lack of school places and waiting lists for medical and dental facilities. There are no shops or school provision within the development and the size of the development is disproportionate to the neighbouring villages. Access is via Park Hall Road which is unsuitable for the increase in vehicle number and the pavements in the immediate vicinity are unsuitable.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

31.14 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

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.

Resolved: the Council's objection is to be submitted on the following grounds:

The existing schools (both primary and secondary) and the existing local medical facilities, the majority of which are currently at capacity or oversubscribed, will not cope with the additional population.

Traffic generated by the proposed development will increase congestion on local roads.

The development will add to existing problems with sewage and surface water drainage.

The scale of the proposed development is disproportionate in relation to neighbouring villages.

The Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 provides for a surplus in the number of required new dwellings for the Borough.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

Residents also mentioned the issue of the proposed Rehabilitation Centre in Charnock Richard. Issues raised included the increase in size of the building and, again, the impact on local infrastructure of the additional rooms and occupants. The Clerk is to provide a response to the Planning Department.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

14/00136/FUL Proposed two storey side extension following demolition of existing single storey garage at 24 Cricketers Green. Enquiries had revealed no reduction in parking spaces.

14/00106/FUL Change of use from Police Station to domestic dwelling, with erection of two storey side extension following demolition of flat roof annex & erection of single storey rear extension with alterations to front drive access within curtilage at 78-80 Towngate

14/00162/FUL Retrospective application for raised decking area to rear at 10 Keats Close.

14/00192/FUL Proposed single storey front extension including new roof at 49 Bradley Lane.

14/00232/FUL Single storey side extension at Langs Farm, Wrenalls Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

14/00171/TPO Felling of Oak tree positioned in the route for a sewer at Land 30m North of 35 Middelwood Close.

Resolved: the Council's objection to the removal of a mature, healthy tree is to be submitted, along with a request, as the land is yet to be developed, for the applicant to provide an alternative route for the sewer.

32.14 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial monitoring statement.

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

A grant application from Lancashire Constabulary towards the costs of anti dog fouling signage to be designed by local schoolchildren and displayed around the village was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £150 was awarded.

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
£	354.54	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	57.01	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	92913.00	Lightmain Co	All weather ball court
£	1800.00	D&A Fabrications	Skate ramp refurbishment
£	203.05	Broker Network Ltd	Additional premium - ball court
£	480.00	Brothers of Charity Services	Hawthorns maintenance
£	200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£	100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£	659.78	British Gas	Gas bill
£	25.00	Lancashire Best Kept Village	Entry
£	2.45	E.on	Christmas lights electricity
£	72.00	E.on	Electricity charge

£ 30.53 United Utilities
£ 52.09 United Utilities

Metered water charge
Surface water charge

33.14 Dog Fouling

A request for the provision of two dog waste for Drapers Avenue was considered. The issue was referred to the Open Spaces Committee.

34.14 CCTV Provision in Chorley

Councillors considered a response to a Chorley Council survey. Councillors felt the survey was not worthy of being described as a survey.

35.14 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

PACT - There were only 3 recorded crimes in the village.

Neighbourhood Planning Workshop - information was provided on the benefits of Neighbourhood Plans, where residents may work to shape development within the community.

Allotments - a brief report was provided on an informal meeting with a local landowner regarding possible land for allotments.

Three Tier Forum - proposals for the meetings to merge with the Borough/Parish Liaison meetings have been put forward.

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

36.14 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 April 2014.

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