

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 11 April 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors H Thomas (Chairman), L Armstrong, D Bonney, R Burns, J Holborn, W Mason, D Miller, and A Whittaker.

Also present 8 Members of the Public

43.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor K Brown, M Brown, H Caunce and V Caunce.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Armstrong and Mason, who have not sought re-election in the May Parish Council Election, for their past service since joining the Council in June 2005.

44.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

45.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 March 2019

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

46.19 Matters Arising

31.19 Village Clean up - arranged for 13 April 2019.

34.19 Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy Admissions - a response from the Chair of Governors and a copy of a letter sent by the MP to the Chair of Governors were provided. Reference was made to inaccuracies in the MP's response which will be raised with her.

36.19 Ecclestone Library - 38 tickets had been issued for an event and the Guest Speaker made reference to a donation from the Parish Council which had allowed the event to take place.

47.19 Public Participation

Residents queried which areas are to be covered by the Tidy up. Bradley Lane was mentioned and may be included. It was mentioned a resident would like to put dog bag dispensers on lampposts and on the Recreation Ground. The cutting of the bushes on The Hawthorns Play area was mentioned.

48.19 Planning Matters

19/00176/FULHH Single storey side extension, mono pitch roof to northern side elevation, and porch to front elevation (following demolition of existing side extension) at 183 The Green

19/00257/FULHH Two storey side extension at 68 The Hawthorns

There were no objections to these applications.

Resolved: Agenda item 8 was brought forward.

49.19 Community Cars Scheme

Representatives from Central Lancashire Dial-a-Ride provided information on establishing a Community Cars Scheme for the village and possibly surrounding villages. Details of the service provided and remuneration for drivers was provided, together with an estimate of the contribution towards operating costs required from the Parish Council. The suggestion is to be researched and included on the next agenda.

50.19 Financial Matters

i) Councillors considered the year end financial monitoring statement as at 31 March 2019.

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

ii) 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.

£ 214.54	British Gas	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 264.03	Waterplus	Water (Changing Rooms)
£ 653.03	Waterplus	Water (Changing Rooms)
£ 246.71	British Gas	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£ 273.56	British Gas	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 58.83	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 2.76	E.ON	Christmas lights power
£ 330.00	Rufford Print	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 720.00	TH Landscapes	Drapers Ave car park fence
£ 696.98	J H Mayor	Car park fence materials
£ 144.00	Weldbank Plastic Co	Bin sacks
£ 134.40	Eccleston Electrical Services	Ball Court lighting inspection
£ 727.79	Employee 1	Salary
£ 521.46	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 684.71	Employee 3	Salary
£ 128.17	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 60.24	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 228.64	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£ 84.71	Total Gas and Power	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£ 10.58	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Changing Rooms)

51.19 Verge on The Green

Examples of a seat and a planter which can be produced by HMP Wymott were produced for inspection. As this has been taken up as a Neighbourhood Priority, details are to be passed to the Neighbourhood Priorities Officer at Chorley Council.

52.19 Silent Soldier Silhouette

Two suggestions for positions on The Green were put forward, one to the rear of The Green and the second adjacent to the tree seat. Councillors are to visit The Green and look at the proposed sites prior to the next meeting.

53.19 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2019 was considered.

Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

The effectiveness of the system of internal control was reviewed in November 2018, prior to completion of the Annual Governance Statement.

Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Accounting Statements had been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting.

Resolved: the Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Chairman.

54.19 Car Park Verge

Two quotations to make good the car park verge following replacement of the fence were considered. It was noted the lower quotation did not specify removal of vegetation and wood.

Resolved: provided the lower quotation includes removal of vegetation and wood it is to be accepted, otherwise the higher quotation is to be accepted.

55.19 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

56.19 Request to Use the Recreation Ground

A request from Eccleston St Mary's Primary School to use the grassed area in front of the playground on 1 July 2019 for the Infant Sports Day was considered.

Resolved: permission to use the area was granted on the understanding the School has insurance cover in place and has conducted a risk assessment.

57.19 Commemorative Plates for Long Serving Businesses

The purchase of ceramic plates for a long serving business and an organisation in the Village was considered. The length of time in business and whether commemorative plates should be provided to non-businesses was queried. Clarification is to be provided for the next meeting.

58.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

The crime figures for March were provided, which included 14 reported crimes.

Community Hub - the interior lighting has been replaced and a screen for the projector is to be installed shortly.

59.19 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 May 2019.