

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 August 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 1 Member of the public.

95.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor A Whittaker.

96.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Miller, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 15/00719/FUL, forming part of Agenda Item 6 (Planning Matters).

The granting of dispensations to enable Members resident within the parish to take part in the setting of the annual precept was considered.

Resolved: dispensations, effective until the end of Members' terms of office, were granted to Councillors Bonney and Brown.

97.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 July 2015

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

98.15 Public Participation

A resident of New Mill Street reported young people had been climbing over the site security fence from the Recreation Ground to retrieve balls. The resident queried the situation regarding the access over the ditch and was advised the developer had instructed its' solicitors to clarify title to the land. Councillors queried whether the problems had been reported to the Police.

An oil spillage on the public footpath near Bygone Times was reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

99.15 Drainage Ditch

Bloor Homes had advised solicitors had been instructed to clarify the relevant titles to the land.

100.15 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

15/00613/FUL Conversion of garage to form habitable accommodation at 76 New Street.

15/00617/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension. Insertion of front and rear dormer windows and proposed alterations to the existing roof at 21 Red House Lane.

15/00688/FUL Section 73 application to vary conditions 5, 6 and 7 (all relating to Code for Sustainable Homes) and remove condition 8 (carbon emission reductions) attached to planning approval 13/01106/FUL in respect of plot 30 at The Carrington Centre, New Mill Street.

15/00687/FULMAJ Section 73 application to vary conditions 4, 5 and 6 (all relating to Code for Sustainable Homes) & remove condition 7 (carbon emission reductions) attached to planning approval 14/00491/FULMAJ in respect of plots 26, 27, 28, 33, 60, 61, 62 and 64 The Carrington Centre, New Mill Street.

15/00694/MNMA Minor non-material amendment to plots 23, 26, 27, 28, 32 and 63 (6 plots) involving a substitution of the approved facing bricks specification at The Carrington Centre, New Mill Street.

15/00707/MNMA Minor Non Material Amendment to planning application 14/00470/FUL to increase eaves height of porch and veranda, add an additional column to the veranda and a roof light and various alterations to window and door dimensions at Folly Cottage, Syd Brook Lane.

15/00752/FUL Erection of single storey detached garage and cycle store at Parr Cottage Farm, Parr Lane.

15/00759/FUL Re submission of planning application 15/00214/FUL. Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and demolition of existing garage at 63 Lydiate Lane.

15/00747/DIS Application to discharge conditions 5 (external facing and roofing materials), 6 (existing and proposed ground levels), 7 (landscaping), 10 (Design Stage Assessment), 12 (no-dig cellular confinement system) 13 (vegetation clearance) and 14 (bird nesting opportunities) attached to planning approval 14/00470/FUL at Folly Cottage, Syd Brook Lane.

LCC/2015/0075 Extension to the existing Playground and erection of 3.6m high Ball Stop Fencing at St Mary's C of E Primary School, The Green.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

15/00719/FUL Erection of three 2.5 storey detached dwellings with garages along with construction of new access way at Ricmarlo, Preston Nook. It was noted the application is a private residential garden development, contrary to Policy HS3 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026. The plans were not available and Councillors were given time to view the plans and advise the Clerk of comments for submission.

101.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement 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
£	471.07	Employee 2	Salary
£	513.61	Employee 3	Salary
£	249.36	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	51.63	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	360.00	BDO LLP	Audit fee
£	144.00	Ark Welding	Splash plates for Changing Rooms doors
£	52.80	Mayors	Materials for Changing Rooms flagging
£	1000.00	St Agnes Eccleston	Grant
£	25.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grant
£	150.00	Eccleston Scouts and Guides	Newsletter delivery
£	131.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	21.51	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£	56.48	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	70.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

102.15 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

The report of the External Auditor was considered. No issues were reported.

Resolved: the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015 was approved and accepted.

103.15 Carrington Centre

The Landowner's Agent had advised no land would be made available for public conveniences. Councillors felt the Landowner's decision should be respected and agreed to bring the matter to a close.

104.15 Dog Waste Bins

Councillors considered a recommendation from the Open Spaces Committee for the replacement of existing dog waste bins with combined bins, which would be emptied at no cost by Chorley Council, removing the current annual emptying charge.

Resolved: replacement bins are to be ordered, with a request for the Drapers Avenue bin to be re-sited near to the entrance gate, and an additional bin requested for the Richmond Road entrance.

105.15 Members Contact Details

The publication of contact details was considered. Information regarding Data Protection licensing was provided and Councillor's were of the opinion licences were necessary.

Resolved: the Department for Communities and Local Government is to be asked when the removal of the annual fee for individual councillors might be introduced. If there is to be a delay then individual licences, at a cost of £35 per councillor, are to be obtained.

106.15 Open Spaces Committee

A report from the meeting held on 20 July 2015 was provided. A leaf vac/blower for the Recreation Ground path and seats for the Millennium Green are to be purchased. Works to the kerbing and large stones on the Village Green are to be carried out and options for a replacement tree seat looked into. Sites were identified for village entrance markers and potential sites for allotments were put forward for further investigation by Members. A request to use the Recreation Ground for fitness training was approved and signage is to be obtained for Mill Lane.

107.15 Neighbourhood Plan

Information on questionnaire responses was provided. 160 responses have been received so far, with a majority in favour of a Neighbourhood Plan. An article is to be included in the September newsletter to cover residents who may not have received a questionnaire.

108.15 Electoral Review of Lancashire

A Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation regarding future electoral division boundaries was discussed. Councillors had no comments.

109.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

Police Liaison - Crime figures, including the unsuccessful attempted robbery at the Post Office, were provided.

Lancashire County Council is no longer supporting the Chorley Liaison. A brief report was provided on a recent meeting.

Councillors discussed resident's reaction to the recent Family Fun Day.

110.15 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 September 2015.

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