

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 12 January 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors H Thomas (Chairman), D Bonney, D Graham, C Heath, D Miller, M Miller and A Whittaker.

Also present: Borough Councillor A Singh and 10 Members of the Public

01.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K Brown, M Brown, R Burns, M Frost and K-J Kelly.

02.23 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

03.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2022

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

04.23 Public Participation

The Parish Council was thanked for its assistance with the production of the Village Calendar.

A number of residents advised of concerns regarding a planning application at 148 The Green. The residents pointed out the application was not specific regarding the number of houses proposed, the submitted plans were inaccurate and the application was against Chorley Council policy for garden development. Concerns were also raised regarding drainage, flood risk, access from The Green, overlooking of neighbouring properties and impact on wildlife.

05.23 Planning Matters

22/01232/FULHH Single storey side extension and demolition of front bay windows at 32 Beechfields.

22/01276/DIS Application to discharge conditions 14 (scheme for the disposal of foul waters), 15 (Surface Water Sustainable Drainage Strategy) and 16 (surface water and pollution prevention) attached to planning permission 20/01193/OUTMAJ (Outline planning application (with all matters reserved) for the development of land off Parr Lane, Ecclestone for up to 34 dwellings and associated infrastructure (including 35% affordable housing)) at Land South of Parr Lane

23/00003/FULHH Part two, part single storey rear extension at Lydiate Farm, 12 Lydiate Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

Cllr Whittaker, as a member of Chorley Council's Planning Committee, took no part in the discussions and decision of the following item:

22/00127/PIP Permission in principle application for min. 2no. dwellings at 148 The Green

Resolved: an objection, on the grounds of the application being contrary to Policy HS3: Private Residential Garden Development, of the current Chorley Local Plan is to be submitted.

Chorley Council's Tree Officer is to be asked to look into the suitability of an historic Oak tree in the grounds of 148 The Green for a Preservation Order.

06.23 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:

£ 84.97	Waterplus	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms (final bill))
£ 152.95	Everflow	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 1035.41	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 25.45	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 456.00	J H Mayor & Sons	Christmas tree
£ 771.60	Croston Plumbing & Heating	Repairs - Changing Rooms burst pipes
£ 350.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation and wreath
£ 3027.18	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 33.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)

07.23 2023-24 Precept

The Precept for 2023-24 was considered. A draft budget, requiring a 5% increase in council tax, was presented. As details of the Council Tax Base and confirmation of the top up grant had not been provided by Chorley Council at the time of the meeting, the General Reserve budget figure is to be amended to account for any difference to the anticipated figures. A proposal to not increase the precept was not seconded

Resolved: the Precept for 2023 - 2024 was set at £48131, an increase of 5% to council taxpayers.

08.23 Neighbourhood Priorities

Suggestions for priorities were considered. A suggestion to put forward a path on the Millennium Green to provide an entrance to the rear of Ecclestone Primary School was made. This is to be referred to the Open Spaces Committee for discussion.

09.23 Lancashire County Council 2023 - 24 Budget Consultation

The consultation was noted. Councillors had no comments.

10.23 Clerk's Report

The Carol singing attracted the largest attendance for a number of years.

Damage to the Changing Rooms, due to a number of burst water pipes, was reported.

11.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

12.23 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 February 2023.

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

Eccleston Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

Budgets:

Salaries	30000
General office expenses	800
Staff Costs	500
Community Hub	4000
Changing Rooms	6750
Repairs and replacements	2000
Grounds maintenance	5500
Open Spaces	10000
Newsletter	1800
Donations	1500
Subscriptions/entries	700
Training	200
Christmas celebrations	800
Village activities	1000
Communications	500
Audit	500
Insurance	3500
Sundries	1000
CIL (balance of budget)	41325
General Reserve	2000
Earmarked Reserves	11857
Budget totals	<u>126232</u>

Financed by:

	Estimated balance as at 01.04.23	76465
Add:	Proposed precept	48131
Add:	Top up grant	1636
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