

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 April 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 1 member of the public.

37.15 Apologies for absence

None received.

38.15 Disclosure of Personal/Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

39.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2015

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.

40.15 Public Participation

A resident queried when the dropped kerb at the Carrington Centre would be installed.

A resident provided information in support of the request to have the bus stop on Doctors Lane moved from the lay-by to a position nearer The Green. Passengers using the stop are obscured by the extension to the Medical Centre and are sometimes not seen by the drivers. The meeting was advised the stop had previously been moved when the entrance to Marsden Close was constructed.

A resident had reported a fence was obstructing the path behind Bygone Times. The meeting was advised the fence is on private land and the public right of way is not affected.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: Agenda Item 8 was brought forward.

41.15 Doctors Lane Bus Stop

A resident has requested the relocation of a bus stop from the lay-by in front of no's 22-34 Doctors Lane to a site opposite the stop in the other direction.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be asked to consider moving the bus stop.

42.15 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

15/00201/P3PAJ Prior approval application under Part 3, Class J of The Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Order 2013 to change existing offices (Use Class B1(a)) to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) at 295 The Green.

15/00214/FUL Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and demolition of existing garage at 63 Lydiate Lane.

15/00226/TPO T1 & T2 - Oak - reduce limbs overhanging garden, secondary branches only, covered by TPO 1 (Ecclestone) 2009 at 34 Braeburn Crescent.

15/002545/FUL Erection of two storey side & rear extension, single storey side extension & proposed alterations to the roof height at 63 Red House Lane.

15/00283/FUL Plot substitution to replace a five bedroom detached dwelling with a four bedroom detached dwelling at Land rear of the Carrington Centre.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

43.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered payment of the business rates by monthly direct debit.

Resolved: the business rates are to be paid by monthly direct debit.

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:

£	684.67	Employee 1	Salary
£	457.71	Employee 2	Salary
£	501.18	Employee 3	Salary
£	242.56	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax/NI
£	11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£	100.00	Eccleston Scout and Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£	30.00	St Mary's School Governors	Room hire
£	30.00	J T and K J Waterworth	Tree pruning
£	430.74	Chorley Council	Dog waste bin emptying
£	421.66	British Gas	Winter gas bill
£	138.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	27.94	United Utilities	Water/wastewater charge

44.15 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

As bank statements to the 31 March 2015 had not been received, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

45.15 Changing Rooms Signage

Councillors considered the purchase of a sign for the Changing Rooms in memory of Mr Robert Taylor, former Chairman of Eccleston and Heskin FC. A sign, similar in size and colour to the Football Foundation sign on the building, had been costed at approx £125 (+VAT).

Resolved: A sign is to be purchased however enquiries are to be made with local suppliers.

46.15 Recreation Ground Path

Councillors considered additional works to the path to provide a link between the entrances on Drapers Avenue and the section at the Junior football pitch entrance at a cost of £995 + VAT.

Resolved: the additional works are to be carried out.

Councillors also considered the widening of the tarmac path at the play area side of the Ball Court. A quotation of £1800 had been received. Further quotations are to be obtained.

47.15 Village Activities Committee

A verbal report from a meeting held on 25 March 2015 was provided. The committee had not met for some time and the meeting took the form of a development session. The Committee wishes to use the Council facilities and provide stand alone events, rather than commemorative ones, and discussions took place around suggestions for events on the Recreation Ground. The Committee is also looking to work with other local enterprises and organisations who may wish to promote events.

48.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

PACT - there were 7 recorded crimes including theft of lead from the Carrington Centre development. Problems are being caused by inconsiderate parking on Doctors Lane at school drop off and collection times.

49.15 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 May 2015.

The Chairman reminded Councillors the next meeting will be the Annual Council Meeting and thanked Members for their support over the past 12 months.

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