

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 11 January 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), L Armstrong, D Bonney, M Brown, H Caunce, V Caunce, J Holborn, D Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

01.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr W Mason.

02.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2017

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2017 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

04.18 Matters Arising

104.17 Seat on Parr Lane. The seat has been installed.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

05.18 Public Participation

A group of young people had approached the Council regarding the reopening of the youth club and complained of having nothing to do in the village, feeling the youth club would provide activities for them. The young people had been advised of the up to date situation with the Hub and some volunteered to assist where possible. The Chairman of the Hub Committee had been contacted by the Church offering help from Diocese Youth Workers.

A resident had reported an overgrown hedge on the Hawthorns Play Area.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

06.18 Planning Matters

17/01192/FULHH Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 93 Towngate

17/01210/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension at 85 The Hawthorns

There were no objections to the above applications.

07.18 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements.

£	697.78	Employee 1	Salary
£	470.57	Employee 2	Salary
£	644.03	Employee 3	Salary
£	123.01	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	18.54	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	100.00	Ecclestone Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£	200.00	Ecclestone Brass Band	Donation
£	346.80	Earth Anchors	Seat
£	144.00	Ark Welding	Repair to security fence

£	400.61	Npower	Electricity (Hub)
£	62.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	62.30	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	56.57	Water Plus	Metered water charge
£	160.79	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

08.18 Precept

The Precept for 2018-19 was considered. Councillors discussed items contained within a draft budget which proposed a 2% increase. A number of individual budgets were discussed, including the Changing Rooms budget and several budgets relating to the Open Spaces Committee which, due to the lack of meetings, contained unspent monies. Councillors were advised the Changing Rooms budget received income from the Football Club and also contained items relating to power supply to the ball court and surface water/rainwater drainage for the entire car park area.

Resolved: the Precept for 2018 - 2019 was set at £45319, an increase of 2% in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

09.18 Youth Nuisance

At the October meeting a suggestion to hold a 'multi agency' meeting to discuss anti social behaviour was made by the Police. Councillors had agreed to review the situation following Police initiatives to try to deal with the problems. The local Police had reported the situation had improved and it was felt the arrangement of any meeting should be deferred.

10.18 Eccleston Community Hub

Repairs to the roof are awaited and will be followed by internal redecoration. A meeting with user groups is to be arranged. Possible alterations to the interior layout and room rentals will be looked into. The Chairman of the Hub Committee will continue to provide updates at Council meetings.

11.18 Committee Appointments

Following a resignation, the Open Spaces Committee is no longer quorate and Councillors were invited to put their names forward for appointment to the Committee.

Resolved: Councillors Bonney, Holborn and Miller were appointed.

12.18 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures were provided. There were 14 reported crimes in December however the Police advised 5 related to a single incident and repercussions from the incident.

13.18 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 March 2018.

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