

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 10 December 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, W Mason, M Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present County Councillors K Iddon and 5 Members of the Public.

155.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S Kenyon and G Thomas.

156.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

157.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 November 2015

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

158.15 Public Participation

A resident reported potholes along Drapers Avenue were causing problems for road users, particularly cyclists. This is to be reported to Lancashire County Council.

A resident mentioned a settee in a garden on Drapers Avenue.

Residents of Drapers Avenue provided information relating to the trees on the highway verges. Problems were mentioned including the size of the trees, branches falling, sap and leaves dropping and the pavement being raised by root growth in some areas. In one case, a utility company had been unable to install a water meter due to root growth. One resident mentioned the trees were an asset to the avenue and should be left alone.

The results of the resident's survey were presented to the meeting. The survey had provided varying opinions ranging from the felling of trees to leaving them as they are.

A resident confirmed there were currently no problems with the piped drain running to the rear of his property.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: Agenda item 9 was brought forward.

159.15 Trees on Drapers Avenue

Councillors considered responses to a survey delivered to residents of the avenue querying what actions they require.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be requested to carry out an arboricultural inspection of each individual tree along the avenue and to take any action required which is identified by the inspection.

160.15 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

15/01054/TPO Works to trees covered by TPO 1 (Ecclestone) 1992, including the felling of 2 Ash trees (T2, T4), crown reduction of 14 Sycamore trees (T5, T6, T8-T17, T19, T20 and removal of two Sycamore trees (T7 and T8) at Ashburn, Woodhart Lane.

15/01120/FUL Provision of a new canopy to the rear of the school and insertion of a new set of double doors opening out underneath the new canopy at St Mary's C Of E Primary School, The Green.

15/01085/FUL Erection of detached single storey dwelling following the demolition of the existing kennels/workshop at High Heys Farm Langton Brow.

15/01125/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension at 65 Beechfields.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

161.15 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
£	457.89	Employee 2	Salary
£	501.32	Employee 3	Salary
£	242.96	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	23.97	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	827.00	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£	1200.00	Chorley Council	Replacement dog bins
£	248.69	Wicksteed Leisure	Play equipment parts
£	24.00	DWG	Resiting of Village Green stones
£	307.80	Mayors	Christmas tree
£	200.00	Eccleston St Mary's PCC	Hire of building
£	204.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	28.72	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£	56.48	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	70.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

162.15 Drainage Ditch adjoining the Recreation Ground

The Landowner had invited Members of the Parish Council to view a camera survey of the piped ditch. A request for a resident to attend a viewing had been declined. A Councillor had viewed the survey and advised it covered the length behind properties on Drapers Avenue to a point around 30m from no 20 towards Bradley Lane. At the viewing, the Councillor had asked the landowner to carry out a further survey of the piped ditch towards Bradley Lane.

163.15 Access from the Madison Chase development to the Recreation Ground

The Developer had reiterated that they did not wish, from a health and safety perspective, to make the connection until the build phase is complete.

Councillors were unhappy at the response. Many of the properties in the vicinity of the access are now occupied, and Councillors queried why the part of the site on which building is taking place cannot be isolated. The Developer is to be asked to attend a site meeting with a small group of Councillors to discuss the issue.

164.15 Langton Close Play Area

A request from Chorley Council for the Parish Council to take on responsibility for a play area on Langton Close was considered which, due to an oversight, had not been adopted by Chorley Council.

Resolved: the Parish Council agreed to take on future responsibility for the area provided all works necessary to bring the play area up to an acceptable standard are financed by developer contributions, including any legal fees arising as a result of the transfer

165.15 Carrington Centre Disabled Access

A disabled resident had requested assistance with the provision of a crossing for New Mill Street. The meeting was advised this had been pursued, at length, during the time of construction of the Carrington Centre, to no avail. It was noted the entrance road has now been adopted.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be requested to provide a pedestrian crossing at a suitable location on the access road.

166.15 Lancashire Parish Based Public Transport Scheme

This item was deferred to allow Councillors further time to consider the information.

167.15 Electoral Review of Lancashire - Draft Recommendations

A response to a public consultation was considered. A suggestion was made to support Coppull's request for the whole of the parish to be included within a ward. Councillors decided to make no response to the consultation.

168.15 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Councillors are to provide the Clerk with suggestions for agenda items.

169.15. Reports from Outside Bodies

Police report - the latest crime figures were provided.

Borough Council/Parish Clerks Liaison – information was provided on a Chorley Council project to improve digital inclusion in rural areas.

Feedback was provided on the Macbeth Speaks event.

170.15 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item on the grounds that the item comprised information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

171.15 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

172.15 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 January 2016.

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