

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held 8 May 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

Present Councillors M Frost (Chairman), A Barnes, D Bonney, K Brown, C Lilley, W Mason and M Miller.

Also present 5 Members of the Public.

52.14 Election of Chairman for 2014 - 2015

Resolved: Cllr Frost was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

53.14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. L Armstrong, H Caunce, V Caunce, B Harrison, D Holborn

54.14 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

55.14 Election of Vice Chairman for 2014 - 2015

Resolved: Cllr Brown was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

56.14 Appointments to Committees

Open Spaces Committee - Councillors Barnes, Frost, Lilley and Miller.

Village Activities Committee - Councillors Armstrong, Holborn, Lilley and Miller.

Ball Court Project Review Working Group - Councillors Brown, Harrison, Holborn and Miller.

57.14 Appointment of Lead Member (Planning)

Lead Member (Planning) - Councillor Miller.

58.14 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2014 - 2015

Resolved: the following were appointed:

Friends of St Mary's - Cllr Brown.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllr Miller.

PACT Meeting - Cllr Mason.

Peter Lathom's Charity - Cllr Miller.

Tree Warden - Cllr Mason.

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Miller.

Chorley Three Tier Liaison - Cllr Brown.

59.14 Minutes of the Meeting held 10 April 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.

60.14 Petition

A petition, signed by 29 residents of Drapers Avenue, relating to a request for the installation of combined waste bins had been received. The Chairman advised members of the Open Spaces Committee have no intention of proceeding with the request, and all properties on Drapers Avenue have been notified of this, in writing.

Resolved: receipt of the petition was noted.

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

61.14 Public Participation

A brief discussion regarding the bins and dog fouling on Drapers Avenue took place. Anti - dog fouling signage was requested.

Early morning deliveries to the convenience store on the Carrington Centre were mentioned. A planning condition limits deliveries to 06:00 -12:00 and residents advised it was more an issue of the noise during the deliveries. The Environmental Health Officer is to be notified.

An update was provided on the disabled access to the Carrington Centre shops. Chorley Council is to be contacted regarding provision of cycle racks. The lack of public seating around the shops was mentioned.

Speeding tractors were reported on Tincklers Lane.

A local author has donated a copy of his book covering War Memorials within Chorley borough. The book is held in Eccleston Library.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

62.14 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

14/00383/FUL Change of use of part of stock field to sand paddock at 7 Tincklers Lane.

14/00387/PDE Proposed single storey rear extension at 13 Bannister Lane.

14/00394/FUL Erection of replacement dwelling at Brindle Croft, New Lane.

14/00426/FUL Erection of single storey side extension to dwelling at Roselands, Tincklers Lane.

14/00462/FUL Retrospective application for existing timber store at 41 New Street.

14/00467/NOT Notice of intention to install 1no. BT Openreach High Speed Broadband cabinet at side of 55 Doctors Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

63.14 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt of the precept was presented and noted.

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

A grant application from Euxton and Eccleston District Brownies to assist with attendance at the Brownie Centenary Celebration event was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £100 was awarded.

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

£	670.60	Employee 1	Salary
£	447.66	Employee 2	Salary
£	490.22	Employee 3	Salary
£	236.42	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	90.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	75.00	J Lawson	Internal Audit fee
£	984.00	DW Groundwork	Replacement entrance gates
£	72.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	30.04	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£	54.26	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Loan repayment

64.14 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2014

Councillors considered the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report was noted.

65.14 All Weather Ball Court Insurance Cover

A recommendation from the Open Spaces Committee for the All Weather Ball Court to be insured at full replacement value was considered.

Resolved: the Ball Court is to be insured at full replacement value.

66.14 Communications

Chorley Council had advised it cannot manage a social media account of behalf of the Parish Council. Details of Chorley Council's social media policy/protocol have been requested.

67.14 Newsletter Delivery

Delivery of the March newsletter was delayed until around 20 March due to the Scouts having other commitments. Informal discussions are to be held with the Scout Leader regarding a service level agreement.

68.14 Chorley Fairtrade Group

Councillors considered an invitation to take part in, and promote, the Chorley Fairtrade Group. The information is to be passed on to local Churches and organisations.

69.14 Reports from Outside Bodies

PACT - There were 3 recorded crimes in the village and anti social behaviour issues in the vicinity of The Brown Cow. Information was provided on the Lancashire Combined Watch Forum.

70.14 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 June 2014.

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