

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 8 February 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), L Armstrong, D Bonney, M Brown, R Burns, J Holborn, W Mason D Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

14.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors H and V Counce

15.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

16.18 Councillor Vacancy

Applications for co-option from Mr R Burns and Mr M Miller were considered.

A paper ballot was held and the ballot papers checked under the supervision of a resident. R Burns was co-opted.

17.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2018

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2018 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18.18 Matters Arising

05.18 Hedge on The Hawthorns Play Area. A contractor has been asked to look at the hedge. A neighbouring resident has requested the hedge be taken down to fence height.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

19.18 Public Participation

A resident provided information on a suggestion to hang large plastic Poppies on lampposts along the route of the Remembrance Day parade.

A resident of Drapers Avenue reported a vehicle playing loud music on the car park and two motorcycles with loud exhausts travelling along the Avenue and requested a CCTV camera for the car park. Councillors suggested Chorley Council should be contacted to see a camera could be added to the existing system and that residents should obtain registration numbers of problem vehicles and pass them to the Clerk for submission to the Police.

A resident provided details of a piece of land off Tincklers Lane. The resident was concerned the land may be used to provide access to the Long Meadows area.

A resident of Beechfields queried how resurfacing work is prioritised as the Red House Lane pavement has recently been redone whilst roads and other pavements were in a far worse condition. Doctors Lane was reported as being particularly bad and it was suggested the local County Councillor should be contacted.

A query was raised regarding poor lighting on the entrance drive to Bateman Hall. Councillors advised that, unless the drive is adopted, it is the responsibility of the landowner.

A part of the path on the Recreation Ground has been flooded. This will be attended to once ground conditions improve sufficiently to allow access for plant and machinery.

Problems with litter on the Millennium Green were reported.

Issues with access to the Tincklers Lane development were mentioned.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

20.18 Planning Matters

17/01046/FUL (amended) Application for the change of use of existing farm outbuildings from agriculture to offices and parking areas and change of use of existing farm house to offices. Partial widening of Sarscow Lane and construction of passing places at Sarscow Farm, Sarscow Lane. Councillors had no additional objections relating to the amended application.

17/01176/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension at 46 Red House Lane

18/00001/FULHH Single storey side extension at 194 The Green

18/00027/PDE Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4m in depth, with eaves height of 2m and maximum height of 2.5m at 28 Middlewood Close

18/00028/FULHH Extension to existing garage at 28 Middlewood Close

18/00037/FUL New driveway with dropped kerb at 318 The Green

18/00055/MNMA Minor non-material amendment to planning approval 15/01205/FULHH (Erection of single storey rear extension to existing garage) involving a change to the facing material from brick to block and render at Horsestone House, Parr Lane

18/00058/FULH Two storey front extension to existing dwelling at Nook View, Preston Nook
Councillors had no objections to the above applications.

21.18 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
£	470.77	Employee 2	Salary
£	644.03	Employee 3	Salary
£	122.81	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	72.00	Ark Welding	Seat installation
£	4440.00	JT and KJ Waterworth	Grass cutting
£	40.00	S Edwards	Pruning course
£	50.00	Friends of St Mary's	Subscription
£	385.64	British Gas	Electricity
£	62.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	62.30	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	163.24	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

22.18 Verges on Gillcroft

Information was provided regarding damage to verges on Gillcroft caused by vehicles. It was suggested a letter should be sent to affected residents asking for their views on replacing the grass verges with tarmac to provide better parking facilities. As this would be beyond the powers of the Parish Council, if the response is favourable the County Council would then be contacted.

Resolved: letters are to be sent to residents of Gillcroft and part of The Fields asking for their views on the proposal.

23.18 Lamp Post Poppies

A resident had suggested arranging for large Poppies to be placed on lighting columns along the Remembrance Day parade route. In the future, it is hoped to extend this along The Green to

Heskin and to arrange fund raising events to cover the costs of the Poppies. The resident has contacted Lancashire County Council regarding permission to use the columns and the Royal British Legion for information on the Poppies. Councillors were supportive of the suggestion.

A suggestion to relocate the War Memorial from the grounds of St Mary's Church to the Village Green was put forward. Initial enquiries are to be made to obtain the views of the Church and an article is to be included in the next newsletter to obtain resident's views.

24.18 Eccleston Community Hub

The Management Committee met recently. Repairs to the roof are underway and quotes are being obtained for internal painting and new carpets. The Committee would like to have the internal wall for the computer room removed to open up the area. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Group now meets at Bishop Rawstone Academy.

A quotation to open up the computer room was presented. This will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

25.18 Committee Report

The Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee provided a report from the meeting held on 25 January 2018. The Committee is now quorate, with 5 Members. The design for the stone entrance marker for the Eccleston Bridge site was agreed and Chorley Council is to contribute via the Neighbourhood Area meeting. Members are looking for a suitable picture of Grove Mill for an entrance sign for Heskin Bridge. The toddlers play area on The Hawthorns is to be renewed. Lancashire County Council's permission has been requested to install wooden bollards to protect the verge by the Millennium Green entrance and some progress has been made with the volunteer group, with a Parish Council contact nominated. Few residents had responded to newsletter appeals to join the group.

26.18 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

27.18 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 March 2018.

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