

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Remote Meeting held 8 October 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), D Bonney, R Burns, C Heath, D Miller, M Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 2 Members of the Public

76.20 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Brown, V Counce and M Frost.

77.20 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

78.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 September 2020

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

79.20 Public Participation

A resident queried the planting up of the new planters by Verdes. Winter planting has been arranged for this year, with volunteers carrying out the planting in future.

A path on the Millennium Green to Eccleston Primary School was mentioned. No firm costings had been provided and this will be considered at the next meeting.

A resident advised there will be no lamppost poppies this year due to lack of availability. A fundraising facebook page has been set up and this is to be advertised on the notice boards.

A resident queried the adoption of the Langton Close play area as tree roots are causing a problem to residents. The decision to withdraw from the adoption had been postponed due to the Coronavirus situation and the adoption remains in the hands of solicitors.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

80.20 Planning Matters

20/00913/FULHH Single storey side extension and erection of a new front boundary wall measuring 0.9m in height with brick piers measuring 1.35m in height (following demolition of existing detached garage) at 54 New Mill Street

20/00935/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension (conservatory) at 29 Lydiate Lane

20/00943/DIS Application to discharge condition nos. 9 (dwelling emission rate), 14 (existing and proposed ground levels and proposed building finished floor levels), 16 (means of foul drainage disposal), and 17 (surface water drainage scheme) and 20/01019/DIS Application to discharge condition no. 4 (materials) of planning permission 19/01026/FUL (Demolition of existing sheds and erection of a dormer bungalow with associated car parking) at Land SW of Glendale

20/00997/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension at 3 Cortland Avenue

There were no objections to these applications.

81.20 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

- ii) A grant application from St Mary's Church towards the costs of equipment to provide the live streaming of services was considered. This had been deferred from the previous meeting to allow Councillors with connections to the other churches to advise of the availability of grants. No applications had been received and the Councillors will contact the churches.

Resolved: each of the churches submitting an application will receive a grant of £100.

- iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 265.25	Water Plus	Water/wastewater charge
£ 192.42	Total Gas and Power	Electricity (Hub)
£ 10.85	Total Gas and Power	Electricity (Hub)
£ 1263.62	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 756.78	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 584.20	Employee 3	Salary and reimbursements
£ 58.73	HM Revenue and Customs	NI
£ 35.00	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

82.20 Community Hub/Changing Rooms

Reopening the Hub to user groups was again discussed. A number of issues and concerns were raised by Councillors including requirements for an initial deep clean by an appropriate contractor, the frequency of additional cleansing, how to ensure users groups carry out cleansing and whether test and trace operations could be monitored. Advice is to be sought from the Council's insurers.

Chorley Youth Zone has been carrying out outreach work in the village and wish to hold a virtual meeting with a small group of Councillors to discuss using the premises.

The Hub Committee is contact user groups to gauge interest in using the premises once they are reopened.

Grants had been received for both premises and it was suggested some of the funds should be used for structural repairs to The Hub and the replacement of the Changing Rooms lighting with LED lights to reduce energy costs. It was suggested these works should be carried out before the deep cleansing takes place.

83.20 Recreation Ground CCTV Camera

Two Councillors had received a demonstration of a camera from Chorley Council Officers and a contractor. Preliminary figures had been provided to a member of the Council and, in view of the large amounts involved, Chorley Council is to be asked for a contribution. The item was deferred to the next meeting for firm quotations and specifications to be provided.

84.20 Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements for a wreath laying ceremony are in the process of being finalised.

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

Resolved: a donation of £350 was agreed.

85.20 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 November 2020.

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