

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 10 October 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 7 Members of the Public

130.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bonney and C Heath.

131.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

132.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2019

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2019 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

133.19 Matters Arising

121.19 Langton Close play area - a site plan has been delivered to the Parish Council's solicitor.

121.19 Bradley Lane traffic restrictions - Lancashire County Council had advised as a result of responses to a consultation, parking restrictions would not be introduced on Bradley Lane.

121.19 Social media comments - the site administrator has been invited to a Council meeting.

128.19 Community Hub - a surveyor had inspected the building and had suggested a structural survey.

126.19 Chorley Youth Zone - contact had been made with the Inspire Youth Zone and a report is to be presented at the Chorley Liaison. Youth work and engagement with young people in rural areas is to be carried out and there is a possibility of transport to the Youth Zone in the future.

86.19 Footpath link on Millennium Green - a meeting had taken place at Ecclestone Primary School with the Head teacher and Lancashire County Council's Estates Manager to discuss the path.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

134.19 Public Participation

A resident advised residents of Lydiate Lane had mentioned being left out of the Lamppost Poppies project. The project organiser advised of a shortage of subscriptions for Poppies this year and the residents were invited to contact the organiser.

A suggestion to extend the bed around the silhouette toward the road was put forward.

St Agnes' Church had requested permission to erect a banner advertising the Christmas Fair on the Village Green.

The bushes on the Hawthorns Play Area are in need of cutting back. A contractor has been contacted.

A request for additional litter bins around the village had been made by a resident. Enquiries are to be made with Chorley Council. The request related to estate roads and Chorley Council is to be contacted as it is believed bins were not placed on estate roads.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Agenda item 6 was brought forward.

135.19 Remembrance Day

The Clerk advised the road closures had not yet been agreed. The Police had been contacted regarding cover for the event. Subject to the relevant road closures being in place, arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

Large Poppies are to be placed on lampposts through the village again this year and local businesses are being approached for assistance. Volunteers will be needed to put the Poppies on the lampposts.

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

Resolved: a donation of £300 was agreed to cover the shortfall in subscriptions for the Lamppost Poppies, together with a further donation of £20 for the wreath.

136.19 Planning Matters

19/00863/TPO T01 Oak - Remove damaged limb growing towards streetlight. T02 Oak - Remove rope. T05 - Silver Birch - Remove three lowest branches to main stem. T08 - Oak - Reduce limbs touching fence to give 0.5m clearance. Part crown reduce over garden back to level with fence line. T10 - Oak - Part crown reduce to clear street light by 2m and crown lift to 5m over road. T11 - Oak - Crown lift to 4m over fence. T13 - Oak - Part crown reduce 2-3m over garden. Crown lift to 4m over garden. T14 - Oak - Crown lift to 3m over garden. Crown reduce remaining crown up to maximum total of 20% volume to reduce sail area. T15 - Ash - Heavy 50% crown reduction using fracture and coronet pruning techniques at Cortland Avenue

19/00870/FULHH Single storey front extension (following demolition of conservatory) at The Old Post Office, 106 The Green

There were no objections to these applications.

19/00911/P3PAO Prior approval application under Part 3, Class Q (a and b) of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1no. dwellinghouse at Lydiat Farm, 12 Lydiat Lane. A concern was raised regarding traffic issues arising from large vehicles associated with the development. A request for the provision of 3 way traffic lights is to be submitted.

137.19 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) A request from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility for a contribution towards the cost of maintenance of mobility equipment was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £50 was awarded.

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

£ 389.16	Water Plus	Metered water charge
£ 2415.28	Came & Co	Insurance premium
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 126.00	D Proe	Hedge cutting
£ 360.00	PKF Littlejohn	External audit fee
£ 283.51	Chorley Council	Election fee
£ 216.00	J H Mayor & Sons	Topsoil
£ 78.00	Argus Fire and Security	Alarm system call out
£ 727.59	Employee 1	Salary
£ 512.52	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 685.25	Employee 3	Salary
£ 132.37	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)

£	35.00	Information Commissioner	Registration fee
£	66.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	190.48	Total Gas and Power	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£	72.08	Total Gas and Power	Electricity (Hub)

138.19 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

The report of the External Auditor was considered. There were no issues arising and the report was noted.

139.19 Committee Reports

A verbal report was provided on a recent meeting of the Open Spaces Committee.

140.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

Community Hub - The Youth Club is attracting more members to the Friday night session.

Friends of St Mary's - confirmation of the date of the AGM was provided.

The crime figures for September were provided, which included 11 reported crimes.

141.19 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 November 2019.

142.19 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 of information relating to contemplated consultations in connection with a labour relations matter arising between the authority and employees of the authority which, 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.

143.19 Personnel Matters

Details of the resignation of a member of staff were provided.

Resolved: the Personnel Committee was tasked to deal with the appointment of a replacement.