

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 11 August 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors H Thomas (Chairman), K Brown, M Brown, R Burns M Frost, D Graham, K-J Kelly, D Miller, M Miller and A Whittaker.

Also present: 3 Members of the Public

92.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Frost and C Heath and Borough Councillor A Singh.

93.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

94.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2022

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

95.22 Public Participation

A resident queried the situation regarding the Hub committee. A meeting of residents who had expressed an interest in joining a committee is to be arranged.

The resident also mentioned the plants in the raised beds by Verdes had dried out and were in need of regular watering. It was pointed out the original suggestion, which had been put forward as the Neighbourhood Project, was for the beds to be maintained by volunteers. A Councillor advised other villages paid for watering plants. The meeting was advised a quote of around £700 had been obtained for watering.

The condition of the grass on The Hawthorns Play Area was mentioned.

The WI expressed an interest in helping with fundraising for the new play equipment.

A resident had complained at receiving an invitation for the Recreation Park Committee 100 Club. A Councillor offered the opinion the existing play equipment was adequate and any improvements should be funded by the Council from Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

96.22 Planning Matters

22/00551/FULHH Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of part single, part two storey rear extension and enlargement of balcony at The Orchard, Woodhart Lane

22/00627/FULHH Two storey side extension at Willow Springs, 41A Southport Road

22/00632/FULHH Erection of detached garage (following demolition of existing garage) at 32 Sagar Street

22/00682/LBC Application for listed building consent for a single storey side extension and internal alterations at Woodend Farm, Parr Lane

22/00685/DIS Application to discharge condition 5 (external facing and roofing materials) 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) for plot 1 and plot 2 at Lydiate Farm, 12 Lydiate Lane

22/00708/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached garage at 17 Red House Lane

22/00718/PDE Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 8m in depth, with eaves height of 2.82m and a maximum height of 4m at 17 Red House Lane

22/00735/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 6 (Eccleston) 2000: T1 Oak - Remove 2 lower limbs and laterally reduce branches overhanging garden; T2 Sycamore - Laterally reduce branches overhanging garden at 16 Anchor Fields

22/00741/PIP Permission in principle application for the demolition of the existing glasshouses and the erection of up to five dwellings at The Nurseries, Southport Road

There were no objections to these applications.

22/00748/REMAJ Reserved matters application detailing appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, pursuant to outline planning permission 20/01331/OUTMAJ (outline planning application for the construction of up to 80 dwellings with all matters reserved aside from vehicular access from Doctors Lane. The development includes public open space, structural greenspace and surface water attenuation ponds) (Appeal ref: APP/D2320/W/21/3272310) at Land at Tincklers Lane

Resolved: Planning Officers are to be advised of existing flooding issues in the area and requested to put adequate measures in place to alleviate these problems.

97.22 Financial Matters

i) 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:

£ 25.45	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 2320.39	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 33.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 73.88	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£ 127.95	SSE	Gas (Changing Rooms)

iii) A request from the Open Spaces Committee for Community Infrastructure Levy funds held by the Council to be set aside for the Recreation Ground Play Area project was considered.

Resolved: it was agreed to cover any shortfall, up to the limit of the available CIL budget balance.

98.22 Village Green Garden of Reflection

Details of proposals for the structure on the Village Green were provided. Due to a misunderstanding, the agenda item should have covered the possible relation of the War Memorial from the Churchyard and images providing details of a suggested position on the Village Green were distributed. Due to the confusion, it was suggested the item should be deferred to the next meeting.

Resolved: an item regarding discussions with St Mary's PCC regarding the possible relocation of the War Memorial is to be included of the next agenda.

99.22 Committee Reports

Verbal reports from committee meetings were provided.

Village Activities Committee - funding towards the production of a village calendar, containing historical images of the village was agreed. Arrangements for the Lancashire Night event were confirmed. A public meeting, at which the Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Forum will advise on the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch schemes is to be arranged for late September.

Open Spaces Committee - grass cutting on The Hawthorns Play area was discussed and the Committee agreed to install an additional bark strip to the rear of a property. Projects to be costed include a raised planter for The Hawthorns entrance verge, works to the pond area, fencing along the boundary with the ditch, reinstatement of the path on the eastern side and a circular raised planter for the block paved circle, all on the Millennium Green and redistribution of the earth mound on the Recreation Ground. Provision of a shelter on the Recreation Ground

is to be investigated. Enquiries are to be made with contractors regarding planting and upkeep of the flower beds and raised beds. Chorley Council is progressing the Garden of Reflection on the Village Green.

Cllr Kelly expressed a wish to join the Activities Committee.

100.22 Clerk's Report

Discussions with Chorley Council regarding the issues with weeds on The Hawthorns Play Area are ongoing.

Chorley Help the Homeless thanked the Council for its donation.

Bike the UK for MS thanked the Council for the use of the Changing Rooms showers.

Lancashire County Council Highways advised the request to replace the grass verge at the entrance to the Millennium Green with a pavement had been declined. Officers advised that there were no safety concerns as there is a good footway on the opposite side of the road, with good visibility in both directions to allow crossing and a very small amount of through traffic.

101.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - priorities for 2022-23 were agreed. Chorley Council Officers advised the cost of a suggested path along New Lane is way beyond the budgets of this meeting and would be discussed with Lancashire County Council.

Chorley Liaison meeting - details of Chorley Council's Streetscene Strategy were provided by the Director of Customer and Digital and the Streetscene Services Manager. A County Councillor provided details on the LCC Better Working Together initiative. The Cabinet Member for Highways is to be invited to the next meeting.

102.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 September 2022.

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