

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 12 February 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present PC Jackson, PCSO Coleman and 2 members of the public.

12.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney and D Holborn.

13.15 Disclosure of Personal/Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

14.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 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.

15.15 Public Participation

A resident raised concerns regarding a planning application for Winterview Farm. The concerns related to increased vehicle movements, particularly larger vehicles, along the narrow lanes, noise from fork lift trucks and access to the site. Another resident expressed concerns regarding the proposed use, that of fertiliser blending, and lack of information within the application relating to vapours and dust from the site. The residents were concerned about a secondary chemical plant operating near to residential properties and felt the health and safety of residents should be of primary importance.

PC Jackson introduced herself as the new Community Beat Manager for the area and provided details of recent crime figures. There were 6 reported crimes in January. Councillors mentioned HGV's blocking pavements on The Green whilst delivering.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

16.15 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

14/01316/FUL Change of use from an agricultural building to the storage and blending of fertiliser and transfer into containers (including the addition of two roller shutter doors and an outer cladding of green box profile sheets). The application was discussed at length. Discussions included the unsuitability of the access and inappropriateness of the proposed use, being located on the outskirts of the village, close to domestic properties.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds that the local lanes, providing the only means of access to the site, are unsuitable for the type of vehicle movements quoted. Furthermore, as the proposed site is in close proximity to the settlement area, the Planning Officers are to be asked to commission a full health and safety investigation to ascertain the potential risks to neighbouring properties from the products used in the process, in the event of an incident within the site, and airborne particulates.

14/01292/AGR Agricultural prior notification application for a proposed horticultural storage building at Land adjacent and to the rear of 65 - 75 Southport Road. Given the size of the proposed building, its use is to be queried, particularly with regard to possible access by HGV's.

14/01317/FUL Part two storey and part first floor rear extension and replacement of pitched roofs to existing flat roofs also incorporating the extension at 55 Lydiate Lane.

14/01331/FUL Demolition of the former Windmill Hotel and the erection of 9 apartments, associated car parking and access at The Windmill Hotel, 311 The Green.

15/00029/FUL Erection of single storey side and rear extension at 7 Drapers Avenue.

15/00080/FUL Erection of one two storey detached house at Land adjacent Lower House Cottage, Towngate. Councillors were advised of an existing permission for this site.

14/01338/FUL Erection of boundary fence at an average height of 2.2 meters at 23 Middlewood Close.

15/00007/FUL Erection of single storey side extension at 9 Ince Lane.

15/00056/FUL Erection of single storey side and rear extension at 36 The Hawthorns.

15/00068/AGR Erection of Dutch barn at 4 Woodcock Fold.

15/00115/FUL Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension at 15 Larkfield.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

17.15 Financial Matters

Evidence of the receipt, by Chorley Council, of the precept request was presented and noted.

A request for assistance from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility towards the cost of replacement mobility scooters was considered. There was no proposer for the request.

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:

£	683.59	Employee 1	Salary
£	460.47	Employee 2	Salary
£	50.96	Employee 3	Salary
£	246.84	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	17.55	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	40.00	S Edwards	Pruning course
£	505.00	S Dearnaley	Replacement fruit trees
£	480.00	Brothers of Charity Services	Hawthorns maintenance
£	64.00	Townsend Print	Neighbourhood Plan flyer
£	100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Neighbourhood Plan flyer delivery
£	138.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	27.94	United Utilities	Metered water charge - December
£	27.94	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£	54.26	United Utilities	Surface water charge

18.15 Committee Appointment

Councillors considered the filling of a vacancy on the Open Spaces Committee.

Resolved: Cllr Brown was nominated.

Councillors considered the introduction of a scheme of Substitute Members for Committees in order to try to ensure committees are quorate. There was no proposer for the suggestion.

19.15 Neighbourhood Planning

A verbal report from the public meeting held on 11 February 2015 was provided. Around 50 residents were present and the majority were in favour of progressing a Plan, with several expressing a willingness to assist. Given the number of attendees it was suggested some form of community survey should be undertaken to provide a more representative viewpoint, with further information include in the next newsletter.

20.15 Open Spaces Committee

A report from the meeting held on 21 January 2015 was provided. The path is to be extended along the Drapers Avenue boundary and at the entrance to the Junior pitch. The soakaway is to be monitored and a response to the ball court procurement review prepared. Mill Lane has, again, been included in the Neighbourhood Priorities.

21.15 Lancashire County Council Consultation

A consultation on the Onshore Oil and Gas Supplementary Planning Document was considered. Councillors had no comments.

22.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

Friends of St Mary's – the Friends are currently looking at fundraising for items including replacement lighting.

The Three Tier Forum was poorly attended. Items discussed included the Meals on Wheels service, Chorley Council's budget for the forthcoming year and credit unions.

23.15 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 March 2015.

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