

## ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 10 March 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 5 Members of the Public

### 27.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Frost and C Heath.

### 28.22 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

### 29.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 February 2022

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

### 30.22 Matters Arising

16.22 Details of suitable locations for the speed indicators are awaited from Lancashire County Council Highways Officers.

17.22 The newsletter has been delivered to the distributors.

23.22 Issues relating to drainage on the Millennium Green will be considered by the Open Spaces Committee.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 31.22 Public Participation

A resident mentioned problems with the waterlogged surface on the Millennium Green. A Councillor advised there have been long term issues with the drainage.

The resident also queried the lack of a pavement at the entrance to the Millennium Green.

A resident advised of a volunteer group set up to assist with tidying up of the Millennium Green and other residents were invited to join.

The Church Walks public footpath was reported as being overgrown.

A resident of Tincklers Lane had queried whether there was a flood action group in the village. The query arose following the introduction of a new flood warning service covering Syd Brook announced by the Environment Agency and it was suggested this might be extended to cover Tincklers Lane.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 32.22 Planning Matters

22/00118/FULHH Two storey side extension at 1 Tincklers Lane

22/00167/FULHH Erection of detached garage (following demolition of existing garage) and associated landscaping at Meadowbank, Woodhart Lane

22/00246/DIS Application to discharge conditions 11 and 12 (dwelling emission rate details) and 13 (surface water drainage strategy) attached to planning permission 21/00689/FUL at Land West Of 367 Southport Road Ulmes Walton

There were no objections to these applications.

Confirmation of a decision by the Planning Inspectorate to allow an appeal against the refusal of the application for the Tincklers Lane development was provided.

The current situation regarding a proposed path on the Millennium Green to the rear of Eccleston Primary School was mentioned. The meeting was advised that, beyond being aware a planning application submitted by Lancashire County Council had been approved, the Parish Council was unaware as to the current situation.

### 33.22 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 from St Mary's Church, for a contribution towards the costs of new mowers for the churchyard and assistance with energy bills, was considered. A suggestion was made to incorporate the mowing of the churchyard within the Parish Council's grass cutting contract in lieu of a grant and this is to be put to the Church.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 169.37	TotalEnergies	Gas (Hub)
£ 1.20	Metacre	Lease (Junior pitch)
£ 366.00	Rufford Printing Co	Newsletter
£ 2712.48	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 25.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 119.28	TotalEnergies	Electricity (Hub)
£ 307.30	TotalEnergies	Gas (Hub)

### 34.22 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review of the risk assessment in accordance with guidance within the publication Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2021. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

### 35.22 Committee Report

The Activities Committee intends to hold a Big Picnic event on Sunday 5 June on the Recreation Ground to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Additional Councillor members had been co-opted onto the Committee to assist with arrangements and a working group comprising of residents and Councillors was set up to liaise with local companies and organisations. The Committee intends to provide a commemorative gift, in the form of a drinks bottle, to all the pupils at both primary schools.

### 36.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - assistance with the adoption of land off Mill Lane and with the construction of a structure on the Village Green were approved as Neighbourhood Projects. Chorley Council Officers are to research possible options to assist with pedestrian safety along New Lane.

### 37.22 Date of Next Meeting

As the scheduled date for the April meeting falls on the day before Good Friday it was agreed the meeting would be brought forward to Thursday 7 April 2022.

### 38.22 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item was considered on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

### 39.22 Personnel Matters

The Clerk's salary was reviewed.

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