

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 11 June 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), H Caunce, V Caunce, W Mason, M Miller, G Thomas, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 3 Members of the public.

68.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, and M Frost.

Agenda item 3 was brought forward.

69.15 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14 May 2015

A discussion took place regarding the amount of details contained within the minutes.

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

70.15 Councillor Vacancies

A discussion took place on the co-option process.

Applications to fill the remaining two vacancies left unfilled at the election as a result of insufficient nominations were considered.

Resolved: Dianne Bonney was co-opted to fill the first vacancy.

Resolved: Simon Kenyon was co-opted to fill the second vacancy.

71.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Miller, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared a non-pecuniary interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 6 (Planning matters).

72.15 Appointment to the Village Activities Committees

Resolved: Councillor Kenyon was appointed.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow Members of the Public to speak.

73.15 Public Participation

A resident mentioned the ditch adjacent to the Recreation Ground. The issue is to be covered at the next council meeting.

A resident reported the land know locally as 'Long Meadow' is for sale and raised concerns regarding development. The resident also reported a problem on the public right of way to the rear of Larkfield and queried markings in the grass to the side of Syd Brook.

The removal of cats eyes from local roads was queried. A response is awaited from LCC.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

74.15 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

15/00492/FUL Erection of two storey rear extensions at 28 Parr Lane.

15/00494/FUL Erection of two storey side extension to dwelling and erection of detached single storey office at 30 New Street.

15/00513/FULMAJ Section 73 application to vary conditions 8, 9 and 10 (all relating to Code for Sustainable Homes), to vary condition 12 (Design Stage Assessment in respect of the retail units) and remove condition 14 (Carbon Reduction Statement) attached to planning approval 13/00156/FULMAJ at The Carrington Centre, New Mill Street.

15/00523/FUL Erection of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension with balcony above and front porch at Ricmarlo, Preston Nook.

15/00546/FUL Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of detached garage at 92 The Hawthorns.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

Additional information was provided regarding 15/00447/FUL (Erection of extensions to front and remodelling of entrance to provide disabled access at Eccleston Working Men's Institute).

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of impact on visibility of vehicles leaving St Mary's School, loss of parking spaces, particularly in view of comments submitted by the school regarding the continuing use of the school's car park and the proposed siting of a smoking area directly adjacent to the playground.

Councillors considered a suggestion for representation at the Appeal Hearing in respect of the affordable homes planning application on Doctors Lane. Cllr H Thomas agreed to attend.

75.15 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
£	501.52	Employee 3	Salary
£	242.76	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	161.02	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	42.19	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	564.00	DWG (NW)	Summer bedding planting
£	131.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	56.48	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	70.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

76.15 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The setting up of a Working Group to review existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations was considered.

Resolved: the Working Group is to comprise of Councillors Frost, G Thomas and Whittaker.

77.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

Police Liaison - Crime figures were provided.

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting – information was provided on a Community Action Plan which is looking at investment in health, transport and employment. Regarding the priorities, a report is being drawn up regarding allotment provision for the village, an investigation into traffic calming measure for Southport Road is to be carried out and the improvement project for Mill Lane is still ongoing.

78.15 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 July 2015.

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