

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also present 6 Members of the Public

160.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor K Brown, R Burns, H Counce and V Counce.

161.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

162.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2018

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

163.18 Matters Arising

136.18 Information regarding the feasibility of a link to the Chorley Council CCTV system is awaited.

150.18 It was reported that, following complaints from residents, a scooter had been seized by the Police.

164.18 Community Hub

The granting of a 25 year lease for the Hub building, to the Committee was agreed at the October meeting. Councillors considered the signing of the lease.

Resolved: the lease is to be signed by Councillors K Brown and H Thomas, as Chairman and Vice Chairman.

An Open Evening for young people has been arranged. Initially, it is intended to open the youth club one evening per week. Additional room bookings are coming in.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

165.18 Public Participation

It was reported that, in the proposed changes to Chorley wards, the Boundary Commission has suggested including Heskin in a ward with Mawdesley.

Information regarding the withdrawal of the 113 bus service was provided.

A resident complained about dogs being exercised off leads on the Recreation Ground. The resident mentioned dogs had jumped up at him and he was worried dog owners may not notice dogs fouling as they are so far away. The resident was advised the Council does not have the means to enforce the notices on the Recreation Ground. An article is to be included in the newsletter and Chorley Council is to be asked for additional dog fouling signage.

Cllr Whittaker left the meeting.

A resident repeated a complaint of problems obtaining appointments for the Medical Centre. A Doctor had advised the increase in houses meant increased patient numbers.

As the Parish Council invariably raises the issue of impact on local services for larger planning applications, the resident was advised this should be raised with Chorley Council as the local planning authority.

A photo of the Silhouettes had been sent to Wymott and will be displayed in the workshop.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

166.18 Planning Matters

No applications for consideration.

167.18 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: as this is the Centenary Year, a donation of £300 was agreed.

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

£ 815.00	DWG	Hedge cutting/planting
£ 380.00	A Hart	Village Green pressure washing
£ 873.47	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 496.53	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 663.35	Employee 3	Salary
£ 124.94	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax/NI
£ 68.83	British Gas	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 64.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 65.93	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£ 84.90	British Gas	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment
£ 103.26	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

168.18 Internal Audit

i) The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

ii) Councillors discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor in accordance with guidance provided within Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England 2018.

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed.

iii) The fee for the Internal Audit was considered.

Resolved: the fee was set at £100.00.

169.18 Committee Report

Village Activities Committee - arrangements for Lancashire Night were confirmed. The Committee had agreed not to arrange events which could otherwise be held as fund raising events by other local organisations, including the Hub Committee.

170.18 Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review consultation

A response to a consultation on the Review was considered. Councillors had no comments.

171.18 Reports from Outside Bodies

The crime figures for October were provided, which included 15 reported crimes.

172.18 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 December 2018.