

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting held 11 May 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Young People's Centre, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 10 Members of the Public.

57.17 Election of Chairman for 2017 - 2018

Resolved: Cllr Brown was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman's acceptance of office was received.

58.17 Apologies for absence

None received.

59.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

60.17 Councillor Vacancy

An application for co-option from Mrs D Miller was considered.

Mrs Miller was co-opted.

61.17 Election of Vice Chairman for 2017 - 2018

Cllr Thomas was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

62.17 Councillor Appointments

i) Committee appointments were as follows:

Open Spaces Committee - Councillors K Brown, Mayor and Thomas.

Village Activities Committee - Councillors Armstrong, M Brown, V Caunce and Thomas.

Personnel Committee - Councillors Bonney, Holborn and Mason.

ii) Appointments to Outside Bodies were as follows:

Chorley Liaison - Cllr Whittaker.

Friends of St Mary's - Cllr K Brown.

Police Liaison - Cllr Mason.

Tree Warden - Cllr Mason.

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr K Brown.

iii) Lead Member for Planning

Cllr H Caunce was appointed.

63.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 April 2017

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2017 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

64.17 Matters Arising

No matters raised.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

65.17 Public Participation

Members of the Village Activities Committee were complimented for arranging the Ceilidh.

A resident advised she was hoping to arrange a musical evening in October and requested assistance. The resident will be invited to the next meeting of the Village Activities Committee.

Problems of litter and smashed bottles on the Millennium Green were reported. Councillors advised the problems have been discussed several times and residents were advised to report problems to the Police.

A resident queried when arrangements for the Young People's Centre would be finalised. A meeting will be held next week to discuss the formation of a management group.

A resident requested updates on a number of items including signs, planting, ponds, play areas and a path. Some updates were provided and the Open Spaces Committee will review most of the items at its next meeting.

Residents reported young people on the roof of the youth club building and the sandbag store.

A resident raised the situation regarding the future of the Library and queried whether a 'Friends' group should be formed.

The public footpath off Bannister Lane is still impassable and needs major clearance work. The meeting was advised of the possibility of the landowner putting horses on the field. The Parish Council was asked whether it had a contractor to clear the path. A Councillor suggested the formation of a volunteer group which could help clear up the village.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

66.17 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered:

17/00385/TPO Chorley BC TPO No.3 (Eccleston) 2011. Prune Oak tree T5 so that branches are clear of boundary fence at 35 New Mill Street

17/00461/FULHH Erection of a single storey and part first floor side extension, first floor rear balcony, front porch and roof alterations at Winter View Farm, Parr Lane

Councillors had no comments relating to these applications.

67.17 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
£ 470.57	Employee 2	Salary
£ 644.03	Employee 3	Salary
£ 123.01	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 24.67	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 500.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Donation
£ 336.00	Ark Welding	Repairs to play area and seats
£ 100.00	J R Lawson	Internal audit fee
£ 62.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 62.30	United Utilities	Metered water charge
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Loan repayment

The appointment of additional signatories for the bank account was considered.

Resolved: Councillors Bonney and Miller were appointed.

68.17 Young People's Centre

A meeting to look into the formation of a group to manage the building has been arranged for next week.

Details of contracts for services to the building are being received on a piecemeal basis, with no contract details relating to the supply of electricity and water and alarm systems yet available. Information had been received from the gas supplier and, in order to allow time for all the building services contracts to be reassigned and renegotiated where required, Councillors considered a 12 month contract with the existing supplier.

Resolved: a 12 month contract with Total Gas and Power for the supply of gas was agreed.

69.17 Millennium Green Lighting

The installation of a lighting column in the vicinity of the seats to help alleviate youth nuisance was considered. Lancashire County Council had provided a price of £800 to provide a 5m column in place of the existing power supply pillar.

Resolved: the installation of the lighting column was approved.

70.17 Replacement Tree for Drapers Avenue

Lancashire County Council advised they would not be providing a replacement tree on Drapers Avenue for the one recently felled and had requested details of the location and species of any tree the Parish Council want to provide. Lancashire County Council is to be advised the tree felled was an Oak and the replacement is to be an Oak planted as near to the felled tree as possible.

71.17 Tincklers Lane Housing Development

Issues with dust and mud on the road arising from the development were raised, together with a query regarding whether the pavement is being constructed in accordance with the approved plans. The issues are to be reported to the Planning Officers for investigation.

72.17 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures were provided. There were 9 reported crimes.

73.17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 June 2017.

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