

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present 3 Members of the public.

79.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney, K Brown and S Kenyon and PCSO Coleman.

Agenda item 3 was brought forward.

80.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 June 2015

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, with an amendment to include reporting of crime figures within minute reference 77.15.

81.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Miller, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 15/00656/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 Armstrong, H Caunce, V Caunce, Frost, Mason, Miller, G Thomas and H Thomas.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

82.15 Public Participation

Residents of New Mill Street had been advised by the developer that, in the opinion of the developer, the parish council is responsible for providing a link between the path outside their property to the Recreation Ground path. It was reported that Lancashire County Council's Highways and Public Rights of Way departments had been contacted and LCC is to deal with the matter prior to adoption.

A resident of The Hawthorns had reported a smell emanating from fields beyond Tincklers Lane. The issue had been reported to Chorley Council.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

83.15 Drainage Ditch

Discussions took place regarding the drainage ditch adjoining the Recreation Ground.

Resolved: the Landowners are to be asked, without prejudice, whether they would be willing to give over the land, over which the drain passes, to the Parish Council.

84.15 Carrington Centre

Councillors discussed items relating to the Carrington Centre. The situation regarding the provision of the dropped kerb is to be chased with the developer and the landowner is to be asked to provide a small area of land for the provision of public conveniences. The cycle racks were no longer an issue.

85.15 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

15/00597/REM Reserved matters application (pursuant to outline permission ref: 14/01248/OUT) for the access, appearance, layout, scale and landscaping of the property at Land to the rear of 203 The Green.

15/00618/TPO Works to trees covered by Chorley BC TPO 6 (Eccleston) 2000. Including; Felling of one Sycamore tree. Crown reduction of 2-3m of 2 Oak trees. Removal of deadwood on 2 Oak Trees at 14 Anchor Fields.

Cllr Miller took no part in the discussion relating to the following application.

15/00656/FUL Erection of one detached dwellinghouse at Ricmarlo, Preston Nook.

15/00663/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension at 72 Doctors Lane.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

Councillors provided suggestions for the representative at the Appeal Hearing in respect of the affordable homes planning application on Doctors Lane.

86.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

A grant application from St Agnes Church towards the costs of statutory fire safety works to the Church Hall was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £1000 was awarded.

A grant application from the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the costs of improvements to rescue vehicles was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £25 was awarded.

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
£	59.24	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£	106.00	Sprintprint	Printing of Neighbourhood Plan insert
£	36.00	CPRE	Subscription
£	2.40	Whittle Jones	Lease
£	192.00	Ark Welding	Play equipment repair
£	184.22	British Gas	Gas bill
£	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

87.15 Minutes of Meetings

Councillors discussed the current format of production of minutes of meetings.

88.15 Publication of Members Personal email Addresses

A request to make councillor's personal email addresses available to other councillors and members of the public was considered. Discussions took place regarding publication of contact details by Chorley Council, which provides email addresses for members, and another parish council which publishes private email addresses.

Research into whether the Council can cover the cost of individual councillor's Data Protection registration is to be carried out and the subject will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

89.15 Clean up Day

Councillors considered a request from Chorley Council to use the Recreation Ground car park for the placement of a skip as part of a village clean up day.

Resolved: the use of the car park was approved.

90.15 Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Signposting Project

An invitation for involvement in a project to provide or improve signage for locations where public rights of way meet roads or pavements was considered. It was suggested the details could be publicised the next newsletter.

91.15 Public Transport Issues in Chorley

A Chorley Council Overview and Scrutiny Task Group had requested views on public transport services in the parish area. The lack of weekend bus services was mentioned. Councillors are to provide the Clerk with views for submission which are to be reviewed by the Chairman.

92.15 Workplace Pensions

Information regarding the introduction of a workplace pension scheme for all eligible employees was provided.

93.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

Police Liaison - Crime figures, comprising of four recorded crimes, were provided.

Information was provided on events to be arranged by the Village Activities Committee

The Community Action Plan had been sent to attendees of the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting. The Plan relates to the eastern and western parishes and the urban core. Chorley Council has made £200,000 available for four projects within the borough focusing on health and wellbeing, transport, digital connection and employment as part of an ongoing process to improve the lives of the residents of the borough.

94.15 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 August 2015.

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