

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 10 January 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 8 Members of the Public

01.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Armstrong, H Caunce and V Caunce and W Mason.

02.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

03.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2018

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2018 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

04.19 Matters Arising

177.18 Community Cars scheme - Dial-a- Ride is to be asked for further details, including financial information and, if received in time, an item will appear on the February meeting agenda.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

05.19 Public Participation

A resident advised the surface of the Recreation Ground car park was in poor condition. The resident also mentioned youths had been seen smoking illegal substances on the ball court.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

Resolved: Agenda item 9 was brought forward.

06.19 Verge on The Green

A resident had previously advised she wished to carry out improvement works, including raised planted beds, on the verge in front of the pond by Verdes. Lancashire County Council had confirmed the land was in private ownership and both the current and previous owners of the pond area had confirmed the verge was not owned by them. Councillors would like to assist and options for raised beds were provided. Residents will also look at other options, including asking whether beds could be made by HMP Wymott.

07.19 Planning Matters

18/01128/PDE Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 5m in depth, with eaves height of 2.5m and a maximum height of 2.8m at 11 Drapers Avenue

18/01137/FULHH Erection of greenhouse to the rear of existing garage at 119 Towngate

18/01161/DIS Discharge of Conditions of planning permission 16/01191/FUL - Condition 6 (SAP Assessment) in relation to Plot 5 only at Land adjacent to 75 Towngate

18/01209/FULHH Dormers to sides, single storey side extension, pitched roof to existing front porch, and erection of detached garage (following demolition of existing conservatory to side elevation and existing detached garage) at 1 Keats Close

There were no objections to these applications.

08.19 Financial Matters

The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

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

£ 330.00	Rufford Printing	Newsletter printing
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 200.00	Eccleston Brass Band	Donation
£ 162.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Play area inspections
£ 199.80	EFT Systems	Repair to alarm
£ 60.00	A Richardson	Debris clearance work (Hub)
£ 711.94	Employee 1	Salary
£ 496.53	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 663.35	Employee 3	Salary
£ 125.14	HM Revenue and Customs	Tax/NI
£ 64.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 65.93	Water Plus	Metered water charge
£ 261.44	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

09.19 Precept

The Precept for 2019-20 was considered. A draft budget, which proposed a 2% increase, was considered. Several individual budgets were queried, as was the anticipated balance to be carried forward. A proposal to reduce the cost to residents to £25 for a Band 'D' property was made. An amendment was tabled to hold the cost at the current level.

Resolved: the Precept for 2019 - 2020 was set at £45654, which will result in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

In future, in order to assist with deliberations, a draft, estimated precept budget will be provided for discussion at the December meetings, with the precept to be finalised at the January meeting.

10.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

The crime figures for December were provided, which included 12 reported crimes.

Community Hub - The first Friday night youth club is to be held on 11 January 2019 and several volunteers have come forward. The Committee is to review the hourly hire rates.

11.19 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 February 2019.

Eccleston Parish Council

Budgets 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020

Salaries	24250
General office expenses	650
Staff Costs	300
Community Hub	10000
Changing Rooms	6000
Repairs and replacements	1250
Grounds maintenance	5000
Millennium Green	2500
Flowers/planting	800
Newsletter	1500
Donations	1000
Subscriptions/entries	200
Training	300
Christmas celebrations	600
Litter bins	500
Play equipment	4120
Speed Indicator Device	250
Village activities	750
Communications	200
Annual audit	500
Insurance	3000
Sundries	1750
Community Infrastructure Levy	29100
General Reserve	3000
Earmarked Reserves	9000
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Financed by:	
Anticipated balance as at 1 April 2019	59230
Precept	45654
Chorley Council top up grant	1636
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