

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 14 December 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), D Bonney, M Brown, H Caunce, V Caunce, D Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker

Also present County Councillor K Iddon and 2 Members of the Public.

155.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors L Armstrong, J Holborn and W Mason.

156.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

157.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2017

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2017 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

158.17 Matters Arising

104.17 Seat on Parr Lane. The seat is awaiting installation.

134.17 Security fencing to prevent access to the rear of the Community Hub has been installed.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

159.17 Public Participation

A resident thanked the Council for installing the fence around The Hub and mentioned the situation with the anti-social behaviour had improved.

A resident reported localised flooding of the path around the Recreation Ground. A price to top up the crushed stone has been requested.

A visit by the road sweeper to help clear the drains on Drapers Avenue was requested.

A suggestion to provide a path from Middlewood Close to the junior pitch was made. The meeting was advised the land is not owned by the Parish Council.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

160.17 Planning Matters

17/01057/FULHH Pitched roofs above existing front and rear dormers at 145 The Green

17/01066/DIS Application to discharge condition 4 (external materials), condition 6 (sustainable resources) and condition 8 (parking provision) of permission ref: 17/00539/FUL (for the erection of detached two storey dwelling with garage/workshop and stables following demolition of existing stables, kennels and workshop) at High Heys Farm, Langton Brow

There were no objections to the above applications.

17/01046/FUL Change of use from existing farm outbuildings to be used as offices. Change of use of existing Farm House to be used as offices Buildings to be upgraded but not extended other than illustrated at Sarscow Farm, Sarscow Lane. The appropriateness of the increase in parking provision in the Greenbelt and the impact on the Public Right of Way were raised.

Resolved: an objection, on the grounds of inappropriate development within the Greenbelt, is to be submitted

17/01076/OUT Outline planning application for two dwellings (all matters reserved) at Land SW of Glendale, Tincklers Lane. Enquiries are to be made as to whether the site falls within the village inset (development area).

161.17 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

The donation to Eccleston Brass Band for playing at the Carol Singing was considered.

Resolved: a donation of £200 was agreed.

A request for financial assistance from Eccleston Library, towards the costs of visiting speakers, was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £50 was awarded.

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

£	697.78	Employee 1	Salary
£	470.77	Employee 2	Salary
£	644.03	Employee 3	Salary
£	122.81	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£	36.00	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£	212.26	Employee 1	Reimbursements
£	216.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play area inspections
£	2073.60	Ark Welding	Security fence/repairs to swings
£	62.25	J Atherton	Musical showcase
£	185.00	Rufford Printing	Newsletter printing
£	300.00	J H Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£	200.00	St Mary's PCC	Grant
£	62.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£	62.30	Water Plus	Surface water charge
£	160.87	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£	180.18	British Gas	Gas

162.17 Christmas Lights

A suggestion to provide additional lights for the Silver Birch tree on the Village Green was made. This is to be looked at for next year.

163.17 Recreational Cycling Development

Chorley Council had asked for support to develop recreational cycling in the Western Parishes area. An appeal for volunteers is to be included in the newsletter.

164.17 Electoral Review

A consultation from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England was considered. Councillors had no comments and residents are to be advised of the process in the newsletter.

165.17 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Councillors are to provide suggestions for agenda items to the Chairman.

166.17 Eccleston Community Hub

Details of an article regarding the reopening of the Hub which had recently appeared in the local press were provided.

The roof is to be repaired when weather conditions allow and, once this is done internal redecoration will be carried out.

167.17 Committee Reports

Village Activities Committee - a verbal report on recent events was provided. The Chris Bannister concert was fairly well attended. The Lancashire Night was well received and is to be repeated next year, with the ticket sales handled by the Council to allow dietary requirements to be catered for. Numbers attending the Ecclestone Village Showcase, supported by the Committee, were low but this was the first attempt.

An issue had arisen with an unauthorised banner being erected on the Village Green, which was felt to have detracted from the Council's banner advertising Lancashire Night and an article is to be included in the newsletter advising of the implications.

Open Spaces Committee - updates on ongoing projects were provided. Proposals for the Ecclestone Bridge entrance marker were finalised and will be considered at the next meeting. The Langton Close play area adoption is awaiting the documentation from the developer.

168.17 Reports from Outside Bodies

The latest crime figures were provided. There were 17 reported crimes in November, mainly vehicle crimes involving unsecured vehicles.

The Open Gardens, arranged by the Friends of St Mary's, had been successful and events, including the Houghton Weavers, are to be arranged for next year.

169.17 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person 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.

170.17 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries were reviewed.

171.17 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 January 2018.

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