

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 9 June 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 3 Members of the Public.

79.16 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney, M Frost, C Mayor and G Thomas.

80.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

81.16 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12 May 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

82.16 Public Participation

A resident provided an opinion that many residents were not being reached by the Parish Council's current means of providing information and suggested the use of Facebook.

A resident raised concerns regarding safety issues on Tincklers Lane. These issues had been highlighted within a report provided to a recent Chorley Council Development Control Committee meeting.

A member of the public queried whether, for purposes of openness, an agenda item which is to be considered in private should be handled in this manner. The Chairman advised of the reasoning behind the consideration of this item in private.

A water main on The Green was reported as leaking. United Utilities has been advised.

Paving slabs and a trailer are causing an obstruction on the pavement on Snipewood.

Agenda item 8 was brought forward to allow members of the public to take part in discussions.

83.16 Tincklers Lane Road Safety Issues

A resident reiterated concerns regarding safety issues on Tincklers Lane. These issues had been highlighted within a report provided to a recent Chorley Council Development Control Committee meeting, relating to the application for the Land adjacent to 75 Towngate, which mentioned pavements and other improvements. The resident suggested Tincklers Lane, as a whole, should be looked at. Tractors, believed to be operated by an agricultural contractor, were causing concerns due to the speed at which they are travelling along the narrow lane and the fact that they have been seen operating in convoys. The resident raised concerns regarding road safety throughout the village, including difficulties crossing the entrance road to the Carrington Centre.

A copy of the Highways Officer's report presented at the Development Control Committee meeting is to be requested, together with information as to whether New Mill Street has been adopted.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

84.16 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

16/00455/PDE Erection of single storey rear extension at 60 The Fields

16/00459/FULHH Erection of a single storey rear extension and side extension to replace the existing garage and replacement of front windows with bay windows at 18 Snipewood

16/00470/FULHH Retrospective application for the erection of rear gates at Eccleston Hall, Lydiate Lane

16/00477/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two storey detached dwelling with detached garage, associated driveway and parking provisions to be included at 203 The Green

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

85.16 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

A request from Villages in Partnership for a contribution towards costs of computer software was considered. An amount of £100 was proposed. An amendment to award £200 was proposed.

Resolved: a grant of £200 was approved.

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

£ 684.67	Employee 1	Salary
£ 461.44	Employee 2	Salary
£ 505.00	Employee 3	Salary
£ 244.76	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 273.78	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 75.00	St Mary's Parochial Church Council	Grant
£ 450.00	DWG (North West)	Summer planting
£ 59.31	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£ 65.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

86.16 Lancashire County Council Delivery of Local Surveys

A consultation on delivery of local services was considered. Information was provided on proposed reductions in local services which included the loss of the Children's Centre and Young People's Centre and reduced facilities at the Library. Councillors considered the submission of an expression of interest in the Young People's Centre.

Resolved: an expression of interest is to be submitted in respect of the Young People's Centre building. The expression of interest is to contain a request for financial details relating to running costs.

87.16 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Suggestions for agenda item had been requested. No items were suggested.

88.16 Reports from Outside Bodies

Police report - the latest crime figures were provided.

Parish Council representatives had met with Chorley Council Officers to discuss flood resilience measures. A report will be passed on once it is received.

The western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting was provided with information on neighbourhood projects.

Details of a community workshop arranged by Story Homes regarding the redevelopment of the Camelot site were provided.

Bloor Homes had advised the opening up of the access between the Recreation Ground and Madison Chase would happen with 4 - 6 weeks. Chorley Council Officers dealing with this are to be notified.

89.16 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 items comprised information relating to the financial affairs of a particular person and information relating to an individual which, in accordance with Part 1 (3) 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.

90.16 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's hourly rate was reviewed in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services 2016-2018 National Salary Award.

91.16. Councillor Conduct

The conduct of Councillors, including action taken by Councillors, and issues relating to recent email correspondence between Councillors, was discussed.

92.16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 July 2016.

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