

## ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 14 March 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors M Miller (Chairman), R Bland, M Brown, A Marsh, H Thomas, A Whittaker and O Williams

Also present: 3 Members of the Public.

### 24.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Bonney, D Graham, C Heath and D Miller.

### 25.24 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

### 26.24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 February 2024

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

### 27.24 Public Participation

Details of a public meeting arranged by Borough Councillors relating to the recent anti-social behaviour were provided.

The Planning Inquiry for the third prison at Wymott is to take place on 25 March. Concerns were raised regarding the impact of the volume of traffic which will be generated during construction and by the increase in the numbers of staff and visitors in the neighbouring villages.

A resident mentioned the planning application for the funeral home on Drapers Avenue. The area already suffers serious due to vehicles queuing for petrol. Councillors also raised concerns regarding the loss of private homes due to them being turned into business premises.

### 28.24 Planning Matters

24/00107/FULHH Erection of detached garage at Wood End Farm, Parr Lane

24/00121/DIS Application to discharge condition no.5 (future management and maintenance of streets) of reserved matters consent 22/00748/REMMAJ (Reserved matters application detailing appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, pursuant to outline planning permission 20/01331/OUTMAJ (outline planning application for the construction of up to 80 dwellings with all matters reserved aside from vehicular access from Doctors Lane. The development includes public open space, structural greenspace and surface water attenuation ponds) (Appeal ref: APP/D2320/W/21/3272310)) at Land at Tincklers Lane

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24/00124/DIS Application to discharge condition 21 (EV charging points) attached to outline planning permission 20/01193/OUTMAJ (Outline planning application (with all matters reserved) for the development of land off Parr Lane, Ecclestone for up to 34 dwellings and associated infrastructure (including 35% affordable housing)) at Land South of Parr Lane

24/00130/FULHH Installation of air source heat pump at 20 New Mill Street

24/00161/FULHH Two storey rear extension and elevational alterations at 23 Bradley Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

24/00062/FUL Change of use from a private dwelling to a funeral home business at 1 Drapers Avenue

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of exacerbation of existing traffic problems in the immediate vicinity caused by vehicles queuing to use the garage and the loss of a private dwelling to business use.

24/00128/TEL Prior approval application under Part 16, Class A of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the installation of 1no. 25m monopole and associated ancillary works at Land adjacent Greenwoods Body Shop, Grove Park Industrial Estate, The Green. It was mentioned hardcore has been laid in the Green belt across the river from the site.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of visual impact on the surrounding area.

A concern was raised regarding the effect on local democracy of the decision by the Secretary of State for applicants submitting major planning applications to have the option of these applications being decided by the Planning Inspectorate.

#### 29.24 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:

£ 874.60	Everflow	Water/wastewater
£ 95.60	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£ 455.92	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 28.85	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub) - September
£ 1845.96	SSE	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 663.60	CPH	Water heater (Hub)
£ 339.55	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning
£ 7.61	Npower	Christmas lights electricity
£ 1.20	Metacre	Lease
£ 348.50	A J Gallagher	Additional insurance premium
£ 3042.95	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 18.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 70.94	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)

#### 30.24 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review of the risk assessment in accordance with guidance contained within the publication 'Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2023'. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

#### 31.24 Peter Lathom Charity

Councillors considered the appointment of a Trustee to the Charity for a term to expire in February 2028.

Resolved: Cllr Bonney was appointed as a Trustee.

#### 32.24 Open Spaces Committee Terms of Reference

A request to add the CIL budget to the budgets available to the Open Spaces Committee as most items arranged by the Committee fall within the definitions of allowable spending of Community Infrastructure Levy. A sink hole on Eccleston Primary School's site near the Millennium Green was mentioned as having a potential impact on this budget.

Resolved: the CIL budget is to be made available to the Open Spaces Committee.

#### 33.24 Footpath Barrier

A suggestion for the installation of barriers on a path between Snipewood and Beechfields was considered. It was suggested this could be included in the next round of Neighbourhood Priorities. It was also noted Chorley Council had installed a combined litter bin on the path and provided new bins along Langton Brow.

Resolved: the barriers are to be put forward as a Neighbourhood Priority in the next round.

#### 34.24 Committee Report

A verbal report from a meeting of the Activities Committee was provided. Arrangements for Lancashire Night on 23 November are in hand and the entertainment will be added to this year.

The Recreation Park Fundraising Group is arranging a Family Fun Day in June and Committee Members will assist with the event. The Group has also arranged an Easter Bingo event on 23 March and a Race Night in April.

The Committee is looking into arranging a '40's' Night, featuring music from the period and also a talent competition involving students from local music schools.

#### 35.24 Clerk's Report

Recreation Park Play Area - the installation of Phase One has largely been completed. Most items raised by the post installation inspection have been rectified, with the repainting and groundworks to be completed once weather conditions permit.

Speed Indicators - no objections to the proposed site on Towngate were raised and the Highways Officer is to inspect a potential location on Langton Brow.

A Police notice regarding the seizure of motorised vehicles and scooters has been removed from the car park and is to be relocated onto the Recreation Ground.

The seat on Parr Lane has been repaired by the Village Caretaker.

#### 36.24 Reports from Outside Bodies

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - the renovation of the steam pump has been put on hold due to public liability issues and the funds reallocated to carry out outstanding projects from previous years.

#### 37.24 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 April 2024.

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