

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 8 August 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), D Bonney, M Brown, R Burns, V Caunce, C Heath, D Miller, M Miller and A Whittaker.

Also present 3 Members of the Public

104.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Holborn and H Thomas.

105.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

106.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2019

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

107.19 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

108.19 Public Participation

Residents advised of their objections to the planning application for the former One Stop premises. The potential for noise from the outside seating area and lack of parking provision were mentioned and it was felt the type of business was not suitable for a residential area.

A resident had suggested an exercise to remove Himalayan Balsam. This will be considered at by the Open Spaces Committee.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

109.19 Planning Matters

19/00647/FULHH Erection of a detached garage at Ricmarlo, Preston Nook. The acceptability of the location of the garage, forward of the building line, is to be queried with the Planning Officer.

19/00641/FULHH Single storey rear extension at 10 Beechfields

19/00691/TPO Application for works to a protected tree - Chorley BC TPO 6 (Ecclestone) 2000 - T13 - Oak - Crown lift to 2.5m and crown thin by no more than 20% at 16 Anchor Fields

19/00713/FULHH Extension of detached garage to accommodate home gym and office at 5 Cortland Avenue

19/00734/FUL Change of use of domestic swimming pool (use class C3) for leisure use (Use class D2) at 1 Lydiate Lane

19/00757/FULHH Part two storey, part single storey rear extension at 50 The Fields

There were no objections to these applications.

19/00574/FUL Change of use from A1 to A4 Café Bistro with seating to frontage and barriers to carparking at One-stop, 221 The Green. An amended application, removing the car parking spaces, has been submitted. Councillors raised concerns regarding the impact of noise from the outside seating area on neighbouring residential properties and the lack of parking facilities.

Resolved: an objection is to be lodged on the grounds of unsuitable development in a residential area. Noise from the premises will adversely affect neighbouring properties. The lack of parking is contrary to standards within the Chorley Local Plan. A request for the application to be determined by Chorley Council's Planning Committee is also to be submitted

110.19 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 St Mary's PCC for a contribution towards the costs of maintaining the Churchyard was considered

Resolved: a grant of £200 was awarded

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements.

£ 450.00	Eccleston Electrical Services	Electrical inspection (Changing Rooms)
£ 1250.00	Central Lancs Dial a Ride	Grant - operating costs
£ 100.00	A Partington	Internal audit fee
£ 727.59	Employee 1	Salary
£ 512.52	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 685.25	Employee 3	Salary
£ 132.37	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 66.00	Chorley Council	Business rates

111.19 Internal Audit

The report of the Internal Auditor was noted. Reference was made to the review of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, which is yet to be completed.

112.19 Community Hub

Information was provided on the condition of the external surfaces of the building, which are in need of replacement. Ongoing vandalism, culminating in a recent arson attempt, has led to a requirement for the replacement of the walls and roof. The Hub Committee is to obtain suggestions from builders and look into the possibility of grant funding towards some of the work.

113.19 Committee Appointments

A request from Cllr Heath to join the Open Spaces Committee was considered.

Resolved: Cllr Heath was appointed to the Open Spaces Committee.

114.19 Committee Reports

Verbal reports were provided on recent meetings of the Activities Committee and the Open Spaces Committee.

115.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

116.19 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 September 2019.