

## ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 13 January 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors H Thomas (Chairman), K Brown, M Brown, C Heath, D Miller, M Miller and A Whittaker.

Also present 5 Members of the Public

### 01.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bonney, R Burns and M Frost.

### 02.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

### 03.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December 2021

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

### 04.22 Matters Arising

123.21 Speed indicators have been ordered.

127.21 The Hawthorns Play Area grant documentation has been signed by Chorley Council.

128.21 The Birch trees on the Millennium Green had been inspected by Chorley Council's Tree Officer. A suggestion to remove the trees was put forward. A further suggestion to plant additional trees away from the properties, then remove the trees near to the fence was also put forward. Suggestion to either lower the height of the hedges to approx. 1.2m, or remove it completely was put forward. The Open Spaces Committee will consider this at its next meeting.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 05.22 Public Participation

A resident mentioned the value of hedgerows proving wildlife habitats and requested the Committee thinks very carefully when considering the Millennium Green hedges.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 06.22 Planning Matters

21/01409/FUL Single storey rear extension at 24 Cortland Avenue

21/01410/FULHH Demolition of existing rear conservatory, and construction of part single, part two storey rear extension and associated alterations at 4 The Briers

21/01447/FULHH Section 73 application to vary condition no. 3 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: 20/00443/FUL (Demolition of existing single garage, erection of a new garage and change of use and rear extension to existing building to form a new dwelling) to reposition the approved garage at Bridge End House Towngate

21/01461/FULHH Addition of a pitched roof at 9 Lydiate Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

21/01454/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for 2no. proposed detached outbuildings at The Croft, New Lane - clarification is to be requested as to what is being proposed, as the submitted plans were unclear

## 07.22 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:

£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 960.00	United Flags	Flagpole
£ 498.00	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 2128.61	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 25.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)

## 08.22 2022-23 Precept

The Precept for 2022-23 was considered. A draft budget was presented, which included the potential council tax support contribution. As confirmation of the council tax base figure for 2022-23 had not been provided, the 2021-22 figure was used.

Resolved: the Precept for 2022 - 2023 was set at £45200, holding the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

## 09.22 Hub Management Committee

Councillors considered a means of consulting with residents to see if there was any interest in joining a committee to run the building. A newsletter is to be published, providing an update on the situation with the premises, with an appeal for residents to join the committee being given top priority.

## 10.22 Neighbourhood Priorities

Suggestions for Neighbourhood Priorities were discussed. Items mentioned included a structure on the Village Green, improvements to Mill Lane, a footpath along New Lane and improvements to assist with pedestrian safety on footpaths and walking areas along Bradley Lane and Bannister Lane, which may take the form of signage or road markings.

## 11.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Community Cars Scheme is suffering a severe lack of volunteer drivers.

Activities Committee - the Committee is looking into an event to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and would welcome local groups joining in.

## 12.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 February 2022.

## Eccleston Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

### Budgets:

Salaries	26750
General office expenses	700
Staff Costs	500
Community Hub	5500
Changing Rooms	8500
Repairs and replacements	2250
Grounds maintenance	5500
Open Spaces	15000
Newsletter	1500
Donations	1500
Subscriptions/entries	1000
Training	200
Christmas celebrations	1000
Speed Indicator Device	250
Village activities	3000
Communications	500
Audit	500
Insurance	3000
Sundries	2000
CIL (balance of budget)	42290
General Reserve	5000
Earmarked Reserves	<u>12450</u>
Budget totals	<u><u>138890</u></u>

### Financed by:

	Estimated balance as at 01.04.23	92065
Add:	Proposed precept	45189
Add:	Top up grant	<u>1636</u>
		<u><u>138890</u></u>