

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 August 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 4 Members of the Public

103.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Heath.

104.23 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

105.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 July 2023

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

106.23 Public Participation

A resident mentioned a faulty lighting column on Drapers Avenue had been removed. A replacement column is to be requested from Lancashire County Council.

107.23 Planning Matters

23/00610/TPO Application for work to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 5 (Ecclestone) 2007: Willows T1& T2s - Fell at 37 Larkfield

There were no objections to this application.

Information on the planning application for the Tincklers Lane development was provided. Recent flooding of properties and the road, and issues with the sewage system, in the vicinity of the proposed development were reported. Residents have raised concerns these problems will be exacerbated if the field, which currently absorbs surface water in the area, disappears under the new properties. Details of the poor performance of water and sewerage companies on a national basis was also provided.

108.23 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:

£ 28.85	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 509.33	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning (Hub)
£ 3012.48	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 18.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)

109.23 Parking on New Mill Street

Parked vehicles along New Mill Street, by the Carrington Centre, are causing problems. It was mentioned that, whilst most of the vehicles are connected to the shops, there are problems with walkers and other visitors leaving cars for extended periods of time. It was suggested the shop tenants could contact the owner of the car park for assistance with enforcing time limits. A suggestion for the introduction of parking restrictions was considered.

Resolved: Lancashire County Council is to be requested to install double yellow lines along the southern edge of the road, between the junction with The Green and the second entrance to the Carrington Centre car park.

110.23 Tree Policy

A recommendation from the Open Spaces Committee, to revise the policy for trees on Parish Council land to align with the action in response to requests for tree works within the Chorley Council policy, was considered. A suggestion to vary the policy to allow consideration of works to trees obstructing satellite signals was made. It was pointed out this would be contrary to the policy adopted by Chorley Council and that, for the sake of consistency, the Chorley Council wording should be used.

Resolved: the Tree Policy is to be revised in line with Chorley Council's policy.

111.23 Committee Reports

Village Activities Committee - Arrangements for Lancashire Night, on Saturday 25 November, were confirmed. A meeting with Chorley Council Officers had taken place regarding the Neighbourhood Project to renovate the mill steam pump and display it on the verge by Verdes.

Open Spaces Committee - the Committee agreed to remove a tree on the Millennium Green, with a fruit tree to be planted in its place. A seat, which had been moved by local youths, is to be relocated. The Tree Policy was reviewed in line with Chorley Council's official policy and was recommended for approval by Full Council. Work to the pond area is scheduled to start and of play equipment on the Recreation Ground has been submitted to Chorley Council.

112.23 Clerk's Report

The temporary changing rooms are to be delivered on 15 or 16 August. Neighbouring properties will be notified prior to the delivery.

The decision on the planning application for the replacement play equipment on the Recreation Ground has been delayed.

The Cricket Club had advised the agreed grant will not be required until later in the year, when the next round of applications for external funding is available.

A request for a grant from a local church had been received. Advice was provided regarding legal restrictions on parish council's providing assistance for property relating to the Church.

113.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

114.23 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 September 2023.

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