

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 14 June 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, D Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 3 Members of the Public

76.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors H Caunce, V Caunce and W Mason.

77.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

78.18 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10 May 2018

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2018 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

79.18 Matters Arising

69.18 War Memorial Relocation - a meeting with St Mary's PCC has yet to be arranged.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

80.18 Public Participation

Problems with a surface water drain running into Syd Brook and a leaking sewer near the Stepping Stones were reported. Chorley Council's Environmental Officers have been informed.

During periods of rain water is running from the Tincklers Lane development onto the lane causing localised flooding. This is to be reported to Chorley Council's Planning Department.

A request had been received from Ecclestone Scouts to allow a charity cycling group to use the Changing Rooms showers one evening as they pass through the village on a fundraising event.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

81.18 Planning Matters

18/00419/FUL Dropped kerb at 38 Parr Lane

18/00461/FULHH Two storey side extension (following demolition of existing single storey side extension) at 76 The Hawthorns

18/00492/FULHH Erection of first floor rear extension at 38 Parr Lane

18/00544/PDE Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 5.5m in depth, with eaves height of 2.4m and a maximum height of 2.6m at 70 Parr Lane

Councillors had no objections to the above applications.

82.18 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

Cllr Whittaker, as an Elected Member of Chorley Council, declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item. A request from Chorley Council for assistance towards match funding for the refurbishment of Astley Hall was considered. Members expressed the view grants should be awarded to local groups and there was no proposer for the request.

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements.

£	185.00	Rufford Print	Newsletter printing
£	500.00	North West Air Ambulance	Grant
£	36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£	700.20	Employee 1	Salary
£	589.28	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	484.83	Employee 2	Salary
£	36.69	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	663.35	Employee 3	Salary
£	56.00	Employee 3	Reimbursements
£	121.20	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	64.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	65.93	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	279.05	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£	282.84	British Gas	Gas (Changing Rooms)

83.18 Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme

An invitation from Lancashire County Council to assist with maintenance work on public rights of way in return for a payment of £250 was considered.

Resolved: the invitation is to be accepted.

84.18 Chorley Liaison

A request for suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting, to be held on 18 July 2018, was discussed. There were no suggestions.

85.18 Eccleston Community Hub

A report from the Committee was circulated. Attempts are still being made to meet with the young people to identify their requirements. Further internal redecoration will be funded by the Committee and Parish Council assistance with floorcovering costing £1400 was requested.

Councillors requested details of projected expenditure for the year to be provided at future meetings.

A suggestion for non-local groups to be charged more for the use of the building was made.

86.18 Lancashire County Council Consultation

A consultation relating to reduce the number of buildings where the Children and Family Wellbeing Service is based and work more flexibly in the community was considered. Concerns were raised that the most vulnerable and/or challenging members of the community will not be satisfactorily looked and a request for the building to remain open is to be submitted.

86.18 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures were provided. There were 15 reported crimes, including 6 thefts.

87.18 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 July 2018.

88.18 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: in accordance with Part 1 (4) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

89.18 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's hourly rate was increased in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services 2018-2019 National Salary Award.

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