

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 13 April 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Young People's Centre, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors W Mason (Chairman), H Counce, V Counce, C Mayor, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present County and Borough Councillor Iddon and 8 Members of the Public.

43.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Bonney, K Brown, M Brown and J Holborn.

44.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

45.17 Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 March 2017 and 14 March 2017

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2017 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Resolved: the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 14 March 2017 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

46.17 Matters Arising

35.17 Lancashire County Council advised they would not be providing a replacement tree on Drapers Avenue.

40.17 The advertising of a councillor vacancy was queried. The meeting was advised the co-option notice would be placed on the notice boards the following day.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

47.17 Public Participation

Problems on the Millennium Green caused by young people congregating on the seats were reported. Seats had been lifted out of the ground and there were problems with litter, including nitrous oxide canisters and small plastic bags, and noise. As the Police had logged only 1 complaint relating to the Millennium Green an article is to be included in the next newsletter advising residents to report problems.

Litter problems were also reported outside the takeaway at the junction of The Green and Red House Lane.

Vandalism to a wooden horse on the Hawthorns Play Area was reported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

48.17 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

17/00266/REM Application for Approval of Reserved Matters (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) following the grant of Outline Planning Permission (15/01067/OUT for the erection of a detached dwellinghouse and detached garage) at Land 15m North of 238 The Green

17/00289/TPO Fell alder tree (no 3) at 6 Langton Close

17/00297/FULHH and 17/00298/LBC Erection of detached garage, conversion of existing garage to domestic use and associated works at 119 Towngate

17/00317/PDE Proposed single storey rear extension measuring 7m in depth, with an eaves height of 2.25m and a maximum height of 4.2m Rowan Croft, Parr Lane

17/00327/FULHH Erection of a single storey rear extension and garage (following demolition of existing single storey rear extension and garage) at 318 The Green

17/00333/FULHH Erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement of the existing rear dormer roof extension at 61 Richmond Road

17/00363/TPO Sycamore (T1) - Fell and replace, Oak (T2) - Removal of epicormic growth, Sycamore (T3) - Removal of epicormic growth at 20 Chaucer Close

17/00383/TPO Chorley BC TPO No.3 (Eccleston) 2011. T16 - Oak: remove branches which overhang the property boundary at 45 New Mill Street

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

17/00239/FUL Conversion of existing barn to dwelling including part demolition, new extensions and external works at Sarscow Farm, Sarscow Lane

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of previous planning history on this site.

The meeting was advised of the dismissal of an appeal relating to Orcheton House Farm, Wood Lane, Heskin

49.17 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

A grant application from Eccleston Scout Group, towards the costs of replacement archery equipment, was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £500 was awarded.

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

£ 697.78	Employee 1	Salary
£ 483.96	Employee 2	Salary
£ 659.11	Employee 3	Salary
£ 126.01	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 33.75	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 200.00	Sprintprint	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 500.00	North West Air Ambulance	Donation
£ 885.00	DWG NW	Pruning, gate repair
£ 188.96	Came and Co	Young People's Centre insurance
£ 65.24	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 121.59	British Gas	Gas bill
£ 228.07	British Gas	Electricity bill
£ 71.96	United Utilities	Metered water charge

50.17 Annual return for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

Councillors considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Councillors reviewed the Asset Register.

Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: the Statement of Accounts was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

51.17 Young People's Centre

The formation of a body to manage the operation of the Young People's Centre building was discussed. A meeting is to be set up with interested parties, including user groups and young people, to discuss the setting up of a management body which will report to the Parish Council.

Arrangements for the cleaning services were considered. In order to allow time for negotiations regarding staff arrangements it was suggested the current services, provided by Lancashire County Council should continue on an interim basis.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council are to continue to provide cleaning services until negotiations have been completed.

52.17 Millennium Green

Youth nuisance on the Millennium green was discussed. A suggestion had been received to remove the seats however, Councillors were conscious of a need not to disadvantage regular users of the area. The local Police are to be notified of the resident's concerns.

Prices are to be obtained for the installation of a lighting column in the vicinity of the seats.

53.17 Draft School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20

A consultation by Lancashire County Council on the strategy to meet demand for school places was considered.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be asked to look into school places provision prior to the approval of major developments.

54.17 Ironman UK

The event is to take place on Sunday 16 July 2017. As a result of the length of time of the road closures, the impact on local residents can be severe with problems access for carers and villages becoming cut off. It was suggested that, as this year's event will go ahead, Councillors should log problems arising from the event and an item included on the August meeting agenda to collate these problems and provide a detailed account for the authorities for consideration for next year.

55.17 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures for the village were provided. There were 11 reported crimes.

56.17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 May 2017.

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