

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 14 April 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors M Frost (Chairman), L Armstrong, D Bonney, K Brown, H Caunce, V Caunce, W Mason, C Mayor, M Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present County Councillor K Iddon and 7 Members of the Public.

46.16 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor G Thomas.

47.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Miller, as an applicant, declared a pecuniary interest in an item forming part of Agenda Item 6 (Planning Matters).

48.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

49.16 Public Participation

A number of residents raised concerns regarding the proposed access off Tincklers Lane contained within the planning application for the land adjacent to 75 Towngate, which was felt to present serious risks to pedestrians and road users. The concerns related particularly to road safety with references being made to the acceptability of the sight lines for vehicles using the access to the development. The general consensus was that an access via The Hawthorns would be significantly preferable. Two Councillors had met with a representative of the developer regarding the alternative access.

The poor condition of the surface of Doctors Lane was, again, reported. Some repair work to the potholes has been completed but the repairs were felt to be unsatisfactory. A site meeting with Lancashire County Council Highways Officers is to be requested. Missing 'Halt' lines at the junction with Banner Close were also mentioned, together with existing markings by the Doctors Surgery which are no longer required. Guidance for residents to report highway faults will be included in the next newsletter.

It was reported that a HGV had damaged trees along Back Lane. A height restriction is to be requested. A report of a damaged surface water grid was also made.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: agenda item 14 was brought forward.

50.16 Disposal of Land Owned by the Parish Council

Councillors considered a request to reconsider a previous decision regarding the disposal of land to provide an access, via the verge at the entrance to The Hawthorns, to the proposed development for the land adjacent to 75 Towngate.

Resolved: in the interests of road safety the Parish Council will consider granting an easement over the narrow strip of land on the north side of the entrance to The Hawthorns to facilitate the development of the land adjacent to 75 Towngate.

Chorley Council is to be asked to contact the developer to urge the developer to use the access onto The Hawthorns, as originally preferred by Chorley Council.

51.16 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

Cllr Miller took no part in the discussions regarding the following application.

16/00162/FULHH Erection of a detached dwelling at Woodview, Preston Nook

16/00228/FULHH Erection of a two storey rear extension at Brindle Croft, New Lane

16/00283/FULHH Erection of a single storey side extension at Eccleston Hall, Lydiate Lane

16/00288/CLPUD Erection of a single storey extension to form a family room at 26 Cortland Avenue

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

52.16 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2016 was considered.

Resolved: the monitoring statement 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 from Eccleston St Mary's PCC for a contribution towards costs of the reinstatement of headstones which have become unsafe following the Boxing Day flood was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £500 was approved.

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

£ 684.67	Employee 1	Salary
£ 461.64	Employee 2	Salary
£ 505.08	Employee 3	Salary
£ 244.56	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 200.00	Sprint print	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 165.00	DWG (North West)	Hedge cutting
£ 59.31	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£ 60.32	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 161.42	British Gas	Electricity bill

53.16 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016.

The Asset Register was reviewed.

Resolved: the Asset Register was approved.

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

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

54.16 Flood Assistance

An offer from Chorley Council's Head of Health, Environment and Neighbourhoods to provide advice and assistance relating to flood resilience for properties in the village, including the formation of a local response group, was discussed. Contact details for emergency assistance will be included in the next newsletter.

Councillors H Counce and Miller volunteered to progress the issue with Chorley Council.

55.16 Millennium Green Fence

A request from the owner of a property adjoining the Millennium Green for assistance with the replacement of a fence on the Millennium green was considered.

Lancashire County Council, as the landowner, has been asked to provide clarification regarding responsibility for the fence. The issue will be considered further once a response is received.

56.16 Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme 2016-17

An invitation to opt into the Scheme was considered. There was no proposer for the invitation.

57.16 Chorley Civic Society Bi-annual Awards 2016

Councillors considered the nomination of entries for awards. No suggestions were put forward.

58.16 Reports from Outside Bodies

Police report - the latest crime figures were provided.

Information was provided regarding ongoing discussions with Bloor Homes regarding the path to the Recreation Ground.

45.16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 May 2016.

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