

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 10 November 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors H Thomas (Chairman), K Brown, M Brown, D Graham, C Heath, K-J Kelly, D Miller, M Miller and A Whittaker.

Also present: 4 Members of the Public

130.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney, R Burns and M Frost.

131.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

132.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 October 2022

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

133.22 Public Participation

A suggestion for a litter bin in the layby on Bradley Lane was made.

Information was provided regarding the proposed footpath link on the Millennium Green to Ecclestone Primary School. The School had applied for the link and would be paying for the entrance gate.

Details of proposals from the Boundary Commission relating to revisions to Parliamentary constituency boundaries were provided.

134.22 Planning Matters

22/01051/OUT Outline application for the erection of two dwellings with all matters reserved save for access from Lydiate Lane at Land between 39 and 41 Lydiate Lane

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of inappropriate development within the Green belt.

22/01067/FUL Erection of new dwelling following demolition of existing agricultural building at Lydiate Farm, 12 Lydiate Lane

22/01137/TPO Application for work to a protected tree - Chorley BC TPO 1 (Ecclestone) 2013 - Crown reduction of up to 4 metres on the side of the tree that is overhanging the retail unit at 8 Drapers Avenue

There were no objections to these applications.

135.22 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) A request from Ecclestone Cricket Club for a contribution towards improvements to facilities, was considered. This was deferred to the next meeting to check whether CIL funds could be used. An alternative source for part of the funding was also mentioned.

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

Resolved: a donation of £350 was agreed.

iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 81.74	Waterplus	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 862.95	SSE Southern Electric	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£ 1194.00	Rufford Printing	Calendar printing
£ 379.22	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning (Hub)
£ 276.00	DWG (NW)	Seat resiting Hawthorns Play Area
£ 276.00	Yates Playgrounds	Recreation Ground Play Area surface repair
£ 2290.39	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

136.22 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.

137.22 Remembrance Parade

Details of the arrangements for the Remembrance Parade were confirmed.

138.22 2023-24 Precept

Councillors were invited to provide suggestions for inclusion in the 2023-24 budgets to allow draft budgets to be prepared for the December meeting in advance of the finalising of the precept in January.

139.22 Committee Report

The Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee provided a verbal report from a recent meeting. Details of the fundraising for the Recreation Park were discussed. Planting and maintenance of the flower beds are to be carried out by the Village Caretaker. The steam pump from the Carrington Mill gifted by a resident is to be stored until refurbishment can be carried out. A meeting has been arranged with Chorley Council's Open Spaces Officer regarding the Village Green structure and the Hawthorns Play Area

140.22 Clerk's Report

Lancashire County Council Officers are to survey suggested locations for the speed indicators.

Chorley Council had requested possible locations for a Warm Spaces initiative. The Fields Centre and Bateman Hall were suggested.

Inspire Youth Zone had requested locations for meeting young people for outreach work. The Millennium Green, Recreation Ground and the side of the Petrol Station were suggested.

141.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Liaison Meeting - representatives from Lancashire Constabulary provided details of the organisational structure for Chorley and contact details for Officers.

142.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 December 2022.

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

143.22 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item was considered on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

144.22 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's salary was increased in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Salary Award.