

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors K Brown, (Chairman), D Bonney, H Caunce, V Caunce, M Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 8 Members of the Public.

93.16 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, M Frost, W Mason, C Mayor and G Thomas.

94.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

95.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 June 2016

As a query was raised regarding the Private minutes the item is to be considered in private.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

96.16 Public Participation

Residents reiterated concerns regarding the proposed access off Tincklers Lane for the planning application for Land at 75 Towngate, which was refused by Chorley Council's Development Control Committee and is now the subject of an appeal. The access is felt to be fundamentally dangerous and residents maintain the developer cannot make the road safe. Residents and Councillors discussed issues relating to the application and residents were advised to contact the local MP.

An item forming part of Agenda item 5 was brought forward to allow members of the public to take part in discussions.

97.16 Planning Matters

The appeal (APP/D2320/W/16/3152417) against the Borough Council's refusal of application 15/01246FUL (Proposed erection of 7 no. residential dwellings at Land adjacent to 75 Towngate) was considered.

Resolved: Chorley Council is to be advised of the vigorous objections to the application on the grounds of road safety issues and is to be asked to do all it can to have the appeal dismissed. The Parish Council's willingness to provide an alternative, safer access via The Hawthorns is to be reiterated.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

The following applications were considered:

16/00565/PDE Application to discharge conditions 13 (drainage scheme) and 19 (site access) attached to planning approval 16/00359/FUL for the erection of 4 no. detached dwellinghouses and associated garages at Land 35m west of 19 Bannister Lane

16/00607/TPO Ash tree (T4) 15 crown reduction, remove deadwood and epicormic growth; Sycamore (T5) 15% crown reduction, remove deadwood and crown thin; Alder (G2) Fell - tree dead; Sycamore (G2) 15 crown reduction, crown raise to 4 metres, remove deadwood at 15A Reeveswood

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

6/00552/P3PAO Prior approval application under Part 3, Class Q (a and b), of The Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order 2015) for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2 no. dwelling houses and associated building operations at Orcheton House Farm, Wood Lane, Heskin

A discussion took place regarding the planning history of the site. The applicant provided information regarding the application and a neighbour provided information regarding issues around access to the site.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of inappropriate development within the Green Belt, traffic issues and the building has not previously been used solely for agricultural purposes.

Agenda item 9 was brought forward to allow members of the public to take part in discussions.

98.16 Communications with Residents

A discussion on the current methods of communication with residents took place and suggestions were put forward including an upgrade of the website, possibly including links to social media. Ideas of costings are to be obtained and Councillors are to provide the Clerk with suggestions for requirements for features of the site.

99.16 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.

£ 708.83	Employee 1	Salary
£ 474.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 517.60	Employee 3	Salary
£ 258.24	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 71.55	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 80.00	St Agnes, Eccleston	Room hire
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 200.00	Villages in Partnership	Grant
£ 36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 721.70	British Gas	Gas contract
£ 22.24	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 59.31	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£ 65.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

100.16 Eccleston Young People's Centre Building

Councillors considered information relating to running costs for the Young People's Centre. A suggestion was put forward for the Parish Council to take over responsibility for the building. The possibility of a management group to run the Centre was mentioned. The group could comprise of members of various organisations within the village, including the Parish Council, Churches, the Police and others.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be advised of the Parish Council's wish to take over the building.

101.16 Parking Issues in the Village

Councillors discussed inconsiderate and illegal parking within the village.

Resolved: Chorley Council is to be asked to provide details of the Parkwise scheme for rural villages.

102.16 Committee Reports

Verbal reports from meetings held on 30 June 2016 were provided.

Village Activities Committee - items considered included issues raised by neighbouring residents relating to the Fun Day on the Millennium Green, arrangements for the Lancashire Night event, live music evenings involving local performers and the possibility of a future talent competition. It is hoped to link a Best Kept Garden competition to the St Mary's Open gardens event in 2017.

Open Spaces Committee - items considered included the removal of dead trees on the Recreation Ground and requests from residents of new properties on Madison Chase for overhanging trees to be cut back. The project to provide village entrance markers is ongoing. The Village Green rockery area is to be planted up and the replacement of the wooden Best Kept Village board with the village crest is being looked into. Reinstatement of the Millennium Green path was suggested, together with improvements to the verge at the main entrance.

103.16 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

104.16 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 items on the grounds that the item comprised information relating to negotiations in respect of labour relations matters arising between the authority and employees and information relating to an individual which, in accordance with Part 1(4) and part 1(1) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, are 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 items.

105.16 Personnel Matters

A member of staff had provided notice of his intention to retire at the end of September. Councillors discussed possible future arrangements.

106.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 June 2016

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record with the following amendment to the wording:

91.16 "The conduct of Councillors, including action taken by a Councillor" was amended to "The conduct of Councillors, including action taken by Councillors".

107.16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 August 2016.

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