

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 12 April 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors H Thomas (Chairman), D Bonney, H Counce, V Counce, J Holborn, W Mason, D Miller and A Whittaker.

Also present 17 Members of the Public

45.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, K Brown, M Brown and R Burns.

46.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

47.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 March 2018

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2018 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record with the following amendment:

36.18 The amount of the grant to Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue team was £200.

48.18 Matters Arising

33.18 The request for tarmacking of the verges on Gillcroft has been submitted to Lancashire County Council.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

49.18 Public Participation

A resident raised objections to a planning application for Orcheton House Farm. The objections were supported by 2 other members of the public.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposal to relocate the War Memorial. Residents expressed views both in favour and against the proposal. The village Churches had been contacted. Details of the response from St Mary's was provided. Information on responses from residents and a social media poll was also provided

A resident advised a licence from Lancashire County Council for the lamppost poppies is awaited.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

51.18 Planning Matters

18/00251/CLPUD Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed outbuilding at 5 Cortland Avenue

18/00253/FUL Alterations to the exterior including formation of alternative customer entrance and boundary treatments at Verdes Ristorante Pizzeria, 230-232 The Green

18/00254/ADV Application for advertising consent for the installation of illuminated panel signs on new forecourt fences and NE and SE elevation walls, externally illuminated painted signage on NE and SW walls and non illuminated logo signs on replacement glazed infill panels within NW forecourt wall at Verdes Ristorante Pizzeria, 230-232 The Green

Councillors had no objections to the above applications.

18/00200/FUL Change of use of dwellinghouse (Class 3) to offices (Class B1) including ground and first floor extensions at The Mill Race, Lydiate Lane.

Whilst no objections were raised, a request for concerns regarding the suitability of the access for the increased vehicle movements to be taken into consideration during the decision process is to be submitted.

18/00294/P3PAO Prior approval application under Part 3, Class Q (a and b) of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2 no. dwelling houses at Orcheton House Farm, Wood Lane, Heskin.

Resolved: a strong objection, on the grounds that the existing building is not in agricultural use and, as such represents inappropriate development with the Green Belt, is to be submitted.

Resolved: Item 9 was brought forward.

50.18 War Memorial

The proposal to relocate the War Memorial from the grounds of St Mary's Church to the Village Green was discussed. A response from the Church was read out. The Diocesan Advisory Committee held the view the War Memorial should remain in the churchyard however further information that the Parochial Church Council could grant permission, subject to the agreement of the Faculty, was provided. A motion was tabled to write to St Mary's PCC asking for permission to remove the War memorial from the church grounds. The motion was seconded but not supported.

36.18 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2018 was considered.

Resolved: the Year End Monitoring Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman.

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.

£	33.45	Water Plus	Metered water charge
£	200.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Grant
£	100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£	477.60	Eccleston Electrical Services	Electrical test
£	85.00	DWG (NW)	Supply and planting of tree
£	245.00	DWG (NW)	Hedge cutting
£	695.00	DWG (NW)	Infilling of path
£	228.00	Ark Welding	Frame for plaque
£	700.20	Employee 1	Salary
£	484.00	Employee 2	Salary
£	11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	662.41	Employee 3	Salary
£	121.00	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	65.08	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	65.93	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	276.04	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

52.18 Internal Auditor

i) Councillors discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor in accordance with guidance provided within Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England.

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed.

ii) The fee for the Internal Audit was considered.

Resolved: the fee was set at £100.00.

53.18 Eccleston Community Hub

Quotations for testing of the electrical system and appliances, at a cost of £380, and sanding and resealing the wooden floor at a cost of £970 were considered.

Resolved: the works were approved.

The former youth club room has been redecorated and carpeted. The Committee had discussed hire fees and organised groups are to pay £4.25 per hour and smaller groups will be asked for donations. Lancashire County Council has been asked to assist with furniture. Some equipment has been sold and the funds banked by the Committee.

54.18 Memorial Plaque

A request to place a plaque on a Council owned seat, in memory of a former school crossing guard, was considered.

Resolved: the request was granted on the understanding the plaque will remain the responsibility of the family members.

55.18 Lancashire County Council Consultations

Consultations relating to the proposed closure of transport information centres at Preston Bus Station, Nelson Interchange, Clitheroe Interchange and Carnforth Railway Station and a proposal to increase the flat fare for NoWcard holders for bus/tram services before 9:30am on weekdays were considered. The contents of both consultations were noted.

56.18 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures were provided. There were 18 reported crimes, including 4 burglaries all from insecure premises.

57.18 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 May 2018.

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