

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 14 September 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 6 Members of the Public

115.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Brown, C Heath and M Miller.

116.23 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Williams, as an acquaintance of the applicant, declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 3 (Councillor Vacancy).

117.23 Councillor Vacancy

An application for co-option from Mr A Marsh was considered.

Resolved: Mr A Marsh was co-opted.

118.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 August 2023

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

119.23 Public Participation

A resident requested permission to cut the hedge to the rear of a property adjoining the Millennium Green. No objections were raised.

A Member of the Recreation Park Fundraising Group provided details of the replacement of the Recreation Park play area. Work is scheduled to commence on 23 October. The Fundraising Group is arranging further events towards Phase 2 of the project including a Halloween Bingo and a Santa Dash.

120.23 Planning Matters

23/00610/TPO Application for work to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 5 (Ecclestone) 2007: Willows T1& T2s - Fell at 37 Larkfield

23/00615/TPO Application for work to a protected tree - Chorley BC TPO 9 (Ecclestone) 1989: Part retrospective crown reduction of Sycamore at 20 Chaucer Close

23/00696/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed siting of a mobile home to provide ancillary accommodation at 5 Braeburn Crescent

23/00772/FUL Change of use of buildings from agriculture to storage (class B8) at Sarscow Farm, Sarscow Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

121.23 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 from Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility for assistance towards the costs of replacement wheelchairs and scooters was considered

Resolved: a grant of £250 was awarded.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 80.45	Everflow	Broadband (Hub)
£ 65.76	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£ 419.35	SSE	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£ 8.97	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 378.00	PKF Littlejohn	Audit fee (Hub)
£ 450.00	R D Sargeant	Tree felling
£ 4122.51	A J Gallagher	Insurance premium
£ 1504.10	Wernick Hire	Delivery/hire temporary changing rooms
£ 2689.70	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 18.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 80.91	Everflow	Broadband (Hub)
£ 73.84	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)

122.23 Clerk's Report

The temporary changing rooms have been delivered. Discussions with the Loss Adjuster are continuing.

Planning permission for the replacement play equipment on the Recreation Ground was granted.

Details of the postponement of the Planning Inquiry into the third prison in Ulnes Walton were provided. The Parish Council has been advised the Inquiry may not take place until the New Year.

123.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

124.23 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 October 2023.

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