

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 8 December 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 5 Members of the Public

145.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor R Burns.

146.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

147.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 2022

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

148.22 Public Participation

A resident mentioned letters missing from the sign at the Lotus Garden takeaway.

Volunteers were invited to marshal the upcoming Santa Dash being held to raise funds for the Recreation Park improvements.

The meeting was advised the northbound entrance to Charnock Richard services is to close.

149.22 Planning Matters

22/00978/FULHH Part two storey, part single storey side extension at 6 Marsden Close. The parking provision for the proposed development is to be queried with the Planning Officer.

22/01165/FULHH First floor extension to northern elevation, single storey extension to southern elevation, erection of two storey outbuilding/garage, removal and rebuilding of existing brick wall with stone coping and erection of timber fence and gate to side of dwelling at Sarscow Farm, Sarscow Lane

22/01196/FULHH Proposed single storey side extension at 56 The Fields

22/01215/FULHH – Roof alterations including raising of ridge height incorporating rear roof dormer extension to provide first floor accommodation and installation of roof lights and solar panels, single storey front extension, single storey side/rear extension, rear balcony and erection of detached outbuilding/garden room (following demolition of existing garage and rear conservatory) at Sherbourne, 70 Doctors Lane. Possible overlooking of neighbouring properties is to be raised with the Planning Officer.

There were no objections to these applications.

150.22 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) A request from Ecclestone Cricket Club for a contribution towards improvements to facilities, was considered. Councillors noted the request did not provide an indication of the amount. The Club is to be contacted for additional information and representatives invited to the next meeting.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 84.26	Waterplus	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 90.65	SSE Southern Electric	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 960.00	Argus Fire and Security	Annual maintenance contracts
£ 1650.00	JP Woodland & Tree Services	Millennium Green hedge/tree works
£ 370.00	Rufford Printing	Newsletter
£ 200.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 200.00	Eccleston Brass Band	Donation - Carol singing
£ 350.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation and wreath
£ 3436.56	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 436.86	SSE Southern Electric	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£ 25.45	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 33.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)

151.22 2023-24 Precept

A draft budget, requiring a 10% increase in council tax was provided for discussion purposes. An updated version will be provided for the precept setting at the January meeting.

152.22 Carol Singing

Details of the arrangements for Carol singing were confirmed.

153.22 Clerk's Report

PKF Littlejohn LLP have been reappointed as external auditors for a 5 year term

The Lancashire Night event was a success and well received by the audience attending.

154.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

155.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 January 2023.

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

156.22 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 comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) 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.

157.22 Personnel Matters

Employee salaries were reviewed.