

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Meeting held 8 April 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 6 Members of the Public

34.21 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Frost.

35.21 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

Councillors D and M Miller, as owners of neighbouring properties, declared interests in planning application 21/00049/FUL and would take no part in the debate or decision.

36.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2021

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

37.21 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

38.21 Public Participation

Owners of a property on Langton Close raised concerns that a proposed extension within a planning application for a neighbouring property would lead to overlooking and loss of light.

A resident reiterated a request for support for the provision of additional pavements on a number of the lanes around the village. An online petition has been set up to gain additional support.

A resident queried the planting of the raised beds by Verdes. The meeting was advised the beds are to be included with the regular planting scheme as the original plan the beds to be planted up with herbs and sensory plants by residents had not materialised.

The resident queried the current situation relating to the Langton Close play area and mentioned a neighbouring property was suffering damage caused by tree roots. The play area is owned by a developer and it was suggested the parish council should contact the developer to try to get the issue resolved. It was also mentioned the resident should contact their insurers.

The resident also queried whether the proposed closed circuit TV system would cover the play area. Councillors advised the main priorities for the system were the Band Hut and The Hub.

The unacceptable condition of front and rear gardens of a property on Snipewood was reported. The storage of industrial gas bottles at another property was also mentioned. It was suggested Chorley Council's Environmental Health Officers should be advised of the issues.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

39.21 Planning Matters

21/00049/FUL Erection of a detached house with integral garage at Land to the South west of Ricmarlo, Preston Nook

21/00220/CLEUD Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use of the land for domestic purposes at The Croft, New Lane

21/00301/FULHH | Single storey rear extension at 8 The Croft

There were no objections to these applications.

21/00281/FULHH Alterations to existing detached garage including increasing height of walls, raising of ridge height, extension to front and conversion to habitable accommodation, single storey front extension, single storey rear extension with balcony above, and associated external alterations at 12 Langton Close. In view of concerns raised by neighbouring residents a request for the application to be considered by the Planning Committee is to be submitted.

The next meeting of Chorley Council's Planning Committee will be considering a number of applications for major developments on safeguarded land.

40.21 Financial Matters

i) As up to date bank statements had not been received it had not been possible to produce the financial monitoring statements.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 658.17	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 250.00	Bowland Pennine MRT	Donation
£ 1150.00	DWG (NW)	Tree seat area resurfacing
£ 752.96	Employee 1	Salary
£ 754.65	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 594.18	Employee 3	Salary and reimbursements
£ 3.02	HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE/NI
£ 23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 275.30	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

41.21 Open Spaces Committee

The Chairman of the Committee had joined a virtual meeting with members of the group set up to raise funds for improvements to the Drapers Avenue Play.

A complaint by a resident of Newlands of trees on the Millennium Green shading the rear garden of her property had been considered in line with existing policy by the Open Spaces Committee. Works would not normally be carried out on healthy trees under the terms of the policy and the Committee had requested the Council considered setting the policy aside, as a one-off, in this particular instance.

Resolved: the policy was set aside to allow works to be carried out to the trees.

42.21 Additional Pavements

A request for support from a resident for the construction of new pavements on Bannister Lane, Bradley Lane, New Lane and Tincklers Lane were considered.

Resolved: support for the suggestions is to be expressed to Lancashire County Council.

43.21 Date of Next Meeting

Councillors considered the rescheduling of the Annual Council Meeting to comply with the expiry of legislation allowing virtual meetings, which takes effect from 7 May 2021. The Annual Meeting, which must take place in May, is a legal requirement.

Resolved: the Annual Meeting was brought forward to Thursday 6 May 2021.

44.21 Future Meetings

The schedule of future meetings in line with the Covid-19 Roadmap was considered. A number of issues were discussed including guidelines in place at the time and the availability of Covid secure premises.

Resolved: the June meeting was cancelled and, provided regulations at the time allow, meetings will resume from 8 July 2021

45.21 Temporary Delegated Decision Making Powers

Councillors considered the granting of temporary decision making powers to the Clerk in line with a suggestion from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Resolved: The Clerk was granted temporary decision making powers. Decisions would be taken following consultation with Councillors.

46.21 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.

47.21 Closed Circuit TV System

The purchase of a CCTV surveillance system to cover The Hub, Band Hut and surrounding areas was approved.

48.21 Car Park Resurfacing

Further clarification on specifications is to be obtained.

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