

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 8 June 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 7 Members of the Public

80.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Brown and D Graham

81.23 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

82.23 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11 May 2023

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

83.23 Public Participation

A resident mentioned the lack of content in the notice board by Verdes. Councillors advised this was a community notice board, rather than a parish council board.

A previous request for a tree on the Millennium Green to be cut as it was interfering with a satellite reception was again raised. The Open Spaces Committee will consider the request.

84.23 Planning Matters

23/00393/DIS Application to discharge condition no. 22 (off site highway improvement works) and 25 (employment and skills plan) attached to outline planning permission ref: 20/01193/OUTMAJ (Up to 34 dwellings and associated infrastructure) Appeal ref: APP/D2320/W/21/3284702) at Land South of Parr Lane

23/00421/FULHH Erection of detached timber outbuilding at The Wendy House, 2 Doctors Lane

23/00426/FULHH Erection of detached timber outbuilding and aluminium pergola at 6 Cortland Avenue

There were no objections to these applications.

A resident had queried whether the Parish Council will be represented at the Chorley Council Planning Committee meeting at which the reserved matters application for the Tincklers Lane development will be determined.

85.23 Financial Matters

Evidence of receipt of the Precept was provided.

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) A request from the Ulmes Walton Action Group for a contribution towards the provision of a Transport Expert for the Wymott and Garth Planning Inquiry was considered.

Councillors noted the potential impact in increased vehicle movements through the village on residents during the construction period and beyond.

Resolved: an initial contribution of £500 was agreed, with the possibility of revisiting the request in the future.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 78.63	Everflow	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 169.78	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning (Hub)
£ 4400.00	Lancashire Environmental Fund	Third party grant contribution
£ 2707.03	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 238.93	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 28.85	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 18.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 68.51	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£ 2342.54	SSE	Electricity (Changing Rooms)

86.23 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was considered.

- i) The Internal Auditor's report was noted.
- ii) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- iii) Resolved: the Accounting Statements, having been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

87.23 Changing Rooms

A meeting with the insurance broker had been held and the possibility of the insurance company providing a final settlement figure offer so the Parish Council could arrange the work locally. A site meeting with a contractor had been arranged. The possibility of hire of temporary changing rooms under business interruption cover was also queried.

Following the meeting, the Loss Adjuster had confirmed cover under the policy for the hiring of portable changing rooms, to a maximum of £10,000 over one year. The Football Club had provided details of facilities which would meet its requirements and the insurers would cover the costs in line with the percentage contribution paid towards the repair costs. Costs of hire for two temporary changing rooms, and two portable WC units of £89.00 per week, plus delivery and removal costs of £350.00 each had been obtained by the Club.

Resolved: the hire of temporary facilities was approved.

88.23 Chorley Council Housing Assistance Policy

A consultation on changes to the policy was considered. Councillors raised no comments.

89.23 Wymott and Garth Prisons Planning Inquiry

Representatives from the Ulnes Walton Action Group had requested a representative of the Parish Council speak at the Planning Inquiry on 19 September 2023.

Councillors Heath and D Miller volunteered to attend.

90.23 Clerk's Report

The planning application for the replacement of play equipment on the Recreation Ground has been submitted to Chorley Council.

91.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

92.23 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 July 2023.

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