

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 June 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 5 Members of the Public.

62.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Bland, D Bonney, A Marsh and M Miller.

63.24 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

64.24 Councillor Vacancy

An application for co-option from Mr S Bland was considered.

Resolved: Mr S Bland was co-opted.

65.24 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2024

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

66.24 Public Participation

Residents raised complaints regarding the recent works carried out on overgrown bushes on The Hawthorns Play Area. The residents were extremely unhappy about the use of a flail which was felt to be totally unsuitable for a play area and had left dangerous branches and residue. The residents were of the opinion the work which had been carried out was not necessary. The contractors had not provided signage or bollards warning residents of the work in progress and to prevent pedestrian access whilst the work was being carried out. The timing of the works was felt to be inappropriate and the residents suggested works of this nature should have been undertaken later in the year. The meeting was advised the matter would be referred to the Open Spaces Committee for review at its next meeting.

The missing bus stop sign, opposite the Towngate/Tincklers Lane junction had been reported to Lancashire County Council.

67.24 Planning Matters

24/00389/FULHH Front extension to existing detached garage and raising of roof by 0.2m to tie in with extension at Horse Stone Farm, Parr Lane

24/00395/DIS Application to discharge condition 16 (bat licence) of planning permission 22/00851/FUL (Extension and renovations to listed farmhouse, conversion of barn to two dwellings, demolition of former farm buildings and erection of two detached and two semi-detached dwellings) at Wood End Farm, Parr Lane

24/00423/MNMA Minor non-material amendment to planning permission ref: 21/01360/FULHH (Erection of detached garage (following demolition of existing garage) and elevational alterations to existing property including replacement of integral garage door with window and brickwork) involving an increase to the width, eaves height and roof overhang of the garage, removal of 1no. door from the side (west) elevation and insertion of a window instead and the installation of a Juliet balcony to the side (west) elevation at first floor level at 32 Hawkswood

24/00425/FULHH Single storey side extension at Folly House, Syd Brook Lane

24/00445/FULHH Single storey side extension and conversion of part of garage to habitable accommodation at 39 The Fields

24/00449/DIS Application to discharge conditions 9 (lighting design for biodiversity), 25 (travel plan) and 31 (dwelling emission rates) of outline planning permission 20/01331/OUTMAJ (Outline planning application for the construction of up to 80 dwellings (including 30% affordable housing) and associated infrastructure, with all matters reserved (aside from vehicular access from Doctors Lane)) at Land at Tincklers Lane

24/00455/FULHH Installation of air source heat pump to rear of property at Radley House, 196 The Green

There were no objections to these applications.

24/00460/FUL Change of use from a private dwelling to a funeral home business at 216B The Green - Councillors raised concerns regarding the suitability of the type of business in a residential area and the Planning Officer is to be asked whether bodies would be kept on the premises. Concerns were also raised regarding vehicle access exiting the premises and a requirement for vehicles to be able to exit onto The Green in a forward gear is to be requested.

Resolved: concerns regarding vehicular movements are to be submitted to the Planning Officer.

68.24 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 payment of water/wastewater charges for The Hub by direct debit was approved.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 162.56	Everflow	Water/wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 80.30	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Website
£ 400.00	Eccleston Brass Band	Grant
£ 630.00	Eccleston Primary School	Grant
£ 19831.58	Kompan	Play area safety surfacing
£ 5760.00	JT & KJ Waterworth	Grass cutting (2023)
£ 772.80	Waterplus	Water/wastewater (Hub)
£ 2959.25	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 30.36	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 19.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 162.56	Everflow	Water/wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 77.29	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)

Evidence of receipt of the precept was noted.

69.24 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was considered.

i) The Internal Auditor's report was noted.

ii) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

iii) Resolved: the Accounting Statements, having been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The dates for the period of public inspection of the unaudited return were confirmed as 17 June 2024 - 26 July 2024.

70.24 Clerk's Report

Lancashire County Council Highways Officers had provided details of an alternative location on Langton Brow for the speed indicator. The Officers are to be advised of issues surrounding ownership of the verge which is the intended site.

71.24 Reports from Outside Bodies

The D-Day Celebration arranged by the Recreation Park Fundraising Group had to be cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales.

Councillors assistance at the Family Fun Day on 22 June was requested.

The Vice Chairman had represented the Parish Council at the Institution and Induction of the new Rector at St Mary's Church.

72.24 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 July 2024.

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