

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 10 November 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 5 Members of the Public

143.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bonney.

144.23 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

145.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2023

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

146.23 Public Participation

A young resident provided details of her project to collect items for selection boxes to be donated to the Living Waters Charity.

A resident advised the Library was having to restrict the number of visitors in the building due to the current fire escape provision. The meeting was advised the County Council has been asked to look into improving the fire escapes to allow more visitors.

Those responsible for the Poppy display on the Village Green were commended for the display.

Information regarding a local benefactor leaving money which might accrue to the Parish Council was mentioned.

147.23 Planning Matters

23/00877/DIS Application to discharge condition 19 (Dwelling Emission Rate details) attached to planning permission 20/01193/OUTMAJ (Outline planning application 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

23/00947/AGR Agricultural determination for the construction of an agricultural track at Land 400m NW of Roselands, Tincklers Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

148.23 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

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

Resolved: a donation of £350 was agreed.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 14.94	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 250.00	Chorley & South Ribble Shopmobility	Grant
£ 4550.04	Lancashire Wildlife Trust	Millennium Green pond works
£ 169.78	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning (Hub) - October
£ 1500.00	Stringfellow Building Contractors	Hub repairs
£ 198.18	Chorley Council	Election fee
£ 310.00	DWG (NW)	Recreation Park fence repair

£ 35.00	LALC	Councillor training
£ 472.99	Wernick Hire	Hire - temporary changing rooms
£ 2496.47	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 137.80	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 28.85	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub) - September
£ 18.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment

149.23 Recreation Park Play Area

A request from the Open Spaces Committee for additional funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy budget towards the cost of additional safety surfacing, which is necessary following the deterioration of the existing surfacing for the items which are to be refurbished, was considered.

Resolved: a maximum of £10,000 was agreed.

150.23 Doctors Lane Drainage Problems

Residents have raised concerns the new developments off Tincklers Lane, which will add around 100 properties, will exacerbate problems on Doctors Lane and cause issues with the ditch alongside Banner Close during periods of heavy rain. Incidents of raw sewage coming from manholes on Doctors Lane have previously been reported. A meeting held with representatives from the Lancashire Lead Local Flood Authority did nothing to address the concerns. Surface water currently drains into the fields to be built on and the residents requested the Parish Council to contact United Utilities, the Local Flood Authority and Chorley Council to request an increase in the capacity of the existing sewage system and to ensure the maintenance of the ditch.

151.23 Committee Reports

Village Activities Committee - the Lancashire Night arrangements were confirmed. Quotes for the renovation of the mill steam pump are being obtained by Chorley Council Officers.

Open Spaces Committee - the Committee agreed to request additional funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy budget for replacement safety surfacing for the Recreation Park Play Area. A resident of a property adjacent to the Recreation Park is to be allowed to trim tree branches overhanging their garden.

152.23 Clerk's Report

Community Hub - repairs to the main door and cladding have been carried out.

Changing Rooms - repair work has commenced.

Recreation Park Play Area - work is scheduled to commence 13 November.

153.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Lancashire County Council Officers had carried out presentations covering Public Rights of Way, Flooding and Highways at the recent Parish and Town Councils Conference.

154.23 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 December 2023.

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