

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 13 April 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 4 Members of the Public

37.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Brown, M Brown, R Burns, M Frost, K-J Kelly and D Graham.

38.23 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

39.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2023

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

40.23 Public Participation

A resident mentioned the exterior wall of The Hub is in need of repair.

Representatives of the Recreation Parks Group advised preparations for the Street Party in the Park were going well however, volunteers for the event are needed.

41.23 Planning Matters

23/00239/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 1 (Ecclestone) 2009: T2 Oak- reduce limb by 1m; and T5 Birch - at Bramley Drive

23/00298/DIS Application to discharge conditions nos.10 (site access and the off-site works of highway improvement) and 11 (street management and maintenance) attached to reserved matters consent ref: 22/00869/REMAJ (Reserved matters application detailing access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 34 dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission ref: 20/01193/OUTMAJ (Up to 34 dwellings and associated infrastructure) at Land South of Parr Lane. A previous query raised relating to an issue relating to the boundary fence is to be raised again with Chorley Council.

There were no objections to these applications.

42.23 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2023 was considered.

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

ii) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 72.65	Everflow	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 92.53	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£ 773.94	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 25.45	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 120.60	Argus Fire and Security	Alarm repair
£ 370.00	Rufford Printing	Newsletter printing

£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 618.70	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 2418.24	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 3.44	Npower	Christmas lights electricity
£ 13.16	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 92.38	Everflow	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 83.66	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)

43.23 Community Hub

A quotation for the replacement of the entrance door with a double uPVC door was discussed. As the entrance door is both an emergency exit and the disabled access, the suitability of the type of door suggested was queried and refurbishment of the existing door is to be explored.

44.23 Recreation Park

The Fundraising Group has obtained £89,000 in grants to date towards a total cost of £142900 and fundraising efforts will continue. The earmarking for the project of CIL funds held by the Council was considered.

Resolved: £40,000 of the CIL budget is to be designated for the project.

45.23 Changing Rooms

An update regarding the insurance claim was provided. Discussions are ongoing with the Loss Adjuster to attempt to resolve a serious issue around a shortfall in the property valuation contained within the schedule provided by the insurer.

46.23 Job Description - Clerk

The inclusion of the day to day management of the Community Hub to the job description for the replacement Clerk, together with the possibility of using the Hub office as a base, was considered.

Resolved: an additional 2 hours per week is to be included, with a review after three months.

47.23 Committee Report

A verbal report from a meeting of the Activities Committee was provided. Funding has been obtained to cover the cost of a family event to celebrate the Coronation, which will take place on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 7 May. Commemorative medals are to be given to pupils at both primary schools. Catering for Lancashire Night has been arranged with a local caterer.

48.23 Clerk's Report

The meeting with representatives of The Rainbow Hub will be arranged after 17 April.

Chorley Council's Street Cleansing Officer had confirmed bins on the path between Reeveswood and Beechfields and on Church Walks would not be provided. It was suggested Councillors should view the areas in question.

49.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

50.23 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 May 2023.

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

.....(Chairman)