

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 9 February 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 3 Members of the Public.

14.17 Apologies for absence

None received.

The Chairman advised of the resignation of Cllr M Frost.

15.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

16.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2017

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

17.17 Matters Arising

07.17 A Tree Preservation Order for the development off Tincklers Lane had been considered and declined by Chorley Council during the planning application.

11.17 The setting of the 2017-18 precept was revisited. Attention was brought to unspent amounts in budgets and the need for an increase in the precept queried. Members responded additional expenditure was anticipated for the Youth Club building and, possibly, the library. A suggestion to hold the precept at the previous year's level was made but not supported.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

18.17 Public Participation

A resident asked whether the C7 bus service had been withdrawn. The 347 service has been diverted to provide a 2 hourly connection to Chorley and other possible solutions are being examined.

A member of the public queried publication of Councillor's attendance details.

A report of a recent vehicle break in on New Mill Street was provided, allegedly due to the access from the Recreation Ground.

A report of increased dog fouling in the vicinity of St Mary's School was reported.

Overgrown bushes and trees were reported on The Hawthorns Play Area. The meeting was advised an order to cut back the trees had been placed with a contractor.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

19.17 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

17//00023/COU Change of use from dwellinghouse (Class C3) to music school (Class D1) at 1C Bradley Lane - possible issues with parking were mentioned

17/00053/TPO Oak (T19) Crown lifting and removal of dead branches and ivy on the trunk at 68 New Mill Street

17/00067/FULHH Proposed porch at Downlands Barn, Parr Lane

17/00088/FULMAJ Section 73 application to remove condition 8 (BREEAM) attached to planning approval 15/00513/FULMAJ at The Carrington Centre New Mill Street

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

20.17 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.

£	690.71	Employee 1	Salary
£	461.64	Employee 2	Salary
£	631.40	Employee 3	Salary
£	120.13	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	307.80	John Hy Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£	200.00	Eccleston Brass Band	Donation
£	50.00	Friends of St Mary's	Annual membership
£	413.53	British Gas	Electricity bill
£	59.31	United Utilities	Surface water charge
£	65.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

21.17 Use of Changing Rooms

Councillors considered a request Chorley Council for members of the Streetscene Team to have access to the Changing Rooms to use toilet and kitchen facilities when working in the area to avoid the need to return to the depot, thus allowing more working time in the area. Chorley Council will ensure the staff leave the facilities clean and tidy after use.

Resolved: permission was granted.

22.17 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Entry into the 2017 Competition was discussed. The appearance of the former Windmill pub had resulted in the decision not to enter last year and this issue remains. There was no proposer for entry into the competition.

23.17 Consultations

Councillors considered the following consultations:

Chorley Council's 2017-18 Budget. Changes to the bin collection were mentioned.

Chorley Council's Revised Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy. The introduction of a 10% adaption grant fee was queried.

The Draft Central Lancashire Employment Skills Supplementary Planning Document. Proposals to encourage new businesses were welcomed.

The contents of the above consultations were noted.

24.17 WW1 Beacons of Light

An invitation to take part in a commemoration of the end of WW1 on the 11 November 2018 was discussed. The commemoration is to take the form of a series of beacons across the country. Prices for beacons are to be obtained.

25.17 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures for the village were provided.

26.17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 March 2017.

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