

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 14 September 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

**Also present** 20 Members of the Public.

### 113.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney, H Counce and V Counce.

### 114.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Miller, as owner of a property which is subject to a planning application, declared an interest in an item forming part of agenda item 5 (Planning Matters).

### 115.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 August 2017

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2017 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 116.17 Matters Arising

91.17 Lancashire County Council advised that, residential parking schemes, such as that suggested for Bannister Lane are only provided if they are funded by developer's contributions. A request for the provision of 'H' bars for drives is to be submitted.

91.17. Chorley Council has inspected the litter bins by Verdes pond and will arrange replacement when resources are available.

103.17 The Chorley Council Planning Officer dealing with the Tincklers Lane application confirmed she had approved the levels.

104.17 Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way Manager advised the overgrown Church Walk public footpath is on the schedule to be cleared.

104.17 In response to a query regarding way markers placed along Long Meadows the LCC Public Rights of Way Manager advised the legal line of the public footpath is along the edge of the field at the backs of gardens however, the used line of the footpath is in reasonable condition. Clarification on this is to be sought as the used line is unsuitable and the legal line blocked. It was also mentioned Chorley Council Planning Enforcement Officers had inspected the site.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 117.17 Public Participation

Residents advised of problems regarding noise made by delivery vehicles to the retail centre and advised Sainsburys were not adhering to permitted delivery times. Trees, between the car park and New Mill Street properties, which residents reported as being planted as an acoustic barrier, have recently been removed.

A number of residents raised the issue of serious problems with gangs of youth causing problems on the Recreation Ground, the car park and the surrounding area. The apparent lack of a Police presence was raised and a Senior Officer and the MP are to be invited to the next meeting to advise what the arrangements for policing the village are and on Police policy for dealing with youth nuisance. The Chairman read a report provided by PC Prescott on recent Police activity in the area. Cars with loud exhausts and music were also causing problems on Drapers Avenue.

Suggestions put forward by residents included covert video surveillance, visual CCTV cameras, security fencing to prevent access to the rear of the sandbag store and employing a private security firm.

Information was provided on a suggestion to set up a resident's volunteer group to help keep the village tidy.

Issues on Mill Lane were reported including damage to a sewer access manhole and a missing strut on the bridge.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

#### 118.17 Planning Matters

17/00818/FUL Retrospective application for the erection of freestanding posts (to display parking information signage), camera cabinet and free standing ANPR camera at Bygone Times, Grove Mill, The Green

17/00819/ADV Application for advertisement consent for the installation of 31 pole, column and wall mounted signs at Bygone Times, Grove Mill, The Green

17/00825/ADV Advertiser Consent for: Church Information Board detailing contact details and service times at Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Towngate

17/00837/FUL Section 73 application to vary condition 12 on planning permission ref: 16/00162/FUL (which was for the erection of a detached dwelling) to allow for the relocation of the entrance, removal of windows and infilling of land at Woodview, Preston Nook

17/00838/FULHH Erection of a single storey side/rear extension, front porch and front and rear dormer extensions at 143 The Green

Councillors had no comments in respect of the above applications.

17/00792/OUT Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the erection of up to 33 dwellinghouses and the provision of community allotments at Land South of Parr Lane

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of impact on local services, including schools, medical facilities and sewage and surface water drainage and the increase in congestion on local roads arising from the development.

#### 119.17 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

A request for a grant for match funding from St Mary's Church PCC towards the costs of restoration of the Church organ was considered.

Resolved: a match funding contribution of £200 was agreed.

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            |
| £ | 55.73   | Employee 1                | Reimbursements    |
| £ | 425.74  | Lancashire County Council | Reimbursements    |
| £ | 35.00   | Information Commissioner  | Electricity (Hub) |
| £ | 360.00  | BDP LLP                   | Audit fee         |
| £ | 3029.20 | Came & Co                 | Insurance premium |
| £ | 64.32   | Total Gas and Power       | Gas (Hub)         |
| £ | 104.00  | D Proe                    | Hedge cutting     |

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| £ | 62.00  | Chorley Council  | Business rates (Changing Rooms)       |
| £ | 62.30  | United Utilities | Metered water charge (Changing Rooms) |
| £ | 128.61 | British Gas      | Gas (Changing Rooms)                  |

#### 120.16 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

The completed annual return was presented to Councillors. The External Auditor had raised no issues relating to the Return

Resolved: the Annual Return, including the External Auditor's certificate, was approved and accepted.

#### 121.17 Lancashire Association of Local Councils

A proposal to rejoin the Association was discussed. In answer to a query raised at the last meeting, membership of the Lancashire Association without subscribing to the National Association is not possible. Information relating to the benefits of membership was provided. The Chairman clarified, even without membership, access to training will still be available to Councillors. Cllr Miller expressed her disappointment at the lack of support for her proposal.

#### 122.17 Ironman UK

Councillors had been asked to log problems arising from the event so details could be provided for the authorities for consideration prior to next year's event. It was reported the event had bypassed the village but had impacted on other areas. No representations from residents were reported as being received.

#### 123.17 Eccleston Community Hub

A report from a recent meeting of the Management Group was provided. Advice on how best to proceed had been obtained from Community Futures. The advice was for the land to be leased, for a nominal rent, initially to three named individuals. Once the Community Hub Charity has been registered, the lease would be transferred to the charity. A bank account is to be opened and grants, to assist with maintenance of the building, have been applied for.

Resolved: the land will be leased to Eccleston Community Hub for a period of 21 years at a nominal rent. The lease is initially granted to Messrs R Moore, D Nelson and S Rigby, who will hold the property by and on behalf of Eccleston Community Hub on the understanding that, once Eccleston Community Hub is registered as a charity steps will be taken to vest the land in the Official Custodian for Charities.

#### 124.17 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Councillors discussed suggestions for agenda items for the meeting scheduled to be held on 18 October 2017. A request for clarification on conflicting issues between the Licensing and Planning departments, arising from recent applications for The Greenhaus, is to be submitted.

#### 125.17 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service's Emergency Cover Review 2017 consultation

Councillors had no comments to make in response to the consultation.

#### 126.17 Committee and Working Group Reports

Verbal reports from recent meetings were provided.

Open Spaces Committee - the Committee had reviewed a number of ongoing items and had agreed to proceed with the projects which were most achievable and were felt to be of most benefit. Information was provided on a number of items including the adoption of the Langton Close play area, the volunteer group for the Millennium Green, improvements to the Hawthorns Play Area and investigating additional outdoor gym equipment for the Recreation Ground. No works are to be carried out on the New Street pond and open space area.

Village Activities Committee - details of a Musical Showcase event arranged by a local resident were provided. The Committee has arranged a Chris Bannister concert for 28 October and a Lancashire Night event on 25 November.

127.17 Reports from Outside Bodies

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

128.17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 October 2017.

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