

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Remote Meeting held 10 September 2020 at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present 4 Members of the Public

### 64.20 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Miller

### 65.20 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 66.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 August 2020

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2020 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 67.20 Public Participation

A resident provided information on a request to purchase a section of land owned by the parish council. An opinion this item should be considered in the open meeting rather than the confidential section was put forward.

A resident queried whether residents of Red House Lane would be notified of proposal for a car park on the Millennium Green. Councillors advised the approved application, submitted by Lancashire County Council, related only to a path.

The installation of the planters, seats and notice board, by Chorley Council, on the verge by Verdes received positive comments. Keys for the notice board are to be queried.

A resident suggested Councillors should meet with residents to explain how the parish council works. It was mentioned the regular council meetings are public meetings which are open to all. Information was also provided as to how meetings are advertised.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 68.20 Planning Matters

20/00828/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 6 (Eccleston) 2000: G1 - 3no. Silver Birch - 30% crown reduction at 1 Anchor Fields

20/00851/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 1 (Eccleston) 2009: T1 Silver Birch - 30% crown reduction and T2 Silver Birch - 30% crown reduction at 3 Cortland Avenue

20/00874/TPO Application for works to a protected tree - Chorley BC TPO 6 (Eccleston) 2000: T4 Oak - Remove the lowest large long primary branch extending to the south, back to the main stem. Reduce higher primary branches extending to the south by a maximum of 2.5 metres at 14 Anchor Fields

20/00884/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension at 295 The Green

20/00909/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 9 (Eccleston) 1989 T1 - Sycamore - 10% Crown thin and removal of the lowest four branches. T2 - Ash - 10% Crown thin and Crown raise to 5 Metres above ground level. T3 - Sycamore - 10% Crown thin and Crown raise to 5 Metres above ground level at 19 Chaucer Close

20/00918/TPO Application for work to a protected tree - Chorley BC TPO 3 (Eccleston) 2004: T1 Oak - Crown clean, 2 metre crown reduction and crown raise to 4 metres above ground level at 60 New Street

There were no objections to these applications.

20/00773/REM Reserved matters application (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning consent 18/00636/OUT (Outline planning application for the erection of 2no. dwellinghouses and driveway, following demolition of existing buildings. All matters reserved) at Lydiate Farm Cottage, Lydiate Lane. Concerns were raised regarding construction vehicles obstructing traffic on the road close to the junction with Southport Road and a request for the imposition of a condition requiring site traffic to enter the site on arrival rather than parking or waiting on Lydiate Lane is to be submitted.

Responses to Government consultations on proposals for changes to planning policy were discussed.

#### 69.20 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) A suggestion to set a limit for individual grant awards was considered.

iii) A grant application from St Mary's Church towards the costs of equipment to provide the live streaming of services was considered.

iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 2485.30	Came and Co	Annual insurance premium
£ 50.00	British Red Cross	Donation
£ 1330.26	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 756.78	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 583.75	Employee 3	Salary and reimbursements
£ 1.92	HM Revenue and Customs	NI
£ 44.74	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

#### 70.20 Community Hub

The possibility of reopening the Hub was discussed and Councillors provided information on limitations and numbers allowed in the building and how other venues operate, including time gaps between sessions to allow for cleaning. Details and costings for cleaning protocols are to be re-sent to Councillors for further inspection.

#### 71.20 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 October 2020.

The Chairman provided information on the reasoning behind the inclusion of the item regarding the disposal of Council owned land in the part of the meeting conducted in private.

#### 72.20 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following items was considered on the grounds that the items comprise information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) 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 items.

73.20 Long Meadows

As Lancashire County Council had advised it does not have the authority to prevent access from the carriageway onto Snipewood, unless it is to the detriment of the existing carriageway, the matter is to be taken no further.

74.20 Disposal of Land

A proposal to enter into negotiations for the sale of land owned by the Parish Council was not seconded.

75.20 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

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