

## ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 10 October 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors M Miller (Chairman), R Bland, S Bland, D Graham, H Thomas, A Whittaker and O Williams.

Also present: 4 Members of the Public.

108.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Bonney, M Brown, C Heath, A Marsh and D Miller.

109.24 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

110.24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2024

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

111.24 Public Participation

A resident queried a problem with a tree on Drapers Avenue, which was raised at the last meeting. This had been reported to Lancashire County Council.

Wires across the road on The Green were queried. The meeting was advised the wires were likely to be traffic counters.

Details of the amounts of Community Infrastructure Levy funds due to be received were provided.

112.24 Planning Matters

24/00779/FULHH Single storey extension to side and rear at 9 Lawrence Lane

24/00780/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 3 (Ecclestone) 2022: Oaks 32T, 33T, 34T and Oak within 16G - Crown raise at Land at Tincklers Lane

24/00811/FUL Section 73 application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) of planning permission ref. 22/00210/FUL (Demolition of existing buildings and erection of three detached dwellings with associated works and landscaping) to add phasing and existing floor plans) at Wright's Garden Centre, New Lane Nurseries, New Lane

24/00770/PIP Permission in principle application for two dwellings following the demolition of an existing dwelling at Park Dene, 428 Langton Brow

There were no objections to these applications.

113.24 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 for a contribution towards the provision of a public access defibrillator at St Agnes Church was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £350.00, from the Community Infrastructure Levy budget, was awarded.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£	95.50	Everflow	Water/wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£	30.36	Easy Websites	Website
£	72.86	Waterplus	Water/wastewater (Hub)
£	756.00	PKF Littlejohn	Audit fee

£ 4784.83	A J Gallagher	Annual insurance premium
£ 2750.17	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 30.36	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration
£ 19.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 122.18	British Gas	Gas (Hub)
£ 57.73	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)

114.24 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2024  
The report of the External Auditor was noted. Confirmation of the publication of the notice of conclusion of audit was provided.

#### 115.24 Internal Audit Review

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 £150.

#### 116.24 Polling Place Review

A Chorley Council consultation concerning the suitability of polling places was considered. Councillors reported there had been no issues regarding access to the current polling stations raised by residents.

#### 117.24 Remembrance Parade

Details of the arrangements for the Remembrance Parade were confirmed.

#### 118.24 Clerk's Report

Speed Indicators - sites have been approved and the devices are awaiting installation by Lancashire County Council Highways Officers.

Councillors were advised of the need for additional signatories on the bank account. An item to appoint additional signatories will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Will Trust - funds being processed and an item will be included on the November agenda to discuss investment of funds and proposals for use.

2025-26 Precept - Councillors were asked to provide the Clerk with details of suggestions for possible large items of expenditure to be factored into the draft budgets.

#### 119.24 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 120.24 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 November 2024.

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