

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 September 2014 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

112.14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney and D Holborn.

113.14 Disclosure of Personal/Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

114.14 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 August 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.

115.14 Public Participation

The recently installed cycle racks at the Carrington Centre shops were mentioned. A report had been received that the racks adjacent to the disabled parking bays cause difficulties to drivers who need to access wheelchairs. Another report had been received regarding the height of the racks which, it is claimed, are not tall enough.

Information was provided on the Environment Agency's Flood Alleviation Scheme Drop in event.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

116.14 Planning Matters

The following application was considered:

14/00855/FUL Two storey extension to rear of property and new porch to front elevation at 70 The Hawthorns.

Councillors had no comments relating to this application.

It was reported that buildings on the right hand side of the entrance to Bygone Times have been demolished to provide additional car parking. The possibility of a requirement for planning consent is to be queried.

117.14 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

The application for assistance towards the costs of a replacement mower for the churchyard was, again, considered in the light of further information provided by St Mary's PCC. The PCC has identified an alternative, ex demonstration mower which is to be recommended to the main PCC Committee.

Resolved: a grant of £1000 was agreed, subject to the PCC confirming the purchase of the lower priced mower.

A grant application from Ecclestone Bowling Club towards the cost of a replacement hot water boiler was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £200 was awarded.

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

£	670.60	Employee 1	Salary
£	447.46	Employee 2	Salary
£	490.02	Employee 3	Salary
£	236.82	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	163.31	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	16.50	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	35.00	Information Commissioner	Annual registration
£	200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£	2490.08	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance premium
£	72.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	27.72	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£	54.26	United Utilities	Surface water charge

118.14 Licence for a Shed to the Rear of the Changing Rooms

Councillors considered a request from Eccleston and Heskin Football Club to erect a timber shed at the rear of the Changing Rooms. The shed is to store items relating to the 5-a-side competition and equipment currently stored in a changing room. A requirement for the Club to provide annual evidence of insurance cover was suggested.

Resolved: permission is to be granted subject to the Football Club providing evidence of insurance cover on an annual basis, and a licence is to be signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman on this basis.

119.14 Lancashire Combined Fire Authority Performance Report and Action Plan 2014

A consultation from Lancashire Combined Fire Authority was considered. Councillors had no comments.

120.14 Lancashire Association of Local Councils Subscription

The renewal of the annual subscription to the Lancashire Association of Locals Councils was considered. The benefits of subscription were weighed against the annual cost (£475 for 2014 - 15). Following a tied vote, the Chairman's casting vote was against renewal.

121.14 Reports from Outside Bodies

PACT - there were 4 recorded crimes in the village comprising of 2 thefts and 2 criminal damage.

122.14 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 October 2014.

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