

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 19 August 2021 at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present 6 Members of the Public

63.21 Apologies for absence

Councillors K and M Brown and M Frost.

64.21 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

65.21 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 6 May 2021

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

66.21 Matters Arising

42.21 Additional Pavements - Lancashire County Council's response to a request for new pavements along Bannister Lane, Bradley Lane, New Lane and Tincklers Lane was to advise that, should the current changes in usage be identified as a permanent change in highway operation, proposals for amendments to the existing layout would require further appraisal by the LCC for consideration of inclusion into future transport planning proposals for the area.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

67.21 Public Participation

Residents of Newlands complained of trees on the Millennium Green blocking light from their gardens. Hedges are also in need of cutting. It was mentioned the trees had been inspected and 2 trees removed and the rest of the group of trees reduced in height in accordance with the tree surgeon's advice. The residents advised these trees had not been reduced sufficiently and there were additional trees further along the boundary which were affecting other properties. It was suggested the Open Spaces Committee look at the issue again, with advice from Chorley Council's Arboricultural Officer and tree contractors. The residents advised they would arrange for their own contractor to look at the trees.

Vehicles parking on The Green to the right of the junction with Drapers Avenue are obstructing the view of vehicles leaving Drapers Avenue. Similar issues at the junctions with Lawrence Lane and Sagar Street were also mentioned.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Agenda item 9 was brought forward.

68.21 Millennium Green Trees

A proposal for the Open Spaces Committee to seek advice from Chorley Council's Arboricultural Officer and tree contractors was made. An amendment to remove 50% from the height of the trees was made. The amendment was lost and the original proposal voted on.

Resolved: advice is to be sought from Chorley Council's Arboricultural Officer and tree contractors and presented to the Open Spaces Committee.

69.21 Planning Matters

21/00806/FULHH Erection of agricultural building for Erection of a single storey extension to western elevation incorporating balcony and a two storey extension to eastern elevation incorporating balcony and roof terrace (following demolition of existing attached two storey outbuilding) at Mill Lane Farm, Mill Lane

21/00809/FULHH Single storey front extension, part conversion of existing detached single garage to form habitable accommodation, and creation of 1no parking space at 20 New Mill Street

21/00828/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension at 24 Cortland Avenue

21/00876/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension at 67 Beechfields

21/00946/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 9 (Eccleston) 1989: Oak(T1) - Crown thin, deadwood and reduction of lateral limbs; and Oak(T2) - crown thin, deadwood and reduction of lateral limbs a lawful development certificate for an existing use of the land for domestic purposes at 23A Chaucer Close

21/00881/FULHH Detached garage, two storey rear extension and rear dormers to facilitate a loft conversion at 346 The Green

21/0912/DIS Application to discharge conditions of outline planning permission 18/00636/OUT (Outline planning application for the erection of 2no. dwellinghouses and driveway, following demolition of existing buildings. All matters reserved) - condition 4 (method statement for Himalayan Balsam), condition 5 (external facing and roofing materials), condition 6 (boundary treatments), condition 7 (existing and proposed levels), condition 8 (hard landscaping), condition 10 (dwelling emission rate), condition 12 (construction method statement), condition 13 (site access and off site highway works), conditions 14 and 15 (drainage) at Lydiate Farm Cottage, Lydiate Lane

21/00973/FULHH Erection of a detached garage at 55 Snipewood

There were no objections to these applications.

Cllr Whittaker advised he had spoken against the proposed development off Tincklers Lane at the Public Inquiry conducted by the Planning Inspectorate.

70.21 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) A grant application from Victim Support towards the costs of providing support for people in Lancashire was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £250 was awarded.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 175.20	Fenland Leisure	Replacement swing seats
£ 1000.00	JP Tree & Woodland Services	Millennium Green tree works
£ 2502.84	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 5.58	HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE/NI
£ 199.98	Water Plus	Water/wastewater charge (Changing Rooms)
£ 121.82	Total Gas and Power	Electricity (Hub)
£ 154.23	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£ 5998.80	Badger Alarms & CCTV	CCTV system
£ 125.83	Eccleston Electrical Services	Replacement light fitting (Changing Rooms)

£ 110.00	A Partington	Internal audit fee
£ 2137.43	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 5.58	HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE/NI
£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 14.51	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 235.20	Croston Plumbing & Heating	Boiler service and repair (Changing Rooms)
£ 142.72	Euxton Parish Council	Bedding plants
£ 2092.22	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 2.20	HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE/NI
£ 28.86	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)

71.21 Internal Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The Internal Auditor's report was presented. The report was noted.

72.21 Committee Terms of Reference

The current Terms of Reference of the Open Spaces, Personnel and Village Activities Committees were considered. A suggestion for a requirement for decisions made under devolved powers by the appointed committees to be ratified by the Parish Council was made. A proposal for the committees to carry on under the current terms of reference was made.

Resolved: the committees will continue to operate under the existing terms of reference.

73.21 Lancashire County Council Local Delivery Scheme 2021-22

An invitation to carry out works on public rights of way within the parish in return for a payment of £500 was considered. It was suggested this amount would be insufficient for the existing long standing serious issues with a number of rights of way which needed to be dealt with before the parish council should consider taking on any work. Lancashire County Council is to be asked to carry out the necessary works and the invitation declined.

Cllr Whittaker left the meeting.

74.21 Delegated Decisions

The meeting was advised the order for the resurfacing of small car park had been placed under the powers delegated to the Clerk.

75.21 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Community Car Scheme is suffering from a severe lack of volunteers.

76.21 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 September 2021.

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