

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present County and Borough Councillor Iddon and 2 Members of the Public.

27.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr L Armstrong.

28.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Miller, as a relative of a candidate for co-option, declared a personal interest in an issue he intended to raise under agenda item 4 (Matters Arising).

29.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 February 2017

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

30.17 Matters Arising

A query was raised as to why a candidate present at the meeting could not be co-opted. The meeting was advised that this was due to Chorley Council's confirmation that no election had been called not being received in time to comply with the notice period required for agenda items.

The Chairman offered the opinion that potential candidates should be given the opportunity to put their names forward. The vacancy, as opposed to the call for election notice, had been advertised for only a matter of days and the Chairman expressed the opinion this was insufficient time.

An attempt to propose a co-option was made. As no decisions may be taken under the 'Matters Arising' agenda item, the matter was referred to the Extraordinary meeting on 14 March 2017.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

31.17 Public Participation

The situation regarding the Young People's centre was mentioned. The meeting was advised an Extraordinary meeting had been convened to take place at the earliest opportunity.

A representative from Chorley Youth Zone provided information on the construction progress and details of operations once the Youth Zone is opened. Councillors questioned the availability of transport for young people to access the facility. This will be looked into.

The upcoming Ironman UK event was mentioned and concerns raised regarding the stewarding of the event and the length of time of the road closures.

An exhibition relating to the proposed redevelopment of the Camelot site was mentioned. Leaflet deliveries and advertising were mentioned as being inadequate.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

32.17 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

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

17/00179/FUL Erection of extension to existing agricultural building, erection of agricultural storage/nursing shed and creation of internal private access road at Manor House Farm, Towngate

17/00185/DIS Application to discharge conditions attached to planning permission 14/01331/FUL which was for the demolition of the former Windmill Hotel to facilitate the development of 9no. apartments, associated car parking and access at the Windmill Hotel, 311 The Green

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

17/00139/TPO T1 Salix caprea (weeping willow) fell to ground level and T2 Salix caprea (weeping willow) crown raise to 5 metres at Land 35m West of 19 Bannister Lane. If the condition of the trees is found to be satisfactory, crown raising of T1 as opposed to felling is to be requested.

33.17 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 North West Air Ambulance, towards operational costs of helicopters, 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.

£ 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

34.17 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review in accordance with the publication 'Governance and Accountability in Local Councils - A Practitioners Guide (England)'. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

35.17 Tree on Drapers Avenue

A request from a resident of Drapers Avenue for the replacement of a recently felled tree at The Green end of the Avenue and was removed by LCC as it was leaning.

Resolved: a replacement tree is to be requested.

36.17 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures for the village were provided. There were 15 reported crimes.

37.17 Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman advised of an Extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 14 March 2017 to consider the takeover of the Young People's Centre building. The next ordinary Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 13 April 2017.

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