

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Meeting held 14 January 2021 at 7.30 pm.

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

Also present 2 Members of the Public

01.21 Apologies for absence

None received.

02.21 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 2020

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

04.21 Matters Arising

105.20 Footpath Link to Eccleston Primary School. The School is to consult with parents to confirm the potential usage of the path.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

05.21 Public Participation

A resident raised concerns regarding the planning applications for houses on land off Tincklers Lane and Parr Lane. The applications bring the total number of new properties applied for to 129, an increase of 7.5% over the existing number. Concerns were raised regarding existing problems with drainage in both areas, with localised flooding of adjoining gardens already occurring. Traffic issues were also raised with the access onto Doctors Lane leading to traffic problems and the access to the Parr Lane site onto narrow estate roads. The existing drainage and sewage systems are already struggling to cope and local schools and medical facilities are over-subscribed.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

06.21 Planning Matters

20/01323/DIS Application to discharge conditions nos. 4 (materials), 9 (surface water drainage scheme), 10 (existing and proposed levels), 12 (dwelling emission rate), 14 (bird and bat boxes) and 15 (landscape details) of planning permission ref. 20/00674/FUL (Erection of 1no. detached dwellinghouse, following the demolition of the existing buildings) at Willow Springs, 41 Southport Road

20/01371/MNMA Minor non-material amendment to planning permission 17/00327/FULHH (Erection of a single storey rear extension and garage (following demolition of existing single storey rear extension and garage)) to change the garage walls from brick to wood, and change the garage roof tiles from traditional slate to recycled plastic roof slates at 318 The Green

There were no objections to these applications.

20/01193/OUTMAJ Outline planning application (with all matters reserved) for the development of land off Parr Lane, Eccleston for up to 34 dwellings and associated infrastructure (including 30% affordable housing) on Land South of Parr Lane

20/01331/OUTMAJ Outline planning application for the construction of up to 80 dwellings (including 30% affordable housing) and associated infrastructure, with all matters reserved (aside from vehicular access from Doctors Lane) on Land off Tincklers Lane

These applications, together with application 20/01085/OUTMAJ for the construction of up to 15 dwellings on Land off Tincklers Lane will, if approved, represent a total of 129 new properties in the village, the majority of which will be family homes. Local infrastructure, including school places and medical facilities will be detrimentally affected and drainage systems within the village currently struggle to cope with demands placed by the existing houses. The traffic generated by the 80 properties accessing the development from Doctors Lane will have an adverse impact on air quality in the immediate vicinity of the primary school. The application sites are all on land safeguarded for development in a future Local Plan and none of the applications demonstrate a need for the types of housing proposed for the bulk of the properties.

Resolved: objections to the applications are to be submitted on the grounds of the detrimental impact the properties will have on the existing infrastructure village.

A request is to be made to the MP for South Ribble for support for a request from the Leader of Chorley Council to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for a temporary special dispensation to allow time for the production of a housing delivery action plan.

07.21 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:

£ 23.04	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 960.00	Castus Solutions	Deep cleaning and sanitising (Hub)
£ 54.00	Argus Fire and Security	Replacement heat sensor
£ 1148.96	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 691.86	Employee 2	Salary
£ 583.75	Employee 3	Salary and reimbursements
£ 6.89	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax/NI
£ 83.51	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 363.44	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

08.21 2021-22 Precept

The Precept for 2021-22 was considered. A draft budget was presented, which included the potential council tax support contribution, resulting in no increase in the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents. As confirmation of the council tax base for 2021-22 had not been received at the time of the meeting, the figure from 2020-21 was used. A proposal for a 1% increase was put forward but received no seconder.

Resolved: the Precept for 2021 - 2022 was set at £45747, which will result in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

09.21 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 February 2021.

10.21 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 comprised information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and related to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention of crime, and, in accordance with Part 1 (sections 3 and 7) 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.

11.21 Closed Circuit TV System

The provision of a CCTV surveillance system to cover The Hub and Band Hut and surrounding areas was considered. Options considered were a camera linked to Chorley Council's monitoring system and a stand-alone camera system.

A specification is to be drawn up to enable quotes to be obtained for stand-alone systems.

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

Eccleston Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

Budgets:

Salaries	25000
General office expenses	800
Staff Costs	440
Community Hub	7500
Changing Rooms	7500
Repairs and replacements	1500
Grounds maintenance	5000
Millennium Green	3500
Flowers/planting	1500
Newsletter	1800
Donations	1000
Subscriptions/entries	200
Training	300
Christmas celebrations	600
Litter bins	500
Play equipment	2500
Speed Indicator Device	250
Village activities	750
Communications	200
Annual audit	500
Insurance	2900
Sundries	1750
Community Infrastructure Levy	30940
General Reserve	3000
Earmarked Reserves	5000
Budget totals	<u>104930</u>

Financed by:

	Estimated balance as at 01.04.20	57547
Add:	Proposed precept	45747
Add:	Top up grant	1636
		<u>104930</u>