

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 12 October 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), L Armstrong, D Bonney, M Brown, W Mason, D Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present Inspector J Ormiston, Sgt M Moon and 21 Members of the Public.

### 129.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors H Counce, V Counce, J Holborn and C Mayor.

### 130.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 131.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 September 2017

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2017 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 132.17 Matters Arising

103.17 The Managing Agent advised that, due to the volume of people, prams, mobility scooters and bicycles at busy times, the area by the Carrington Centre notice board needs to remain clear and a seat cannot be installed.

117.17 The Managing Agent also pointed out the trees, between the Carrington Centre car park and New Mill Street properties, which had recently been removed were actually low lying bushes which had not grown satisfactorily.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 133.17 Public Participation

A resident of Drapers Avenue reported a tree branch had fallen onto his property. Lancashire County Council have been asked to carry out another survey on all trees on the avenue.

A resident of New Mill Street queried what could be done with trees overhanging his property. The resident was advised to make sure the trees were not protected and to cut any branches which overhang his boundary.

Inspector Ormiston, Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for South Ribble and Chorley, provided background on staff levels, current deployment and information on reductions in the number of Officers and PCSO's. Anti social behaviour in the village is acknowledged as being a major problem and the Police are dealing with the issue as best they can however, the meeting was advised the problems are not entirely Police related and a multi agency approach involving County, Borough and Parish Councils, schools and local retailers is needed. The police are aware of the issues and dedicated operations have been carried out using unmarked vehicles and Officers in plain clothes. Residents were asked to continue to report incidents and provide details of vehicles which are causing nuisance.

A number of residents provided details of the problems with drugs, both dealing and taking, being highlighted, with Drapers Avenue and New Mill Street the main areas for concern.

Suggestions were put forward, including fencing off the rear of the sandbag container and Hub, CCTV, opening the Hub for young people to meet and closing the access to New Mill Street.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: agenda item 8 was brought forward.

#### 134.17 Recreation Ground

Councillors discussed points raised by residents. It was mentioned that it was hoped to reopen the youth club, but volunteers are needed to assist with the running of the club. The link to New Mill Street was on the approved plans for the Madison Chase development and some residents had bought properties because of the closeness of recreation facilities, with the access being opened at the request of residents.

A suggestion to close off accesses to both New Mill Street and Richmond Road was made.

CCTV was also discussed and Chorley Council is to be asked whether there is a facility to add to the system currently operated.

The installation of a security fence to prevent access to rear of Community Hub at an approximate cost of £1650 +VAT was considered.

Resolved: the security fence is to be installed.

The issue of a 'multi agency' public meeting was discussed and enquiries are to be made as to who should be invited.

#### 135.17 Planning Matters

17/00898/FUL Single storey extension to front elevation at 52 Red House Lane

17/00909/ADV Erection of a replacement barn (retrospective) at Parr Hall Farm, Parr Lane

17/00950/FULHH Side/rear extension including raising eaves and ridge heights to create accommodation at first floor, including a rear dormer, at 85 The Hawthorns

17/00964/FULHH Single storey side extension at 33 Beechfields

There were no objections to the above applications.

The meeting was advised Outline application 17/00792/OUT for the Land off Parr Lane had been refused by Chorley Council's Development Control Committee.

#### 136.17 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements.

£	697.78	Employee 1	Salary
£	484.43	Employee 2	Salary
£	659.73	Employee 3	Salary
£	126.21	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	17.55	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	185.00	Rufford Printing	Newsletter printing
£	100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£	72.00	Ark Welding	Leg press repair
£	62.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	62.30	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	82.51	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£	231.43	British Gas	Electricity contract

137.17 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for the Parade and Service were confirmed.

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

Resolved: a donation of £250 is to be made.

138.17 Eccleston Community Hub

The draft lease has been circulated to Members of the Committee. Costings for repairs and repainting are being obtained. It is hoped the official opening will take place in December. A Christmas meal for disabled children is being arranged.

139.17 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures were provided. There were 21 reported crimes in September.

140.17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 November 2017.

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