

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 9 December 2021 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 2 Members of the Public

116.21 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Burns, M Frost and C Heath.

117.21 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Thomas, as owner of a neighbouring property, declared an interest in planning application 21/01317/FULHH, and will take no part in the discussions.

118.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2021

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

119.21 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

120.21 Public Participation

Cllr Whittaker advised he had been asked to read a lesson at St Mary's Church.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

121.21 Planning Matters

21/01257/FUL Retrospective change of use to dog day care with outdoor dog play/toilet area at Units 12-13 Grove Park Industrial Estate The Green

21/01317/FULHH First floor extensions to front/side and erection of a single storey front extension at 8 Reeveswood

21/01328/FULHH Two storey side extension to eastern elevation and single storey side extension to western elevation at Patterdale, Towngate

21/01360/FULHH Erection of detached garage (following demolition of existing garage) and elevational alterations to existing property including replacement of integral garage door with window and brickwork at 32 Hawkswood

21/01384/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey side extension and detached outbuilding (garden room) at Blossom Hill, 382 Langton Brow

21/01401/FULHH Part two storey/part single storey side/rear extension and front and rear roof dormer extensions at 92 Richmond Road

There were no objections to these applications.

21/01298/PIP Permission in principle application for the erection of one dwelling at Fell View, Southport Road - concerns relating to garden development at to be raised with Chorley Council.

21/01380/FUL Change of use of no. 217 The Green from a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a shop (Use Class E(a)) across the ground floor and 1no. 1 bedroom flat across the whole first floor at 217 The Green - concerns relating to parking provision are to be raised with Chorley Council. The proposal will lead to an increase in vehicle reversing out onto The Green directly opposite the sole access to the Carrington Centre retail area and properties on New Mill Street. Clarification on parking provision is also to be requested as, if the flat occupiers use one space this would leave only one space available for the business.

122.21 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:

£ 181.23	Waterplus	Water and wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 960.00	Argus Fire and Security	Alarm service (Changing Rooms)
£ 216.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play equipment inspections
£ 1194.00	Earth Anchors	Seats
£ 207.50	DWG (NW)	Seat installation
£ 480.00	R D Sargeant	Tree works
£ 350.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation
£ 25.00	Parish and Town Training	Councillor training
£ 200.00	Eccleston Brass Band	Donation – Carol singing
£ 2130.41	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 142.65	Total Energies	Electricity (Hub)
£ 25.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)

123.21 Speed Indicator

Options of a fixed solar powered model and a mobile model of the same type and manufacture installed by neighbouring parish councils were considered. Councillors felt units positioned at either end of the village were required.

Resolved: an order is to be placed for two solar powered units.

124.21 Hub Management Committee

Options for the ongoing management of the building were considered.

The first suggestion was for an appointed committee of the parish council to be set up similar to the Open Spaces Committee. The premises would be managed by the Clerk, with additional meeting involving minutes, agendas, invoice payments etc. Non councillors could be appointed to the committee but would not have voting rights. It was noted the operation of this committee would be entirely different from other committees and would require significant additional time from the Clerk to manage the building, which the Clerk is unable to provide.

A second option was for the reforming of the Hub Management Committee with alternative with alternative membership. The new membership would take over the running of the building and the assets of the committee.

It was mentioned there were advantages in keeping the committee as a separate entity as grant funding may be available which the parish council could not access. It was also suggested a manager for the building, to deal with bookings, opening and closing, inspections etc would be required.

It was suggested residents should be consulted to see if there was any interest in joining a committee and Councillors agreed to provide suggestions for a means of consulting with residents for the January meeting.

125.21 Carol Singing

Details of the arrangements for Carol singing were confirmed.

126.21 2022-23 Precept

Items for inclusion in the precept for 2022-23 were discussed. Suggestions put forward included lighting for the Recreation Ground car park and a new website.

127.21 Play Area Grant

Chorley Council had provided a revised grant agreement for the Hawthorns Play Area refurbishment, extending the expiry date to allow for installation to take place within the timescale.

Resolved: the revised agreement was approved for signature by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

128.21 Committee Report

A verbal report from a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee was provided. The Committee had agreed to adhere to the tree policy with regard to works to trees on the Millennium Green. A flagpole had been ordered for the Village Green and the provision of a remembrance garden was discussed. Additional seats for the Recreation Ground had been installed and enquiries are to be made with Lancashire County Council regarding a raised bed entrance marker at the Heskin end of the village.

A Councillor advised the works carried out on trees on the Millennium Green had not addressed the complaints of a resident.

Cllr Whittaker left the meeting.

129.21 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

130.21 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 January 2022.

131.21 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.

132.21 Personnel Matters

Employee salaries were reviewed.

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