

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 8 December 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present PC Prescott and 3 Members of the Public.

163.16 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor C Mayor.

164.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

165.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2016

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

166.16 Matters Arising

It was reported the 'chicane' on the footpath link to the Recreation Ground requested by residents of New Mill Street was, in fact, already in place.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

167.16 Public Participation

A resident advised work had begun on the Tincklers Lane development and that contractors had entered the site via The Hawthorns. The developer is to be contacted. Also a lorry delivering fencing for the site had caused a major disruption whilst unloading from Tincklers Lane.

A resident asked whether there was any news on the closure of the Youth Centre. The resident was advised nothing had been received from Lancashire County Council as yet.

A resident thanked members of the Council for arranging the Lancashire Night event.

PC Prescott introduced herself as the new Community Beat Manager for the area. The issues with youth nuisance raised by residents of New Mill Street at the last meeting were reported. PC Prescott advised she is aware of problems in the area and that the youths are from the village.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

168.16 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

16/00964/P3PAO Application for determination of Prior Approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 for making a material change of use of an agricultural building and land within its curtilage to a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouse); and associated building operations reasonably necessary to convert the building into domestic use at Lydiate Farm, 12 Lydiate Lane

16/01038/FULHH Erection of a single storey side and front extension and erection of a single storey rear extension and rear and front dormer extensions at 88 Richmond Road

16/01047/OUT Outline application for the demolition of existing garage and erection of new dwelling with all matters reserved at 1 Lydiate Lane

16/01000/FULHH Application for an extension and conversion of existing rear detached garage to accommodation incidental to the house at Four Winds, Southport Road

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

16/01099/FUL Alteration of an existing building (retrospective) to form one suitable for agriculture Disused building South of Sarscow Farm, Sarscow Lane

Resolved: the objection is to be submitted on the grounds raised in previous refusals.

An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of application 16/00522/P3PAO - Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2 no. dwelling houses and associated building operations at Orcheton House Farm, Wood Lane, Heskin.

Resolved: the objection to the original application is to be reiterated to the Planning Inspectorate.

169.16 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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.

£	690.71	Employee 1	Salary
£	461.44	Employee 2	Salary
£	505.00	Employee 3	Salary
£	246.73	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	66.29	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	200.00	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	216.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play area inspections
£	100.00	Spot on Theatre	Contribution towards Library event
£	245.00	DWG	Winter planting
£	96.00	Morris Locksmiths	Replacement lock
£	380.00	Ace bars	Lancashire Evening catering
£	59.31	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	65.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

170.16 Langton Close Play Area

The installation of a litter bin on the play area, as part of the refurbishment project, was considered.

Resolved: a post mounted litter bin is to be requested.

The repainting of the fence when the weather is suitable was also considered.

Resolved: Chorley Council is to be asked to repaint the fence in the Spring.

171.16 Milestone on Towngate

A resident had mentioned the Milestone at the junction of Towngate and The Hawthorns is pointing in the wrong direction. Chorley Council Officers have agreed to relocate the Milestone to a more prominent position and requested a contribution of £100 for repainting the stone.

Resolved: a contribution of £100 was agreed.

172.16 Western Parishes Neighbourhood Priorities 2017-18

Assistance with entrance markers and a project to improve a pond and open space on New Steet are to be submitted as Neighbourhood Priorities.

173.16 BT Consultation on the Removal of Public Payphones

Members considered a proposal to remove payphones on The Green opposite no's. 190-192 and outside no. 195. In the past year 6 calls in total had been made from the payphones. Members had no objections to the removal.

174.16 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services Consultation

Members considered a consultation on the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-2022. Members had no comments.

175.16 Carol Singing

The Carol singing is to take place on Tuesday 13 December. St Mary's School Hall is not available as a school production is taking place.

176.16 Reports from Outside Bodies

Police report - the latest crime figures were provided.

A report was provided from a meeting arranged by Chorley Council to discuss working together to maintain services for communities. Chorley Council has provided funding to assist with bus services until March 2017 and library services until March 2018 and is looking to work with parish councils to maintain services beyond these dates. It is proposed parish councils and voluntary organisations come together to fund services and Chorley Council is putting together a draft document detailing the options.

Following meetings between Chorley Council Officers and Parish Council Members regarding flood resilience a sandbag container is to be placed between the Youth Club and the Scout Hut.

177.16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 January 2017.

178.16 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item on the grounds that the item comprised information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

179.15 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

A report from the Personnel Committee was provided detailing the results of the interviews for the new Lengthsman.

The Personnel Committee will also be reviewing a number of employment related issues including application forms and interview procedures.

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