

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 13 October 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 4 Members of the Public

118.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Brown and K-J Kelly.

119.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

120.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2022

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

121.22 Public Participation

A resident mentioned the plants in the raised beds by Verdes. The meeting was advised the planting and maintenance of the beds will be considered by the Open Spaces Committee.

A resident advised the display of Poppies would be carried out during the weekend of 29/30th October and asked whether the verge at the entrance to on The Hawthorns could be used for a display of poppies.

A representative of the Recreation Park Group advised the fundraising was not going as well as hoped and there is a large shortfall in funds. Some grant applications have not been successful and others are yet to be decided. A suggestion as to whether the Council could borrow to cover the shortfall was made. This will be considered in detail by the Open Spaces Committee initially, with the final decision being made by the Council.

122.22 Planning Matters

22/00960/FULHH Erection of detached outbuilding (retrospective) at 41 New Street

22/01010/FUL Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and garage (following demolition of existing dwelling at Park Dene, 428 Langton Brow

There were no objections to these applications.

123.22 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 72.72	Waterplus	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 205.00	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration fee
£ 25.45	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£26520.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Hawthorns Play Area replacement
£ 360.00	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit fee
£ 370.00	Rufford Printing	Newsletter printing
£ 2992.78	A J Gallagher Insurance	Insurance premium

£ 2290.39	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 33.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 55.42	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)

124.22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021-22

The report of the External Auditor was noted.

125.22 Agenda Items

Councillors discussed the rules of debate, as specified within the Standing Orders. The Chairman advised this item had arisen following communication from residents attending the September meeting. It was mentioned issues had arisen as a result of a Facebook poll carried out by a Councillor. It was pointed out the National Association of Local Councils had advised the use of social media in this way was acceptable. Clarification of the rules of debate, as specified within the Standing Orders were confirmed.

To enable informed decisions to be made, Councillors requesting items for inclusion on an agenda will be required to provide background information for the item. Requests for agenda items lacking in background or supporting information will not be accepted.

126.22 Committee Report

The Chairman of the Activities Committee advised attendance at the Neighbourhood Watch presentation arranged by the Committee was extremely disappointing, with only two residents attending.

127.22 Clerk's Report

Measures to prevent children running directly into the road from the Richmond Road ginnel had been requested from Lancashire County Council.

Donations received towards production of village calendar are being held in a ring fenced Village Activities sub budget.

128.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

129.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 November 2022.

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