

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 12 December 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), M Brown, R Burns, C Heath, J Holborn, D Miller, M Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 4 Members of the Public

159.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney and V Counce.

160.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

161.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2019

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2019 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

162.19 Matters Arising

153.19 Police Issues - a public meeting had been arranged for 11 December.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

163.19 Public Participation

Residents queried when the notice board would be installed on the verge by Verdes. As this is a Neighbourhood Project Chorley Council is to be asked for an update.

Information arising from the Police meeting was discussed. A number of issues were raised, including residents of Drapers Avenue requesting CCTV coverage, reinstatement of the Police and Communities Together (PACT), speeding traffic and the introduction of Neighbourhood Watch schemes for streets within the village. The Police are to be asked to arrange another meeting, during the daytime, for elderly residents who were not able to come to the evening meeting. Trainee Special Constables had been in the village targeting anti-social behaviour. Residents are to be encouraged to assist the Police by reporting issues and the Lancashire Combined Watch is keen to assist with the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

164.19 Planning Matters

19/01032/FUL Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed single storey side extension to summer room, with extended canopy roof at Folly Cottage, Syd Brook Lane

19/01072/FUL Erection of stable block at Land SW of Glendale, Tincklers Lane

19/01096/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 1 (Ecclestone) 2018 - Crown lift branches that overhang Sarscow Lane (3m width, 1.5m either side of the centre of the lane) to a height of 4.85m at Sarscow Farm, Sarscow Lane

19/01131/DIS Application to discharge condition 5 (site access) of planning permission ref: 19/00462/FUL (Erection of 2no. detached dwellings and associated garage) at Trigfan, Parr Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

165.19 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) The donation to Ecclestone Brass Band for playing at the Carol Singing was considered.

Resolved: a donation of £200 was agreed.

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

£ 23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 459.98	Croston Plumbing and Heating	Repairs to boiler and water heater
£ 330.00	Rufford Printing Co	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 384.00	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 1128.29	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 512.52	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 685.25	Employee 3	Salary
£ 132.37	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 253.59	Water Plus	Water bill (Changing Rooms)
£ 66.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 185.08	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

166.19 Community Hub

Copies of a document were circulated containing suggestions for the replacement of the current building with a multi functional village hall. Costs and sources of funding are to be ascertained. An item is to be included on the January agenda for the nomination of two Councillors to work alongside the Hub Committee regarding finances and consultations with residents and other organisations.

167.19 2020-21 Precept

Suggestions for inclusion in the precept were put forward. These included items from the Open Spaces Committee, funding for CCTV of around £3000 and improvements to the Christmas lights.

168.19 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Suggestions for agenda items for the next Liaison meeting had been invited. An item relating to the possibility of a monitoring service for a CCTV system is to be put forward.

169.19 Carol Singing

The Carol singing was confirmed for 6:30pm on Tuesday 17 December on the Village Green.

170.19 Committee Report

A verbal report was provided on a recent meeting of the Open Spaces Committee. A Councillor expressed disappointment regard the upholding of a previous decision to leave the size of the bed around the silhouette unaltered. A concern regarding the devolvement of decisions to committees was raised and an explanation of the status of appointed committees within the terms of reference was provided.

171.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

The crime figures for November were provided, which included 13 reported crimes.

172.19 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 January 2020.

173.19 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: 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.

174.19 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.