

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 7 April 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 7 Members of the Public

40.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney, K Brown, M Brown and M Frost.

41.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

42.22 Councillor Vacancies

Five applications for co-option to fill the two vacancies had been received. Suggestions to provide a questionnaire for completion by the applicants and to invite applicants to attend a parish council meeting to address the council were put forward. Councillors agreed to combine the two suggestions and a questionnaire is to be put together for approval prior to distribution.

43.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2022

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

44.22 Matters Arising

30.22 drainage on the Millennium Green was queried. It was noted the drain along the boundary with properties on Newlands and The Green is on land owned by residents.

45.22 Public Participation

No items raised.

46.22 Planning Matters

22/00182/FUL Erection of 1no. detached three storey dwelling to replace the original approved house type for Plot 1 (planning application reference 19/01200/FUL), detached double garage, gabion wall and associated works at Land To The South West Of Ricmarlo Preston Nook

22/00210/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of three detached dwellings with associated works and landscaping at Wright's Garden Centre New Lane Nurseries New Lane

22/00271/TPO Application for work to a protected tree - Chorley BC TPO 3 (Ecclestone) 2004: Oak T2 - 2 metre lateral reduction of branches overhanging garden of 58 New Street at 58 New Street

22/00339/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 6 (Ecclestone) 2000: T3 Oak - Remove 2 no. lower primary branches extending to east over garden by 4-5m back to main stem; and T2 Sycamore - Remove primary branch extending to south east over garden by 4-5m back to main stem at 16 Anchor Fields

There were no objections to these applications.

A request for support from a local action group in relation to 21/001028/OUTMAJ Hybrid planning application for a new prison at HM Prison Wymott, Moss Lane, Ulnes Walton was considered. Concerns regarding the increase in traffic were raised and the potential impact of the third prison is to be publicised to residents of the village.

47.22 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2022 was considered.

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

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ii) A request from St Mary's Church, for a contribution towards the costs of new mowers for the churchyard and assistance with energy bills, was considered.

Resolved: as the churchyard is for the whole village, a grant of £150 was awarded.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 281.66	Waterplus	Water and wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 633.11	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 2194.15	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 36.36	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 12.05	TotalEnergies	Electricity (Hub)

48.22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2022 was considered.

i) Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

ii) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Accounting Statements had been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting.

iii) Resolved: the Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Chairman.

49.22 Lancashire County Council Consultation - Speed Indicator Device Policy and Procedure

A response to a consultation by the Speed Management Team was considered. Councillors were critical of the proposals as they are against the Parish Council's attempts to improve road safety.

50.22 Working Group Report

A brief update from on a virtual meeting of the Platinum Jubilee Working Group was provided. Suggestions for items for inclusion in the Big Picnic event were discussed.

36.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

37.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 May 2022.

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