

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 11 July 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 6 Members of the Public

### 92.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bonney and M Miller.

### 93.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 94.19 Councillor Vacancies

The method of voting on the co-option was considered.

Resolved: voting is to take place by paper ballot.

Applications for co-option from Ms Rebecca Patterson and Mr Nigel Wilcock were considered.

Resolved: Ms Rebecca Patterson was co-opted.

### 95.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June 2019

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2019 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 96.19 Matters Arising

85.19 The Soldier Silhouette has been installed, in the agreed position, on the Village Green.

86.19 Alternative Pedestrian Entrance to Ecclestone Primary School - Lancashire County Council Officers are considering the suggestion.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 97.19 Public Participation

Chorley Council is drawing up plans, to include a community notice board, for the verge by Verdes.

A resident complained the Soldier Silhouette cannot be seen on the Village Green. Councillors mentioned a number of residents had commented favourably.

A resident mentioned the covered signs on The Carrington Centre were causing confusion. Councillors advised the signs were the subject of a current planning application.

A resident advised of grass cuttings on the Millennium Green path. The Volunteer Group advised they had cleared the stone circle and cut back some hedges. Tiles were being systematically broken on the block paved circle.

Bushes on The Hawthorns Play Area were reported as being in need of cutting back. Young people had recently started a fire in the bushes. A similar incident had occurred in trees on the Recreation Ground.

The kissing gate at the Richmond Road entrance was reported as being damaged.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

## 98.19 Planning Matters

19/00512/FUL Erection of new dwelling at Avondale Towngate

19/00538/FULHH Part two storey, part single storey rear extension at 73 Southport Road

19/00612/TPO Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order, Chorley BC TPO no. 1 (Eccleston) 2009: Fell 4 birch trees in garden at 1 Bramley Drive

There were no objections to these applications.

19/00545/FUL Change of use of land to car sales display area at PJC Estates 286 The Green. Concerns were raised regarding the adequacy of the existing access, which is in close proximity to St Mary's School and the Methodist Chapel, signage from the business currently being placed on the pavement and a nearby lighting column impeding pedestrian use and that the area was extremely busy at school opening and closing times.

Resolved: as the proposal will result in more intensive use of the site, an objection is to be lodged on the grounds of the increase in vehicle movements using the current access.

19/00575/ADV New illuminated fascia signs at One-stop, 221 The Green. Enquiries are to be made as to whether an application is to be submitted for a change of use application and whether plans are available. The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

19/00647/FULHH Erection of a detached garage Ricmarlo, Preston Nook. This item was deferred to the next meeting to allow Councillors to view submitted plans.

## 99.19 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, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements.

£ 23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 100.00	Friends of Eccleston Library	Grant
£ 100.00	Eccleston Scout Group	Newsletter delivery
£ 10.00	OPSTA	Annual subscription
£ 910.00	DWG (NW)	Summer planting/car park verge
£ 727.59	Employee 1	Salary
£ 532.64	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 685.25	Employee 3	Salary
£ 132.37	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 66.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 54.79	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£ 71.63	Total Gas and Power	Electricity (Changing Rooms)

## 100.19 Community Infrastructure Levy

Items for infrastructure expenditure were discussed and a number of suggestions were put forward.

These included contributions towards the path to the Primary School on The Millennium Green, should permission be granted by LCC, and the seats and notice board project on the verge by Verdes, should there be any shortfall in funding Also suggested were a replacement speed indicator device, replacement of the external cladding on the Community Hub, resurfacing of the Drapers Avenue car park and improvements to the Millennium Green pond. Indications of costings are to be obtained for some of the items.

#### 101.19 Committee Meetings

Due to increased bookings for The Hub, Councillors discussed suitable dates for committee meetings. The fourth Thursday was put forward and the Open Spaces Committee will meet on 25 July. Given the lack of other suitable dates the Activities Committee will hold its next meeting in the Changing Rooms meeting room.

#### 102.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

Crime figures for June are to be distributed to Councillors.

Community Hub - the Youth Club will close for the Summer holiday period.

Community Cars - 2 local volunteer drivers have come forward and legal formalities are being completed. A flyer advising that the scheme is active and how to book a journey is to be prepared for distribution to residents.

#### 103.19 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8 August 2019.