

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 9 January 2020 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), D Bonney, M Brown, C Heath, D Miller, M Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 6 Members of the Public

### 01.20 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors R Burns and V Caunce.

### 02.20 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 03.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 December 2019

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

### 04.20 Matters Arising

168.19 Chorley Liaison meeting - a request for supervision of a possible CCTV camera by control room staff has been submitted.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 05.20 Public Participation

Delivery of the planters and seats for the Neighbourhood Project on the verge by Verdes will take place this month and dates for installation will be confirmed.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 06.20 Planning Matters

19/01167/FUL Part three storey side, part single storey front extension, 2no. front dormers, single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation at Sunnycroft, 69 Doctors Lane

19/01173/FUL Single storey rear extension at 159 The Green

There were no objections to these applications.

### 07.20 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

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

£ 200.00	Ecclestone Brass Band	Donation
£ 470.00	DWG (NW)	Hedge cutting
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 384.00	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 727.59	Employee 1	Salary
£ 833.42	Employee 3	Salary and reimbursements
£ 37.29	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI

£	23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£	66.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	273.34	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

Agenda item 11 was brought forward.

#### 08.20 Chorley Council Tax Support Consultation

A proposal for parish councils to contribute a small amount towards council tax support for low income claimants, which would result in a negligible reduction in the amount of precept received was considered.

Resolved: support for the proposal was expressed and the contribution agreed.

#### 09.20 2020-21 Precept

The Precept for 2020-21 was considered. A revised draft budget was presented, which took into account the potential council tax support contribution, resulting in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents. A proposal to reduce the Hub budget by £2500 was made. An amendment was tabled to hold the cost to residents at the current level.

Resolved: the Precept for 2020 - 2021 was set at £45734, which will result in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

#### 10.20 Councillor Appointments

As a result of a resignation, replacement members for the Personnel and Village Activities Committees were required.

Resolved: Cllr Heath was appointed to the Personnel Committee.

Resolved: Cllr Burns was appointed to the Village Activities Committee.

An additional Local Trustee for the Peter Lathom Charity was required.

Resolved: Cllr Bonney was appointed.

Councillors were required to work alongside the Hub Committee regarding the potential redevelopment of the premises.

Resolved: Cllr M Miller was appointed.

#### 11.20 Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

A consultation by the Central Lancashire Authorities relating to suggestions for potential housing sites was discussed. It was noted sites off Tincklers Lane and Parr Lane were designated a safeguarded for development and would be included.

A response is to be submitted advising the Council does not support any building outside of the defined village settlement area.

#### 12.20 Neighbourhood Priorities

As the next Neighbourhood meeting has been cancelled pending revised ward boundaries, this item was withdrawn.

#### 13.20 Chorley Liaison Meeting

A request for agenda items for the next meeting was discussed. A request for Chorley Council Control Room Staff to provide a monitoring service for a CCTV camera has been submitted.

#### 14.20 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Community Cars Scheme is suffering from a lack of volunteer drivers.

15.20 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 February 2020.

16.20 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.

17.20 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed in the light of an increase in the National Minimum Wage.

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

Eccleston Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

Budgets:

Salaries	25000
General office expenses	800
Staff Costs	440
Community Hub	7500
Changing Rooms	7500
Repairs and replacements	1500
Grounds maintenance	5000
Millennium Green	3500
Flowers/planting	1500
Newsletter	1800
Donations	1000
Subscriptions/entries	200
Training	300
Christmas celebrations	600
Litter bins	500
Play equipment	2500
Speed Indicator Device	250
Village activities	750
Communications	200
Annual audit	500
Insurance	2900
Sundries	1750
Community Infrastructure Levy	30940
General Reserve	3000
Earmarked Reserves	5000
Budget totals	<u>104930</u>

Financed by:

Estimated balance as at 01.04.20	57560
Add: Proposed precept	45734
Add: Top up grant	1636
	<u>104930</u>