

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Meeting held 11 March 2021 at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present 5 Members of the Public

23.21 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Frost.

24.21 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

25.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 2021

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

26.21 Matters Arising

20.21 Social Media - a Facebook page has been set up to operate as virtual notice board.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

27.21 Public Participation

A resident complained of trees on the Millennium Green shading the rear garden of her property. This had been considered in line with existing policy by the Open Spaces Committee however further consideration will be given at the next meeting of the Committee.

A resident requested support for the provision of additional pavements on a number of the lanes around the village as, during the pandemic, more people are walking along the lanes. A request was made for an item to be included on the next agenda.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

28.21 Planning Matters

21/00191/FULHH Two storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage) at 23 Drapers Avenue

21/00225/FULHH Single storey side extension (following demolition of detached garage) at 5 Rookwood

21/00249/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 3 (Eccleston) 2011: T13 and T14 Oaks - Prune to give 2 metres clearance from property at 39 New Mill Street

There were no objections to these applications.

29.21 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) Reimbursement of a donation towards the provision of laptops for local primary schools was considered. A grant from Chorley Council for the amount had been received in January.

Resolved: the reimbursement of £600 was approved.

- iii) A request for a contribution from the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team towards the costs of replacement rope rescue equipment was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £250 was agreed.

- iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 65.40	EFT Systems	Alarm fault
£ 131.54	Eccleston Electrical Services	Replacement outside light
£ 2350.00	Harry Grainger Landscapes	Groundworks - Millennium Green
£ 4800.00	JT and KJ Waterworth	Grass cutting contract
£ 1.45	E.ON	Christmas lights electricity
£ 1675.10	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 757.68	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 585.55	Employee 3	Salary and reimbursements
£ 8.69	HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE/NI
£ 402.65	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£ 186.99	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 66.66	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£ 196.53	Total Gas and Power	Electricity (Hub)

30.21 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review of the existing procedures and controls, in accordance with the publication 'Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2020.

Resolved: the review was approved.

31.21 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 April 2021.

32.21 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 item was considered on the grounds that the item comprised information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and related to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention of crime, and, in accordance with Part 1 (sections 3 and 7) 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.

33.21 Closed Circuit TV System

Final quotations for a CCTV surveillance system to cover The Hub and Band Hut and surrounding areas are to be forwarded to Councillors in advance of the next meeting.

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