

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), D Bonney, M Brown, R Burns, H Caunce, V Caunce, D Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 8 Members of the Public

### 28.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, J Holborn and W Mason.

### 29.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 30.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 February 2018

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2018 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 31.18 Matters Arising

18.18 The hedge on The Hawthorns Play Area has been cut.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 32.18 Public Participation

A resident advised Lancashire County Council had granted permission for the hanging of large plastic Poppies on lampposts for the Remembrance period. Donations had been received for 25 Poppies and fund raising events are to be arranged.

Problems with dog fouling on the Millennium Green were reported.

Residents of Gillcroft offered support for the suggestion to tarmac grass verges in the area.

A ditch near the junction of Bradley Lane and Parr lane was reported as blocked and was causing flooding to land across the road.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: Item 9 was brought forward.

### 33.18 Verges on Gillcroft

Responses to the survey of residents of Gillcroft and part of The Fields regarding replacing grass verges with tarmac to provide better parking facilities was discussed. There were 12 responses, 11 in favour, together with a petition in favour from 41 properties, 6 of whom had also responded directly.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be asked to look into the tarmacking of the verges.

### 34.18 Planning Matters

18/00117/FUL Erection of storage building at Parr Hall Farm, Parr Lane

18/00153/FULHH Single storey rear extension and external alterations at Meadowbank, Woodhart Lane

18/00183/FULHH Single storey rear extension at Rowan Croft, Parr Lane

Councillors had no objections to the above applications.

18/00131/MNMA Minor non-material amendment to planning approval 16/01191/FUL : - Substitution of the 1.2-1.5m hawthorn hedge planted to either side of a 1.2m post and rail fence shown on the approved 'Proposed Layout' Ref. AL-001 REV M along Tincklers Lane to the front of Plots 1, 6 and 7 for a 0.9-1.9m brick retaining wall. - Erection of a 0.9-1.7m brick retaining wall with a feather edge boarded screen fence atop on the boundary with 75 Towngate - Proposed hawthorn hedge to the rear side of the retaining wall fronting Tincklers Lane at land adjacent to 75 Towngate. It was mentioned the new pavement appears to encroach into the road and the Planning Authority is to be asked to ensure the pavement is built in accordance with approved plans.

Resolved: a part of Item 14 was brought forward.

### 35.18 Eccleston Community Hub

A quotation of £480 to remove internal walls of the computer room and remove the stage area was considered.

Resolved: the work was approved.

### 36.18 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

A request from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team for a contribution towards the costs of IT and communications equipment was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £200 was awarded.

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

£	1300.00	Chorley Council	
£	470.77	Employee 2	Salary
£	644.03	Employee 3	Salary
£	122.81	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	11.70	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	255.00	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	72.00	Ark Welding	Remove tree protectors
£	697.78	Employee 1	Salary
£	395.00	DWG (NW)	Hedge cutting
£	2.31	E.on	Christmas lights electricity
£	185.00	Rufford Printing	Newsletter printing
£	62.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	62.27	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	87.69	British Gas	Electricity
£	274.37	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£	435.89	British Gas	Gas
£	480.00	K Langshaw Property Services	Internal alterations (Hub)

### 37.18 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review in accordance with the publication 'Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England'. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

38.18 Chorley Liaison

Agenda items for the next Chorley Liaison meeting had been requested. No items were suggested.

39.18 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors discussed entry into the Competition. There was no proposer for entry for this year however Members expressed aspirations to improve the village for the future.

A brief discussion took place regarding the suggested relocation of the War Memorial. The Churches had been advised of the proposal.

40.18 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Councillors discussed a means of carrying out a review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations was discussed. It was suggested Councillors Bonney, Holborn and Miller would carry out the review and present revised versions at a future meeting.

41.18 Leyland Lane Speed Limit Order

Lancashire County Council had provided details of a proposed 40mph speed limit order for Leyland Lane. The details were noted.

42.18 Eccleston Community Hub

Works to improve the premises are under way. Testing of the electrical system and appliances, at a cost of £380 is required. A quotation of £970 for sanding and resealing the wooden floor was provided. Estimates for other works are being obtained and grants applied for.

Several groups have expressed interest in using the premises.

43.18 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures were provided. There were 10 reported crimes.

44.18 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 April 2018.

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