

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 10 February 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 5 Members of the Public

13.22 Apologies for absence

None received.

14.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

15.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2022

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

16.22 Matters Arising

04.22 Speed indicators have been delivered. Lancashire County Council Highways Department has been asked to provide suitable locations.

08.22 The precept request has been submitted to Chorley Council

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

17.22 Public Participation

The availability of The Hub for use by groups was queried. The impending guidance will allow use of the building to return to normal.

The hedges on the Millennium Green were mentioned.

Production of a newsletter was queried. The newsletter is in the process of being put together.

It was reported an elderly resident had tripped on the pavement on The Green opposite the garage.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

18.22 Planning Matters

22/00006/FULHH Porch extension to side elevation (retrospective) at 28 Middlewood Close

22/00031/FULHH Two storey side extension at 19 Sagar Street

22/00038/CLPUD Application for certificate of lawfulness for a proposed field access including gate from Wrennals Lane at Hawthorn House, Wrennals Lane

22/000055/AGR Agricultural determination for the construction of an agricultural vehicle track at Hawthorn House, Wrennals Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

Information was provided on a recent decision by the Planning Inspectorate to allow an appeal against the refusal of an application for a development in Coppull, which may impact on the refused applications for developments off Parr Lane and Tincklers Lane.

19.22 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:

£ 37.91	TotalEnergies	Gas (Hub)
£ 674.82	TotalEnergies	Gas (Hub)
£ 4583.32	Elan City	Speed indicators
£ 4800.00	JT & KJ Waterworth	Annual grasscutting contract
£ 2128.16	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 25.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)

20.22 Neighbourhood Priorities

Improvements to assist with pedestrian safety along New Lane, assistance with the adoption of land off Mill Lane and construction of a structure on the Village Green are to be submitted.

21.22 Activities Committee

Additional members were invited to join the committee to assist with arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Councillors Heath and D and M Miller volunteered.

22.22 Lancashire County Council 2022-23 Budget Consultation

The details were noted.

23.22 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 the Silver birch trees on the Millennium Green. The hedges are to be taken down to around 1.5m. The Committee decided against a suggestion to employ a contractor to provide a report on the drainage on the Millennium Green as reports had been carried out in the past which had identified the lack of a suitable outlet. A survey of the pond is to be carried out by Lancashire Wildlife Trust to identify works which may be carried out.

Chorley Council had provided proposals for landscaping of the Hawthorns Play Area.

24.22 Disposal of Asset

The disposal of the defunct speed indicator device was considered. Replacement devices have been purchased.

Resolved: the device is to be disposed of at the recycling centre.

25.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

The Community Cars Scheme continues to struggle for volunteer drivers.

26.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 March 2022.