

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 8 September 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors M Miller (Chairman), R Burns M Frost, D Graham, D Miller and A Whittaker.

Also present: Borough Councillor A Singh and 5 Members of the Public

103.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney, K Brown, M Brown, C Heath, K-J Kelly and H Thomas.

104.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

105.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 August 2022

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

106.22 Public Participation

A resident queried the situation regarding the Hub. The meeting of interested parties has still to be arranged.

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

A resident asked whether the verges at the entrance to on The Hawthorns could be used for a display of poppies.

Measures to prevent children running into the road from the Richmond Road ginnel were suggested.

A resident asked why the Council was looking at the War Memorial again. The Chairman explained the item had been brought up by a Councillor.

107.22 Planning Matters

22/00766/FULHH Erection of detached outbuilding at 74 Doctors Lane

22/00852/LBC Application for listed building consent for extensions and renovations to listed farmhouse, conversion of barn to 2 dwellings, demolition of former farmbuildings and erection of four detached dwellings at Woodend Farm Parr Lane

22/00819/FULHH Two storey side extension and 1.8m high boundary fence to side of property at 49 Red House Lane

22/00871/FUL Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission ref: 17/01046/FUL (Change of use of barn from agriculture to offices (Use Class B1), retention of farm house for residential (Use Class C3), retention of barns for agricultural use, provision of 19 parking spaces for use by office staff, and alterations to Sarscow Lane, to create 3 no. passing places) to alter the position, number and dimensions of the passing places Sarscow Farm Sarscow Lane

22/00878/LBC Application for listed building consent for the conversion and renovation of existing stone barn at Woodend Farm, Parr Lane

22/00881/FULHH Single storey extension to side of property and two storey extension to rear of property at 9 Lawrence Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

22/00869/REMAJ Reserved matters application detailing access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale - pursuant to outline planning permission 20/01193/OUTMAJ (Up to 34 dwellings and associated infrastructure) Appeal ref: APP/D2320/W/21/3284702 Land South of Parr Lane. Concerns were raised regarding the access onto the narrow estate roads around Sandringham Road and Parr Lane.

Resolved: Planning Officers are to be requested to examine potential traffic issues with Lancashire County Council Highways Officers.

108.22 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:

£ 186.55	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 84.26	Waterplus	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 830.00	R D Sargeant	Tree removal, hedge cutting
£ 2924.43	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 25.45	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 167.25	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 33.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)

109.22 External Auditor Appointment Arrangements

An option to opt out of the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments arrangements, which would require the Parish Council to appoint an appropriate external auditor, convene an independent auditor panel and develop a specification for the external audit contract, was considered.

Resolved: the current arrangements are to be continued.

110.22 War Memorial

Councillors considered a proposal to contact St Mary's PCC regarding the relocation of the War Memorial.

Attention was drawn to a poll carried out by a Councillor on the village facebook page and the appropriateness of this was questioned by some Members. It was pointed out the poll was intended as a means of gauging the feeling of the village.

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Members of the Public to speak.

A resident offered the opinion the War Memorial should remain where it is and the subject should not be raised again.

A motion to contact St Mary's PCC regarding the relocation was proposed and seconded.

A recorded vote was requested by Cllr D Miller.

For the motion: Councillors Whittaker and Burns.

Against the motion: Councillors D Miller and M Miller.

Abstentions: Councillors Frost and Graham.

The vote was tied. The Chairman used his casting vote and the motion was lost.

111.22 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services Emergency Cover Review 2022 Survey

A response to a survey was considered. Councillors had no comments.

112.22 Committee Appointment

A request from Cllr Kelly to join the Activities Committee was considered.

Resolved: Cllr Kelly was appointed to the Activities Committee.

113.22 Clerk's Report

The flag on the Village Green is to fly at half mast during the period of mourning for HM Queen Elizabeth II.

114.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

115.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 October 2022.

116.22 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item was considered on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

117.22 Contractual Matters

The cleaning contract for The Hub was reviewed.

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