

## ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Annual Council Meeting held 12 May 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present Borough Councillors H Heaton and A Singh and 5 Members of the Public

### 53.22 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Thomas was elected as Chairman for 2022-23. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was completed and received.

### 54.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney and R Burns.

### 55.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

### 56.22 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr M Miller was elected as Vice Chairman for 2022/23.

### 57.22 Other Appointments

i) Committee appointments were as follows:

Open Spaces Committee - Councillors Bonney, Frost, Heath, D Miller, M Miller and Thomas.

Village Activities Committee - Councillors M Brown, K Brown, Burns, Heath, D Miller, M Miller and Thomas.

Personnel Committee - Councillors Bonney, Heath and D Miller.

ii) Lead Member for Planning - Cllr M Miller.

iii) Appointments to Outside Bodies were as follows:

Chorley Liaison - Cllr Whittaker

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllr M Miller

Peter Lathom Charity - Councillors Bonney and M Miller

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr M Miller.

### 58.22 Councillor Vacancies

Following receipt of a request from three Councillors, the decision to invite applicants to complete a questionnaire and attend a parish council meeting to address the council was reconsidered and, in view of the difficulty in selecting from equally worthy applicants, a suggestion was put forward to draw names. It was noted one of the applicants was in attendance at the meeting and Mr Dan Graham was nominated.

Resolved: Dan Graham was co-opted.

The remaining candidates names were entered into a draw, carried out by a member of the public and Ms Katy-Jane Kelly was drawn.

Resolved: Katy-Jane Kelly was co-opted.

## 59.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2022

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

## 60.22 Matters Arising

The condition of the Hawthorns Play Area area was raised and the meeting advised recent works reducing the width of the entrance preventing mowers accessing the area had been rectified.

## 61.22 Public Participation

A resident had offered the Council a water pump obtained from the old Carrington and Dewhurst site as an item of historical interest. It was suggested the pump could be sited on the area by the seats and planters, adjacent to Verdes, and details of the dimensions of the pump are to be obtained to gauge the feasibility of this.

Borough Councillors Heaton and Singh introduced themselves to the meeting.

## 62.22 Planning Matters

22/00319/FUL Two storey side extension, with porch to the front, extending above existing side extension at first floor at 5 Westminster Place

22/00366/PIP Permission in principle application for the erection of one dwelling following the demolition of existing outbuildings (resubmission of 21/01298/PIP) at Fell View Southport Road

22/00371 /Application to discharge condition no.5 (materials and colour of shop front) of planning permission ref: 21/01380/FUL (Change of use of no. 217 The Green from a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a shop (Use Class E(a)) across the ground floor and 1no. 1 bedroom flat across the whole first floor and associated elevational alterations at 217 The Green

22/00431/FUL Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: 21/01380/FUL (Change of use of no. 217 The Green from a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a shop (Use Class E(a)) across the ground floor and 1no. 1 bedroom flat across the whole first floor and associated elevational alterations) to alter the design of the shop frontage at 217 The Green

22/00452/REM S73 application of Reserved matters application 20/00773/REM (Reserved matters application (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning consent 18/00636/OUT (Outline planning application for the erection of 2no. dwellinghouses and driveway, following demolition of existing buildings. All matters reserved)) to vary condition no.3 (the approved plans) at Lydiate Farm, 12 Lydiate Lane. Availability of parking and access to the farm over a shared drive was mentioned.

22/00453/FULHH Installation of a rear roof dormer extension (following the removal of an existing rear roof dormer)

22/00472/FULHH Erection of detached garage (following demolition of existing garage) and associated landscaping (resubmission of planning application ref: 22/00167/FULHH) at Meadowbank, Woodhart Lane

22/00475/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey outbuilding) at 114 Towngate

22/00478/PDE Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 7.86m in depth, with eaves height of 2.5m, and a maximum height of 3.95m (following demolition of existing single storey extension) at Willow Springs Farm, 41 Southport Road

There were no objections to these applications.

22/00407/OUTMAJ Outline application for the erection of up to 15no. dwellings with all matters reserved save for access from Tincklers Lane (resubmission of 20/01085/OUTMAJ) at Land at Tincklers Lane

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds that recent decisions allowing appeals for up to 80 houses in this location and up to 34 on land off Parr Lane mean there is no requirement for additional housing in the village.

#### 63.22 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2022 was considered.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

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| £ 186.19  | TotalEnergies               | Electricity (Hub)                       |
| £ 1375.77 | TotalEnergies               | Electricity (Changing Rooms)            |
| £ 1575.70 | TotalEnergies               | Gas (Hub)                               |
| £ 132.00  | Croston Pumping and Heating | Replacement taps (Hub)                  |
| £ 100.00  | Eccleston Scout Group       | Spring newsletter delivery              |
| £ 1250.00 | Central Lancs Dial a Ride   | Grant                                   |
| £ 150.00  | St Mary's Church            | Grant                                   |
| £ 110.00  | Internal Auditor            | Audit fee                               |
| £ 2411.30 | Staff costs                 | Salaries, deductions and reimbursements |
| £ 25.45   | Vodafone                    | Broadband (Hub)                         |
| £ 33.00   | Chorley Council             | Business rates (Changing Rooms)         |
| £ 1239.57 | Public Works Loan Board     | Loan repayment                          |
| £ 88.41   | British Gas                 | Electricity (Hub)                       |

#### 64.22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The Internal Auditor's report was presented. The report was noted.

#### 64.22 Agenda Item - Matters Arising from the Minutes

A proposal to replace 'Matters Arising' with a Clerk's Report to avoid items being raised repeatedly at meetings was considered.

Resolved: Matters Arising will be replaced with a Clerk's Report.

#### 66.22 Lancashire County Council Consultation

A response to consultation relating to the A581 Chorley and West Lancashire Revocations, 20mph, 30mph, 40mph and 50 mph Speed Limits was considered. Proposals for a reduced speed limit for a section of Southport Road and Lydiate lane were noted Councillors were supportive of the proposals.

#### 67.22 Working Group Report

A brief update from a meeting of the Platinum Jubilee Working Group was provided. Information was provided on attractions which had been booked and various activities which will take place.

#### 68.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 69.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 June 2022.

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