

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 October 2015 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors , W Mason (Chairman), D Bonney, H Caunce, V Caunce, S Kenyon, G Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 2 Members of the public.

124.15 Election of Chairman for the Meeting

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman a Chairman for this meeting was elected.

Resolved: Cllr Mason was elected.

125.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, K Brown, M Frost, M Miller and H Thomas.

126.15 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

127.15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 September 2015

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

128.15 Public Participation

A resident mentioned the piped ditch which adjoins the Recreation Fields and runs behind properties on Drapers Avenue.

Residents had complained regarding HGV's parking outside One Stop.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

129.15 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

15/00885/TPO Remove low branch to Sycamore tree, fell and remove two Ash trees, remove dead branches from Ash tree at Woodland Strip between The Mill Race and 77 Lydiate Lane.

15/00889/FUL Installation of access ramp at St Agnes Church, The Green.

15/00903/DIS Application to discharge condition nos. 3 (hard landscaping details), 4 (boundary details), 7 (landscaping scheme), 10 (design stage assessment), 11 (obscure glazing details) and 14 (facing materials) attached to planning approval ref. 14/00150/FUL at Land 10m behind 167 The Green and fronting onto Doctors Lane.

15/00985/TPO Pruning of 3 Silver Birch trees on the southern edge of property boundary at 1 Anchor Fields.

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

15/00951/DEMCON Application for prior determination of the proposed demolition of the public house at The Windmill Hotel, 311 The Green. As the site is deteriorating, Chorley Council is to be contacted to try to move matters along.

130.15 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. The invoice for newsletter delivery is to be held until delivery has taken place:

£	684.67	Employee 1	Salary
£	457.69	Employee 2	Salary
£	501.52	Employee 3	Salary
£	242.96	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	35.83	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£	100.00	Eccleston Scout & Guide HQ	Newsletter delivery
£	173.46	Galaxy Print	Workwear
£	269.00	Chorley Council	Uncontested election fee
£	696.00	Ark Welding	Seat installation
£	10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£	1.78	Royal Mail	Freepost delivery
£	96.75	British Gas	Gas bill
£	131.00	E.on	Electricity contract
£	28.72	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£	56.48	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	70.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

131.15 Drainage Ditch adjoining the Recreation Ground

Northern Trust had confirmed that the drainage ditch/piped drain running from the Junior pitch to the boundary with 20 Drapers Avenue is owned by the company.

Councillors discussed a request to Bloor Homes and Northern Trust for provision of some form of crossing for the ditch to allow residents of the Bloor Homes development to gain entry to the Recreation Ground. Councillors were advised Bloor Homes had been contacted and the Land Director has been asked to liaise with Northern Trust.

The Parish Council's request for the ditch to be tidied up had been discussed at a recent meeting with a representative from Northern Trust. Northern Trust had requested specific details of the work required and had advised a further camera survey is to be carried out. A suggestion for the Council to take on responsibility for the ditch was made.

Resolved: Northern Trust is to be asked to carry out repairs to the culverted pipe or remove the pipe and open up the ditch.

The Clerk is also to request a copy of the survey for the earliest meeting following the completion of the survey.

132.15 Celebration of Existence of Long Serving Businesses

The purchase of engraved ceramic plates to celebrate the existence of long serving businesses in the village was considered. The businesses are J & A Rigbye & Sons, Lisa Jackson, Eccleston Post Office, R Bamford Guns, Roy Christopher and Sons Ltd and Verdes Restaurant, Gabriel Valenzuela.

Resolved: 5 single colour plates are to be ordered.

Councillors considered the wording on the plates which is to read "xx years of great service to Eccleston 19XX - 2015", to be personalised to each business.

Resolved: the wording was confirmed.

133.15 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £200 is to be made.

134.15 Agenda Item - 'Matters Arising from the Minutes'

A Councillor had expressed concerns regarding not being able to discuss decisions taken at the previous meeting and had requested an item to cover this to be included on future agendas. Examples of three local parish councils which include this item on agendas were provided, together with guidance from reference bodies regarding vague agenda items.

The proposal was not seconded.

135.15 Reports from Outside Bodies

A Police report was provided detailing ten crimes within the village.

136.15 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 November 2015.

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