

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 10 November 2016 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 11 Members of the Public.

149.16 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors H and V Counce, M Frost, W Mason and G Thomas. The Chairman advised of the resignation of Cllr G Thomas.

150.16 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

151.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 October 2016

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

152.16 Matters Arising

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

153.16 Public Participation

Residents of New Mill Street reported that, since the footpath to the Recreation Ground had been opened, there have been problems with vandalism, damage to cars and general nuisance caused by youths and an increase in dog fouling. The residents suggested the link should be closed. Councillors advised the footpath link was on the approved plans for the development and that any incidents of anti social behaviour should be reported to the Police in order to have the incidents logged. Further footpath links off Middlewood Close and onto the Junior football pitch were queried. Other issues were raised including vehicles exiting the retail centre car park, delivery vans turning in private driveways and inconsiderate parking on New Mill Street, opposite no's. 17-23, obscuring the view of drivers.

A resident of Conway Road queried whether there was any news on the development on the land to the rear of his property. Councillors advised nothing further had been heard.

A resident queried the closure of the Youth Centre. The resident was advised the date of closure was 31 December and that a response to the expression of interest submitted by the Parish Council has yet to be received.

It was reported the Library is to remain open with assistance from Chorley Council.

An anonymous letter from a resident relating to various issues within the village was circulated.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

154.16 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

16/00934/FULHH Erection of two storey rear extension at Brindle Croft, New Lane

16/00987/TPO Fell five Alder trees (T1-T5) at 8 Langton Close

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

155.16 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	Royal British Legion	Donation and wreath
£	600.00	Argus Security Systems	Annual maintenance contracts
£	80.00	St Agnes, Ecclestone	Room hire
£	185.00	DWG	Hawthorns Play Area cutting back
£	59.31	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	65.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	1239.57	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment
£	200.00	Royal British Legion	Donation and Wreath

156.16 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson is to be re-appointed and the fee set at £100.

157.16 Personnel Committee

Following a resignation, Councillors considered a replacement nomination for the Committee.

Resolved: Councillor Bonney was appointed.

158.16 Allotment Land

Councillors considered a suggestion relating to the possible acquisition, in conjunction with Heskin and Wrightington Parish Councils, of farmland in Heskin to be used as allotments. Councillors agreed for the suggestion to be investigated further with, at this stage, no commitment from the Parish Council.

159.16 2017-2018 Precept

Councillors were reminded of the need to provide suggestions for inclusion in the Precept. Funding for the running costs of the Young People's Centre building is to be included.

160.16 Remembrance Sunday

Information regarding arrangements for the Parade and Service was provided. The revised start time for the Parade is 10:15am and the Church has arranged the Police cover for road closures.

161.16 Reports from Outside Bodies

Police report - the latest crime figures were provided.

162.16 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 December 2016.