

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 8 June 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Young People's Centre, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), M Brown, H Counce, V Counce, J Holborn, W Mason, D Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 31 Members of the Public.

74.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, D Bonney and C Mayor.

75.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

76.17 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11 May 2017

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2017 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

77.17 Matters Arising

69.17 Lancashire County Council has been requested to install the light for the Millennium Green seating area.

71.17 Chorley Council Enforcement Officers had advised the developer of the Tincklers Lane site had been asked to keep the road clear of mud and, in response to the query relating to whether the pavement is being constructed in accordance with the approved plans, Lancashire County Council Officers had advised that, until such time as work on the pavement begins, it is not possible to provide an answer.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

78.17 Public Participation

A resident advised the Millennium Green pond had been cleaned up and vandalism in the area had improved slightly. The resident advised a lack of response from the Police to telephone calls. A suggestion for something similar to a scheme in Mawdesley where interested residents met on a monthly basis to tidy up was put forward.

The disruption caused by road closures for the forthcoming Ironman event was mentioned. Residents were asked to provide feedback of problems encountered which would be passed on to borough and county councils.

A stile on the public footpath off Anchorfields was reported as being unsuitable.

A number of residents raised concerns relating to a public consultation on proposals to develop an area of land off Parr Lane. Concerns were raised regarding the impact on school places and patient numbers at doctor's surgeries, together with existing congestion problems on the narrow streets of the 'Castles' estate and Lawrence Lane. Concerns were also raised regarding the additional burden on the electricity supply, given the number of power cuts experienced in the village, and sewer capacity. Mention was also made of the nature of the consultation, which concentrated on community allotments, with little reference to the housing. Councillors provided information on the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026, which safeguards the land for development after 2026, effectively precluding development on this land until then. Chorley has sufficient housing land supply within the current Plan.

Problems with speeding on Lawrence Lane were raised, namely agricultural contractor's vehicles and the reduction in the speed limit from derestricted to 20mph on Parr Lane was also mentioned.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

79.17 Planning Matters

There were no applications for consideration.

Councillors considered the consultation described as community allotments and housing off Parr Lane. Opposition to the proposal was expressed and Councillors are to notify residents when a planning application is submitted

Resolved: the landowner's consultant is to be advised of the Parish Council's vehement opposition to the proposals which had been discussed at a meeting attended by 31 local residents. An article is to be included in the newsletter advising residents of the opposition.

Councillors discussed a licence application for a van outside the Greenhaus Bar for a birthday party. The application is contrary to a condition on the planning permission for the change of use from retail to a micro pub, which was placed to minimise disturbance to neighbouring properties and maintain parking areas. As the condition precludes drinking outside the premises an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of impact on neighbour amenity, potential loss of parking spaces and safety of customers, given the relative narrowness of the pavement in this area.

80.17 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.

£ 697.78	Employee 1	Salary
£ 470.77	Employee 2	Salary
£ 644.03	Employee 3	Salary
£ 122.81	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 18.38	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 32.90	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£ 387.86	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£ 455.00	DWG (NW)	Summer bedding
£ 62.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 62.30	United Utilities	Metered water charge

81.17 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

Councillors considered the report of the Internal Auditor.

Resolved: the report was noted.

82.17 Eccleston Community Hub

A report was provided from the initial meeting of the management group which was very well attended by residents, members of user groups and parish councillors. A management committee was selected and details of a proposed constitution were provided. Discussions took place regarding protection for trustees within the proposed constitution which are to be addressed by the management committee.

Information had been received from the electricity supplier and, to allow the building services contracts to be reviewed as and when required, a 12 month contract was considered.

Resolved: a 12 month contract with for the supply of electricity was agreed.

Security measures for the building were discussed. Young people are climbing onto the roof of the building and, at the suggestion of the local Police, anti climb paint has been ordered. An article regarding the youth nuisance is to be included in the newsletter.

83.17 Replacement Tree for Drapers Avenue

Lancashire County Council provided a list of acceptable trees to replace the Oak initially suggested by the Parish Council. A Sorbus Commixta 'Embley' was selected and a licence to plant on the verge is to be requested.

84.17 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Councillors discussed suggestions for agenda items for the meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday 19 July 2017. No items were forthcoming.

85.17 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures were provided. There were 5 reported crimes.

86.17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 July 2017.

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