

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

Also present 4 Members of the public.

### 123.14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr L Armstrong.

### 124.14 Disclosure of Personal/Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

### 125.14 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 September 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.

### 126.14 Public Participation

A representative of Ecclestone St Mary the Virgin PCC thanked the council for the donation towards the replacement mower.

A resident had offered a Christmas tree, which is to be felled from a private garden, which could avoid the need for the Council to buy one for this year.

A resident had raised the question of the Council providing public toilets on the Carrington Centre retail development. The meeting was advised the Centre is in private ownership and the Agent for the Landowner had not expressed a willingness to provide land for such facilities.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Agenda item 6 was brought forward.

### 127.14 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
£ 447.46	Employee 2	Salary
£ 490.02	Employee 3	Salary
£ 236.62	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 1000.00	Ecclestone St Mary the Virgin PCC	Grant
£ 200.00	Ecclestone Bowling Club	Grant
£ 126.00	D Proe	Hedge cutting
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 109.92	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 900.60	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 5100.00	DWG (NW)	Interim payment
£ 72.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£ 27.72	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 54.26	United Utilities	Surface water charge

#### 128.14 Planning Matters

The following application was considered:

14/01001/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension (part retrospective) at 7 Reeveswood.

14/01044/FUL Installation of ATM and creation of external stepped access and handrail to side of building at National Westminster Bank, 289 The Green.

14/01046/FULMAJ The construction of an earth embankment, ancillary control structures and infrastructure, a new permanent access road and borrow pits on the River Yarrow approximately 700m upstream of Eccleston Bridge at Land 485m South East of 77 Lydiate Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

#### 129.14 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £200 is to be made.

#### 130.14 Carol Concert Arrangements

Councillors discussed arrangements for the Carol Singing. Available dates have been requested from Eccleston Brass Band and, once these have been provided, arrangements will be made with St Mary's School for the use of the Hall.

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Brass Band.

Resolved: a donation of £200 is to be made.

#### 131.14 Ironman UK

Councillors considered responses to a newsletter appeal for feedback regarding the impact of the event. The responses identified a divide between local businesses and residents needing to get around and participants, supporters and spectators. It was felt local residents should have input prior to a decision on the route and better advance communications of arrangements should be provided.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be requested to include the Parish Council in consultations regarding the route of future events.

#### 132.14 All Weather Ball Court Procurement Review

A verbal report from the Working Group set up to review the Ball Court project was provided which raised several points. A written report is to be provided for circulation to Councillors.

#### 133.14 Reports from Outside Bodies

Representatives from the Parish Council and the Young People's Centre attended the Chorley Civic Society Awards evening to collect an award for the Ball Court

PACT - there were 11 recorded crimes in the village. Thefts from outbuildings and vehicle crime are becoming particularly prevalent in rural areas.

#### 134.14 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 November 2014.

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