

## ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 11 November 2021 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 7 Members of the Public

### 102.21 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Burns, C Heath and D Miller.

### 103.21 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

### 104.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 October 2021

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

### 105.21 Matters Arising

The issue of the trees on the Millennium Green was queried. It was confirmed this would be looked into by the Open Spaces Committee.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 106.21 Public Participation

The reopening of the Hub was mentioned.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 107.21 Planning Matters

21/01224/PDE Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 5m depth, with eaves height of 2.39m, and a maximum height of 3.5m (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 14 Balmoral Road

21/01235/FUL Section 73 application to remove condition 14 (obscure glazing) of planning application reference 14/01331/FUL (Demolition of the former Windmill Hotel and the erection of 9 No. apartments, associated car parking and access) at The Windmill Hotel 311 The Green

21/01265/FULHH Extension to existing garage, associated alterations and addition of gable roof in order to form an ancillary annexe at Woodlands, Woodhart Lane

21/01274/FULHH Single storey rear and two storey side extension at 24 Lawrence Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

21/01293/DEMCON Application for prior determination for the proposed demolition of buildings associated with the former Camelot Theme Park, Park Hall Road, Charnock Richard - it was pointed out health and safety issues were the reason for the application for demolition. Concerns relating to potential future development of the site are to be conveyed to Chorley Council.

### 108.21 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £350 was agreed.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 285.00	DWG (NW)	Winter planting
£ 2130.41	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 57.70	Total Energies	Gas (Hub)
£ 25.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loans Board	Loan repayment
£ 41.08	Total Energies	Gas (Hub)

#### 109.21 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the internal audit fee.

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed and the fee set at £110.

#### 110.21 Hub Management Committee

Information was provided from the Hub Management Committee relating to queries raised at the last meeting. It was confirmed unspent grant funding was not required to be repaid and balances of over £10000 remain in the bank account. The Hub Management Committee members had all resigned and had indicated a wish for the Parish Council to take over the running of the premises.

The legal ownership of the building was queried and enquiries are to be made with the Land Registry and Lancashire County Council. Councillors were asked to provide suggestions for options to manage the building prior to the next meeting so alternatives can be included for consideration.

#### 111.21 Remembrance Parade

Details of the arrangements for the Remembrance Parade were confirmed.

#### 112.21 Speed Indicator

The existing speed indicator device is in need of replacement. Councillors discussed options of a fixed solar powered model and a mobile model with rechargeable batteries which could be moved to sites around the village.

Prices are to be obtained for both options for consideration at the next meeting.

#### 113.21 2022-23 Precept

Councillors were invited to provide suggestions for inclusion in the 2022-23 budgets to allow draft budgets to be prepared for the December meeting in advance of the finalising of the precept in January.

#### 114.21 Reports from Outside Bodies

The members of the Volunteer Group were thanked for providing the display of Poppies on the Village Green and by Verdes.

Chorley Liaison Meeting - items discussed included the route of the Ironman UK event.

Neighbourhood Area meeting - skip days for residents to dispose of unwanted items were agreed and suggestions for priorities for 2022-23 will be discussed in January.

115.21 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 December 2021.

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