

## ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held 9 March 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 3 Members of the Public

### 26.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors R Burns, M Frost, K-J Kelly and D Miller and Borough Councillor A Singh.

### 27.23 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

### 28.23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 February 2023

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

### 29.23 Public Participation

A representative for the Recreation Parks Group provided an update on funding. If outstanding grant applications are successful there will be a shortfall of around £18,000 for the whole project and the possibility of the Parish Council obtaining a loan to cover the shortfall was mentioned. A suggestion for seating would be looked at by the Open Spaces Committee.

A resident advised of attending Pancake Races in Scarborough, which local businesses take part in, and queried whether the Parish Council could organise such an event. This would be referred to the Activities Committee.

The condition of the entrance to the Recreation Ground was mentioned, together with signage. These will be looked at by the Open Spaces Committee.

### 30.23 Planning Matters

22/00891/FUL Change of use of existing property from residential (Class C3) to a mixed use comprising dog grooming salon (Sui Generis) and residential (Class C3) at 47 The Fields

23/00078/FULHH Erection of single storey side and rear extension (following the demolition of existing garage and side projection) at 31 Richmond Road

23/00084/FULHH Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension (garden store) (following demolition of existing garage) at 5 9 Richmond Road

23/00110/FULHH Two storey side extension at 37 Larkfield

23/00115/DIS Application to discharge condition no.7 (Bats) and no.9 (Biodiversity Enhancement Measures) attached to planning permission ref: 22/01067/FUL (Erection of new dwelling following demolition of existing agricultural building) at Lydiate Farm, 12 Lydiate Lane

23/00148/FULHH Two storey side extension (following demolition of existing rear conservatory) at 14 The Croft

23/00174/FULHH Hip-to-gable roof alteration including extension to existing rear dormer, single storey rear extension, and porch to front elevation (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 61 Lydiate Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

23/00141/DIS Application to discharge conditions no.20 (Scheme for the construction of site access and the off-site highway mitigation works), no.22 (Engineering, drainage and constructional details for roads to be adopted) and no.23 (Estate Street Phasing and Completion Plan) of outline permission ref: 20/01331/OUTMAJ (outline planning application for the construction of up to 80 dwellings with all matters reserved aside from vehicular access from Doctors Lane. The development includes public open space, structural greenspace and surface water attenuation ponds) (Appeal ref: APP/D2320/W/21/3272310) at Land at Tincklers Lane. Concerns regarding potential road safety issues are to be raised. The section of Tincklers Lane to the east of the site remains national speed limit. A pedestrian/cycle connection access onto Doctors Lane is within a section with no footway. The section of Doctors Lane to the south of the site, where the access is located is within a few metres of the reduction in speed limit from derestricted to 30mph. The Parish Council would suggest improvements to all pavements in the vicinity of the site for protection of pedestrians, including the construction of new pavements where necessary.

23/00146/DIS Application to discharge condition no. 5 (surface water drainage scheme) of planning permission ref: 22/01010/FUL (Erection of 1no. detached dwelling and garage (following demolition of existing dwelling) at Park Dene, 428 Langton Brow. The lack of a leaf litter trap for the surface water drainage is to be queried.

Information was provided regarding possible issues with hedge lines in relation to application 22/00869/REMAJ, a reserved matters application relating to the development on Land South of Parr Lane.

### 31.23 Financial Matters

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) A grant application for a contribution towards improving facilities at Eccleston Cricket Club was considered.

Resolved: a grant of up to £4500 towards the costs of improvements was awarded.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 77.87	Everflow	Water, wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 92.99	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£ 616.58	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning (Hub)
£ 66.00	Croston Plumbing & Heating	Changing Rooms shower fault
£ 2917.17	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 785.33	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 25.45	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 33.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 1853.34	SSE	Gas (Changing Rooms)

### 32.23 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 2022. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

### 33.23 Website

A report was provided regarding a replacement site. The site could provide a calendar and councillor email addresses and would cost in the region of £60 per month to administer. Details of an example of a site under construction were mentioned and further details will be provided at a future meeting.

### 34.23 Clerk's Report

Details are awaited from the insurers regarding the water damage to the Changing Rooms. The timescale for the repair was requested however, detailed reports are from the assessor and consultants are waited.

A request for a litter bin on the path between Reeveswood and Beechfields had been put to Chorley Council. The Officer had advised the location was not suitable as the path would be restricted however, he would carry out another visit to see what might be done.

An enquiry had been received from The Rainbow Hub in Mawdesley regarding the possible use of the Community Hub building whilst work was being carried out at their premises. A meeting is to be arranged with representatives of Rainbow Hub to discuss the requirements and whether this was possible, given the existing users groups of The Community Hub. A suggestion the Scout Hut may be more suitable was put forward.

A request for financial assistance towards the provision of a stained glass window had been received from a local church. The Church had been advised parish councils are not permitted to have any involvement in property relating to the affairs of the church.

### 35.23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - the second village entrance marker at the Heskin end of the village and assistance with the display of the steam pump were accepted as Neighbourhood Priorities for 2023-24. A presentation regarding Neighbourhood Planning was received and it was suggested the consultant could be invited to a future meeting to provide information to Councillors and residents.

### 36.23 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 April 2023.

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