



Minutes of Great Eccleston Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 30th April 2012 7:30pm at The Village Centre

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Cllr John Rowe at 7:30. There were 31 members of the public including 6 Parish Councillors 2 members of the Police and the Clerk to the Parish Council.

1. **Welcome** by the Chairman Cllr John Rowe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Michael Carroll and Jackie Garth.
3. **The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 30th April 2011** were proposed by Cllr Jim proctor and seconded by Cllr Susan Duerden and approved by the meeting.
4. **Parish Council Chairman's Report** was given by Cllr John Rowe items in this report included:-
 - a. Parish Council Controls.
 - b. Planning application at Hall Lane.
 - c. WBC core strategy.
 - d. The Market Franchise.
 - e. Lancashire best Kept Village Entry.
 - f. Playground.
 - g. Thanks given to Cllr Jim Proctor for his work with Wyre in Bloom.
5. **Parish Council Financial Report** was read out by the Clerk to the Council.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** was given by Cllr Susan Catterall.
7. **The Wyre in Bloom Report** was given by Cllr Proctor who indicated that the village had won Silver Gilt for the Village Centre and the Bungalows. Thanks were extended to the team of helpers and to Mr Clive Shepherd for the donation of the Daffodils. 40 trees had been planted for the Diamond Jubilee year.
8. **Village Centre Report** was given by the Centre Manager Hugh Glover.
9. **Police Report** was given by Sgt Danielle Feeney who indicated that GPS was now attached to their radios and vehicles to establish the nearest officer to any incident. Information was given on how often the village was visited and incidents as always the police were trying to improve response times.
10. **Playing Fields** an outline of issues relating to this was given and a general discussion took place.



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11. **Best kept village competition** it was requested that as many people as possible helped and hoped that all could try and keep the village tidy.
12. **Housing Survey** the results of the survey were discussed and it was explained that:-
 - a. The survey was undertaken by Beacon Research to identify the village housing need, they had undertaken similar surveys for other Local Authorities.
 - b. The Survey would be independent.
 - c. There were doubts about the validity of WBC housing need survey.
 - d. The Survey indicated that there was a need for 20-22 houses but also that there were 21 houses on the market at the time the survey was undertaken.
13. **Questions from the Public**
 - a. Housing Need Survey.
 - b. Core Strategy for next 15 years.
 - c. The Development at Hall Lane.
 - d. It was resolved (20 for - 2 against) that the Parish Council ask WBC to investigate the validity of the WBC Housing needs survey in view of the disparity between the two results.
 - e. It was resolved (17 for - 2 against) that the Parish Council pursue issues with WBC to protect the Village, including if necessary taking legal action against unwanted developments re 18 houses granted planning permission at Hall Lane.
 - f. Playing Fields.
 - g. Double yellow line on Raikes Road.
14. Any other subjects for discussion:-
 - a. Transportation.
 - b. Transport safety.
 - c. Potholes.

The meeting was closed at 9:06.

Chairman

29th April 2013