

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 11 October 2018 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), L Armstrong, D Bonney, M Brown, R Burns, J Holborn, W Mason, D Miller and A Whittaker.

Also present 9 Members of the Public

146.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor H Thomas.

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Resolved: the apologies, and reasons for absence, were accepted.

147.18 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

148.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2018

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2018 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

149.18 Matters Arising

136.18 Information regarding the feasibility of a link to the Chorley Council CCTV system is awaited.

33.18 Gilcroft verges - Lancashire County Council Officers had not recommended the tarmacking of the grass verges and had offered an alternative of the provision of edge master posts to protect the verges.

80.18 Tinklers Lane development - Chorley Council's Enforcement Officers had visited the development regarding flooding and observed that, as surface water provisions have now been installed, enforcement action is not required. It was mentioned the height of the gardens on the new development is above the level of the land of neighbouring properties.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

150.18 Public Participation

Young people, some of primary school age, have been climbing onto the roof of The Hub. Anti-climb paint will be applied to the area where residents advise the roof is being accessed.

Residents reported serious anti social behaviour on New Mill Street including problems with scooters, suspected drug taking, graffiti, verbal abuse and damage to vehicles and properties. The problems occur regularly from around 6:00pm and go on into the early hours. The residents advised incidents are regularly reported to the Police and registration numbers of scooters had been passed on. In suggesting parking restrictions, the residents advised the developer had stated the area had been adopted. Once again, a resident suggested the installation of CCTV would alleviate the problems and, again, the Chairman advised of issues regarding monitoring and the usefulness of the images and that a response from Chorley Council regarding information on linking in to its monitored system is awaited.

A resident complained of problems obtaining appointments for the Medical Centre advising of a two week wait. The resident was advised to contact the NHS Trust and the MP.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

151.18 Planning Matters

18/00811/FULHH Two storey rear extension at 72 Parr Lane

18/00873/FULHH Single storey rear extension and loft conversion with rear dormer at 60 New Street

18/00886/TPO Application for works to protected trees: Chorley BC TPO no. 1 (Eccleston) 2009: T17 & T18 - Reduce 2 Oaks to allow 1 metre clearance from lighting column and a minimum of 2 metres from the property at Land adjacent to 2 Braeburn Crescent

18/00895/FUL Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling and erection of porch at Mill Lane Farm, Mill Lane

18/00913/DIS Dormers to front and rear; single storey extension (following demolition of existing conservatory at Sunnycroft 69 Doctors Lane

Councillors had no objections to the above applications.

152.18 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.

£	70.87	Water Plus	Metered water charge
£	147.66	British Gas	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£	142.98	British Gas	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£	360.00	PKF Littlejohn	External audit fee
£	100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£	100.00	K Langshaw Property Maintenance	Repair to door glass
£	125.14	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE/NI
£	711.94	Employee 1	Salary
£	511.19	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£	663.35	Employee 3	Salary
£	64.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	65.93	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	35.00	Information Commissioner	Registration fee
£	58.12	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

153.18 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

The report of the External Auditor was presented and noted.

154.18 Community Hub

A request to provide a lease for the Hub building to the Committee, to assist with grant applications requiring a security of tenure was considered. A 25 year term, in common with the other leases, was suggested.

Resolved: a lease with a 25 year term was agreed.

Further user groups for the building have come forward, together with an offer of guitar training and a volunteer to assist with the youth club, when it is operational.

154.18 Town Crier

An offer from a resident to act as unpaid Town Crier was considered.

Resolved: Mr Gez Clarke was appointed.

155.18 Remembrance

Pledges for all Lamppost Poppies have been obtained.

The Town Crier is to take part in a global Cry for Peace on 11 November.

The silhouettes manufactured by HMP Wymott are to be installed on the Village Green on 12 October. A letter of thanks for producing the silhouettes is to be sent to the Governor.

156.18 Christmas Lights

Changes to the Christmas lights were discussed. Councillors agreed, instead of a Christmas tree, lights are to be put in the Birch tree at the front of the Village Green. Costings for ducting and lights are to be obtained.

157.18 St Agnes' Banners

A request from St Agnes' to place banners advertising the Christmas Market on the Village Green and the entrance to The Hawthorns was considered. Concerns were raised regarding possible distraction from the Remembrance display on the Village Green and Councillors felt a banner should only be erected once the silhouettes have been removed.

Resolved: subject to confirmation of insurance cover, permission was granted to erect a banner on The Hawthorns, with the banner on the Village Green to be erected after 18 November.

158.18 Reports from Outside Bodies

The crime figures for September were provided, which included 5 reported crimes.

159.18 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 November 2018.