

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 9 June 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present Borough Councillor A Singh and 9 Members of the Public

70.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney and D Graham.

71.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

72.22 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12 May 2022

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

73.22 Public Participation

Residents of Snipewood mentioned gates fitted at the end of a cul-de-sac. The meeting was advised Lancashire County Council Highways Officers had previously inspected the gates and had advised the landowner is entitled to fit gates on the property boundary. A stile by the gates was reported as in need of repair. The surface of the public right of way in this vicinity is also in need of repair.

A resident queried the situation regarding The Hawthorns Play Area. The Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee provided details of problems which had occurred with delays in Chorley Council confirming the developer's contributions and the contractor arriving on site. Work was due to have commenced this week but had been delayed for a further week.

Overgrown conifers are obstructing a footpath between Beechfields and Red House Lane. It was believed the path is not a public right of way.

Residents also mentioned an untidy garden on Snipewood. The meeting was advised with Chorley Council Environmental Health Officers had previously inspected the property and were unable to take action as the items were not hazardous.

Photos of a water pump obtained from the old Carrington and Dewhurst site were provided with a view to possible adoption by the Council to be sited on the area by the seats and planters, adjacent to Verdes. Differing opinions on the suggestion were put forward and enquiries are to be made with the landowner.

A representative of the Ecclestone Recreation Park Committee thanked everyone who helped with the Platinum Jubilee event.

74.22 Planning Matters

22/00440/LBC Application for listed building consent to replace the existing roof tiles at Red House Farm, Red House Lane

22/00475/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey outbuilding) at 114 Towngate

22/00528/P3PAO Prior approval application under Part 3, Class Q (a and b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1no. dwellinghouse and associated building operations at Lydiate Farm, 12 Lydiate Lane

22/00565/FULHH Hip-to-gable roof alteration including extension to existing rear dormer and dormer to front elevation, single storey rear extension, and porch to front elevation (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 61 Lydiate Lane

22/00567/FUL Erection of a replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling, part conversion / part demolition of an existing barn to create a new dwelling, installation of a new vehicular access from Parr Lane and new access track to connect the new access to the fields to the north at Nursery House Farm, Parr Lane

22/00608/FULHH First floor side extension at 25 Lawrence Lane

22/00619/DIS Application to discharge condition nos.4 (materials), 6 (landscaping) and 8 (dwelling emission rates) of planning permission ref: 19/00462/FUL (Erection of 2no. detached dwellings and associated garage) at Trigfan, Parr Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

22/00531/PIP Permission in principle application for the erection of one dwelling following the demolition of an existing outbuilding at Trigfan, Parr Lane. It was noted there had been several applications for housing on this site and measures to prevent further development are to be requested.

75.22 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) A request for assistance from Chorley Help the Homeless Community Appeal was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £200 was agreed.

A suggestion to open The Hub to take clothing donations etc was put forward however, it was mentioned this may lead to bags being left outside which would cause problems. Help the Homeless is to be contacted to find out what is required.

iii) a request from Kenyon Sports Management CIC for assistance to hold sport activities to help with mental and physical health was considered. There was no proposer for this application however assistance with publicising events may be offered.

iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 101.40	TotalEnergies	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 165.17	Waterplus	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 370.00	Rufford Printing	Newsletter printing
£ 36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription
£ 1320.00	Hotline	Platinum Jubilee drinks bottles
£ 36.00	LALC	Councillor training
£ 2990.62	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 869.61	TotalEnergies	Gas (Hub)
£ 25.45	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 33.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)

76.22 Chorley Council Streetscene Strategy

A strategy outlining principles and objectives for the Streetscene Service over the next three years was considered. Councillors had no comments and the strategy was noted.

77.22 Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Charter

A revised Charter, setting out the relationship between Lancashire County Council and Parish and Town Councils in Lancashire, was considered. It was mentioned the charter had been

launched around the time of introduction of procedures for items placed on lighting columns and speed indicators which suggested the county council was not working with parish councils.

78.22 Committee and Working Group Reports

Village Activities Committee and Platinum Jubilee Working Group - the event to mark the Jubilee was well attended, raising over £2000 for the play area improvements. The organiser was thanked for her efforts. A further donation of £500 was provided by the WI.

Commemorative aluminium drinks bottles had been presented to pupils at both village primary schools by the Chairman. The Committee is now making arrangements for a Lancashire Night event.

Open Spaces Committee - details of projects for 2022/23 were provided and will include further works to the Millennium Green and clearance of the pond, an entrance marker at the Heskin end of the village, enhancement of the verge at the entrance to The Hawthorns and the play area.

79.22 Clerk's Report

St Mary's Parish Church PCC thanked the Council for the donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard.

The Chairman presented the Platinum Jubilee drinks containers to St Mary's Primary School on 26 May and Eccleston Primary School on 27 May. The mementoes were well received.

80.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

81.22 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 July 2022.

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