

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting held 14 May 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present PCSO Catterall.

50.15 Election of Chairman for 2015 - 2016

Resolved: Cllr Frost was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

51.15 Councillor Vacancies

Cllr H Thomas declared a personal interest in this agenda item.

An application to fill one of the vacancies left unfilled at the election was considered.

Resolved: Gareth Thomas was co-opted.

52.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, H Counce and V Counce.

53.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

54.15 Election of Vice Chairman for 2015 - 2016

Resolved: Cllr Brown was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

55.15 Appointments to Committees

Open Spaces Committee - Councillors Brown, Frost, Miller and H Thomas.

Village Activities Committee - Councillors Armstrong, Miller and H Thomas. A further appointment is to be made at the June meeting.

56.15 Appointment of Lead Member (Planning)

Lead Member (Planning) - Councillor Miller.

57.15 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies for 2015 - 2016

Resolved: the following were appointed:

Chorley Three Tier Liaison - Cllr Brown.

Friends of St Mary's - Cllr Brown.

Peter Lathom's Charity - Cllr Miller.

Tree Warden - Cllr Mason.

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Miller.

Police Liaison - Cllr Mason.

58.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 April 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.

59.15 Public Participation

There were 5 recorded crimes. including further theft of lead from the Carrington Centre development.

The removal of cats eyes from Leyland Lane, Southport Road and Ulmes Walton Lane was reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

60.15 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

15/00201/P3PAJ Prior approval application under Part 3, Class J of The Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Order 2013 to change existing offices (Use Class B1(a)) to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) at 295 The Green.

15/00214/FUL Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and demolition of existing garage at 63 Lydiate Lane.

15/00226TPO T1 & T2 - Oak - reduce limbs overhanging garden, secondary branches only, covered by TPO 1 (Eccleston) 2009 at 34 Braeburn Crescent.

15/002545/FUL Erection of two storey side & rear extension, single storey side extension & proposed alterations to the roof height at 63 Red House Lane.

15/00283/FUL Plot substitution to replace a five bedroom detached dwelling with a four bedroom detached dwelling at Land rear of the Carrington Centre.

15/00244/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension at 19 Bradley Lane.

15/00334/FUL Erection of part single, part two storey rear extension and insertion of front bay window at 15 Richmond Road.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

15/00447/FUL Erection of extensions to front and remodelling of entrance to provide disabled access at Eccleston Working Men's Institute, The Green. The loss of parking spaces was mentioned and is to be raised with the Planning Officer.

61.15 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation for the year ended 31 March 2015.

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

Councillors considered the monthly financial monitoring statement.

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

A request for a grant from Eccleston Library towards the costs of visiting speakers was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £200 was awarded.

Councillors considered a request from PCSO Coleman to retain a grant of £125, awarded towards an anti dog fouling project with local schools in September 2014, which has not been spent as Chorley Council had covered the costs. The grant would be used in September for a similar project.

Resolved: the grant is to be retained by the Police.

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

£	684.67	Employee 1	Salary
£	457.69	Employee 2	Salary
£	501.32	Employee 3	Salary
£	243.16	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	75.00	J Lawson	Internal Audit fee

£	112.80	Royal Mail	Freepost licence fee
£	138.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	56.48	United Utilities	Surface water charge - April
£	27.94	United Utilities	Water/wastewater charge
£	56.48	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	69.08	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Loan repayment

62.15 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Councillors reviewed the Asset Register.

Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Internal Auditor's report was considered.

Resolved: the report of the Internal Auditor was noted.

63.15 Parr Lane Seat

Councillors considered the purchase of a replacement seat on Parr Lane. A seat made from recycled materials is available for £353 (+VAT).

Resolved: A seat made from recycled materials is to be purchased.

64.15 Dog Waste Bins

Councillors considered the replacement of existing dog waste bins with combined bins, which would be emptied at no cost by Chorley Council. This would remove the current annual emptying charge. It was suggested the current locations should be reviewed to ascertain whether bins could be removed or relocated.

The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

65.15 Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way - Local Delivery Scheme for 2015/16

Councillors considered an invitation from Lancashire County Council opt into the Public Rights of Way - Local Delivery Scheme, under which low priority maintenance on public rights of way would be carried out by the Parish Council. There was no proposer for the invitation.

66.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

66.15 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 June 2015.

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