

DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting) of the Meeting held 11 April 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors M Miller (Chairman), R Bland, D Bonney, D Graham, D Miller, H Thomas, A Whittaker and O Williams.

Also present: Borough Councillor A Singh and 6 Members of the Public.

38.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Brown, C Heath and A Marsh.

39.24 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

40.24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 March 2024

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

41.24 Public Participation

A resident mentioned issues with the road surface along Towngate and suggested the problems may be due to diversions from the motorway. Councillors advised that, due to the wet weather, Lancashire County Council Highways are carrying out temporary pothole repairs. It is hoped, once the weather improves, proper repairs will be carried out. Councillors also stressed the benefits of reporting potholes to LCC as it appears the more reports the more likelihood of repair.

A seat by the Fisheries was reported as being in need of attention.

A resident asked whether the Parish Council would be looking to arrange any events to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. This will be considered by the Activities Committee at its next meeting.

42.24 Planning Matters

24/00201/TPO/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 9 (Ecclestone) 2011: T1 Willow - Fell; T2 Willow - Crown lift to 5 metres; T3 Willow - Reduce lateral branches growing into road by 3 metres, crown lift to 5 metres; T4 Willow - Fell; T5 Willow - Remove failed limb growing into T6, Remove failed limb growing into water, crown lift to 5 metres; and T6 Willow - Remove the crossing limb on the western side at Verdes Ristorante Pizzeria, 230 - 232 The Green

24/00232/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed extension to an existing detached outbuilding at Blossom Hill, 382 Langton Brow

24/00220/DIS Application to discharge condition 17 (surface water drainage verification report) attached to outline planning permission 20/01193/OUTMAJ (Outline planning application (with all matters reserved) for the development of land off Parr Lane, Ecclestone for up to 34 dwellings and associated infrastructure (including 35% affordable housing)) at Land South of Parr Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

43.24 Financial Matters

i) The year end monitoring statement was considered.

Resolved: the monitoring statement for the year ending 31 March 2024 was approved..

ii) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was approved.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 431.78	SSE	Electricity(Changing Rooms)
£ 422.62	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 28.85	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 3408.60	NBB Recycled Furniture	Picnic tables/seats
£ 71669.84	Kompan	Play equipment installation
£ 664.30	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 2761.64	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 15.77	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 213.53	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)

44.24 Asset Register

Councillors completed the annual review of the asset register.

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

45.24 Clerk's Report

Speed Indicators - a potential location on Langton Brow between Langton Close and the parish boundary is to be assessed the Highways Officer.

Will Trust - The Trust Management Company advised the Grant of Probate relating to the estate of the Life Tenant is still awaited. The solicitors dealing with the estate are not able to provide any indication of a timeline.

46.24 Reports from Outside Bodies

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - the renovation of the steam pump has been put on hold due to public liability issues and the funds reallocated to carry out outstanding projects from previous years.

47.24 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 April 2024.

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