

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting held 12 May 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 8 Members of the Public and a representative from Story Homes.

60.16 Election of Chairman for 2016 - 2017

Resolved: Cllr Brown was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman's acceptance of office was received.

61.16 Apologies for absence

None received.

62.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

63.16 Election of Vice Chairman for 2016 - 2017

Nominations were received on behalf of Councillors Mason and Miller. A paper ballot was held and the ballot papers checked under the supervision of a resident.

Cllr Mason was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

64.16 Appointments to Committees

Open Spaces Committee - Councillors Brown, Frost, Miller and H Thomas.

Village Activities Committee - Councillors Armstrong, V Caunce, Miller and H Thomas.

65.15 Appointment of Lead Member (Planning)

Lead Member (Planning) - Councillor Miller.

66.15 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Resolved: the following were appointed:

Chorley Liaison - Cllr Whittaker.

Friends of St Mary's - Cllr Brown.

Peter Lathom's Charity - Cllr Miller.

Police Liaison - Cllr Mason.

Tree Warden - Cllr Mason.

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Miller.

67.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 April 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

68.16 Public Participation

A representative of Story Homes provided information on proposals to develop the former Camelot site. Exhibitions and workshops will be held prior to the submission of a planning application in September.

The number of properties has yet to be finalised and the original site masterplan is to be re-written. Councillors raised concerns regarding the inadequacy of the consultation arrangements for the previous application and requested more convenient times and venues for any consultations and that key questions, including the number of properties and the impact on local services, such as schools and medical centres, are addressed.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: agenda item 13 was brought forward.

69.16 Disposal of Land Owned by the Parish Council

Councillors considered a proposal to sell a strip of land on the verge at the entrance to The Hawthorns to provide an access to the proposed development for the land adjacent to 75 Towngate at an estimated value of £4000 - £5000. An amendment was proposed that the value of the land should be deleted from the offer letter.

Resolved: the Agent is to be advised of the Parish Council's willingness to sell a strip of land so the Developer can have access to the site from The Hawthorns. The offer is to exclude reference to a value for the land.

70.16 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

16/00355/PDE Proposed single storey rear conservatory at 21 Drapers Avenue

16/00399/FULHH Erection of a single storey rear extension at 26 Cortland Avenue

16/00401/FULHH Erection of a single storey rear extension following the demolition of the existing rear extension and erection of a single storey side extension at 12 Enfield Close

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

16/00306/CLPUD Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a proposed detached outbuilding at 79 Southport Road. Concerns were raised regarding potential business use of the outbuilding, particularly given the size and the fact that the existing garage is to remain.

Resolved: a condition is to be requested precluding business use.

16/00359/FUL Erection of 4 no. detached dwelling houses and associated garage at Land 35m west of 19 Bannister Lane, Ecclestone. Concerns were raised that the proposed access to Plot 4 is directly off Bannister Lane very close to a sharp bend in the road and that there is no pavement provision. It was suggested access should be via Larkfield, similar to the adjoining plot.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of impact on highway safety.

71.16 Financial Matters

Receipt of the precept from Chorley Council was evidenced.

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.

£ 684.67	Employee 1	Salary
£ 461.44	Employee 2	Salary
£ 505.20	Employee 3	Salary
£ 244.76	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 75.00	J Lawson	Internal audit fee
£ 465.00	DWG (North West)	Village Green edging stones

£ 59.31	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£ 65.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment

72.16 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

Councillors considered the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report was noted.

73.16 Access to the Recreation Ground from the Madison Chase Development

The pavement on the development has been completed. Provision of a crossing for the ditch to connect with the footpath on the Recreation Ground has been taken up by the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting as one of the priorities and the Clerk is to meet, on site, with a Chorley Council Officer. The Clerk is to request Chorley Council to arrange for the works to be carried out.

74.16 Millennium Green Fence

A neighbouring resident had requested assistance with the replacement of a fence on the Millennium Green. Lancashire County Council had confirmed it is not responsible for the fence and suggested it may have been erected by a previous owner of the property. The resident has been advised of the situation and is to contact the Parish Council.

75.16. Langton Close Play Area

Information provided by Chorley Council suggests the original developer, who remains the owner of the site, is not willing to carry out the necessary refurbishment of the area. Chorley Council's legal department has been asked to provide an opinion as to whether the developer can absolve himself of responsibility and whether the Parish Council can adopt the area. A response from the legal department is to be awaited.

76.16 Commemorative Plates

Councillors considered the purchase of additional ceramic plates for long serving businesses in the village. Businesses identified were Andrew Cow (Eccleston Dental Practice), D & W Motors, Eccleston Green Filling Station, David J Killen & Co (Insurance Services), Kevin Stickley (The Cottage Loaf Bakery) and J Trafford (Eccleston Scaffolding Services). An article, inviting nominations, included in the March newsletter received no responses.

Resolved: 6 additional plates are to be ordered.

77.16 Reports from Outside Bodies

Police report - the latest crime figures were provided.

Information was provided regarding Lancashire County Council proposals for property reductions. The proposals include the library to become a satellite facility which will be shared with other services and for the Children's Centre and the Young People's Centre to be closed. A suggestion for the Parish Council to submit an expression of interest in the Young People's Centre, which would be run by volunteers, will be considered at the next meeting.

A meeting, regarding flood resilience measures, between Chorley Council Officers and Parish Council representatives is to be arranged.

78.16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 June 2016.

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