

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 January 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.

01.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Barnes and H Caunce.

02.15 Disclosure of Personal/Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

Councillors considered the granting of a dispensation to Cllr Thomas, in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, relieving him of restrictions contained within Section 31 of the Act referring to pecuniary interests to enable participation in the setting of the precept for the parish of Ecclestone.

Resolved: a dispensation was granted to Cllr Thomas.

03.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 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.

04.15 Public Participation

Having read about the forthcoming Neighbourhood Planning public meeting in the Parish Council newsletter a resident suggested more serious items should be included as opposed to items on tree pruning and Carol singing. The resident felt Neighbourhood Plans were a sop to local areas as the Local Planning Authority retains control over development.

The resident also commented on the implications of the proposed affordable homes development on Doctors Lane and was critical of the manner in which the Rural Housing Needs Survey had been carried out by Chorley Council.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

05.15 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

14/01277/CLPUD Conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation at Fir Tree Cottage, Wrennalls Lane.

14/01302/PDE Single storey rear extension at Fir Tree Cottage, Wrennalls Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

14/01157/FULMAJ The erection of 18 affordable homes with associated parking, landscaping and access at Land West of 77 Doctors Lane.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted as the application is contrary to the criteria contained within Policy HS8 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026, which stipulates a maximum of 10 units.

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) at Winter View Farm, Parr Lane. The traffic implications of the change of use are to be queried.

06.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

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

Councillors were advised United Utilities had experienced problems with its direct debit system resulting in the December and January payments not being collected. The payments will be collected along with the February and March payments.

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

£	708.65	Employee 1	Salary
£	447.66	Employee 2	Salary
£	490.02	Employee 3	Salary
£	247.78	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	33.90	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£	50.00	Friends of St Mary's	Membership
£	20.00	St Mary's C E Primary School	Hire of hall
£	289.43	British Gas	Gas bill
£	247.20	Euxton Parish Council	Councillor training course
£	138.00	E.on	Electricity contract

As a result of the resignation of an authorised signatory for the bank account a replacement was required.

Resolved: Councillor Brown was nominated as an authorised signatory to the bank account.

07.15 2015-2016 Precept

The Precept for the forthcoming financial year was considered. A draft budget was presented however confirmation of the top up grant from Chorley Council is awaited.

Resolved: the Precept for 2015 - 2016 was set at £41324, which will result in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

08.15 Chorley Council Re-consultation

Councillors considered a re-consultation on the Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Schedule of Proposed modifications. Councillors had no comments.

09.15 Neighbourhood Planning

Details of the public meeting arranged for 11 February 2015 were confirmed.

10.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

PACT - the new Community Beat Manager is now in post. There were 4 recorded crimes. A new Community Beat manager has been appointed.

11.15 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 February 2015.

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

Eccleston Parish Council

Budgets 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016

Salaries	22200
General office expenses	600
Staff Costs	300
Training	300
Changing Rooms	5500
Subscriptions/entries	600
Repairs and replacements	1500
Annual audit	600
Grounds maintenance	6000
Millennium Green	7500
Newsletter	1000
Donations	1500
Flowers/planting	750
Christmas celebrations	600
Litter bins	1000
Play equipment	5000
Dog Bins	360
Speed Indicator Device	400
Insurance	2750
Village activities	4000
Sundries	1250
Earmarked Reserves	5500
General Reserve	<u>6630</u>
	75840
Estimated Balance as at 08.01.15	17040
Add: Anticipated income to 31.03.15	24325
	41365
Less: Anticipated requirements to 31.03.15	8485
Balance forward	32880
Add: Proposed precept	41324
Add: Proposed top up grant	<u>1636</u>
	<u>75840</u>