

**DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting)** of the Annual Meeting held 9 May 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors M Miller (Chairman), R Bland, M Brown, D Miller, H Thomas, A Whittaker and O Williams.

Also present: 5 Members of the Public.

#### 48.24 Election of Chairman

Cllr M Miller was elected as Chairman for 2024-25. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received.

#### 49.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Brown, C Heath, D Graham and A Marsh.

#### 50.24 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

#### 51.24 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Thomas was elected as Vice Chairman for 2024/25.

#### 52.24 Other Appointments

i) Committee appointments were as follows:

Open Spaces Committee - Councillors Bland, Bonney, Heath, D Miller, M Miller, Thomas and Williams.

Village Activities Committee - Councillors Bland, Brown, Graham, Heath, D Miller, M Miller and Thomas.

Personnel Committee - Councillors Bonney, Graham, Heath and D Miller.

ii) Appointments to Outside Bodies were as follows:

Chorley Liaison - Cllr Whittaker

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Cllr M Miller

Peter Lathom Charity - Councillors Graham and M Miller

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr M Miller

iii) Lead Member for Planning - Cllr M Miller.

#### 52.24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2024

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

#### 53.24 Public Participation

A report of a child, being supervised by a parent, riding a small motorcycle on the football pitch was made.

A bus stop sign, opposite the Towngate/Tincklers Lane junction was reported as missing.

A resident advised numerous potholes along Towngate had been reported to Lancashire County Council and repair work had started.

A seat by the Fisheries was reported as being in need of attention.

#### 54.24 Planning Matters

24/00305/FUL Section 73 application to vary condition no. 2 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: 21/00806/FULHH (Erection of a single storey extension to western elevation

incorporating balcony and a two storey extension to eastern elevation incorporating balcony and roof terrace (following demolition of existing attached two storey outbuilding) to increase the width and depth of the two storey eastern elevation extension and addition of bay windows and composite cladding to this extension and removal of external staircase, installation of glazed balustrading to balcony on western elevation single storey extension, door and window alterations to existing dwelling, insertion of roof lights and installation of protection screen to enclose ground level terrace on western elevation single storey extension at Mill Lane Farm, Mill Lane

There were no objections to this application.

#### 55.24 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 following payments were approved:

£ 27.56	Everflow	Water/wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Website
£ 124.80	PFA Consultants	Planning Inquiry fee
£ 110.00	A Partington	Internal audit fee
£ 2753.77	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 322.58	Opus Energy	Gas (Hub)
£ 30.36	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 19.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment

#### 56.24 Grant Application - Eccleston Brass Band

A request from Eccleston Brass Band for a contribution towards the Band's attendance at the Finals of the National Brass Band Championships was considered. An amount of £400 was proposed and seconded. The proposal was agreed on the casting vote of the Chairman.

Resolved: a grant of £400 was awarded.

#### 57.24 Contribution Request - Eccleston Primary School

A request for assistance with the costs of a drain inspection on Eccleston Primary School land was considered. An amount of £1260 was proposed. An alternative amount of £630 was proposed and seconded.

Resolved: a contribution of £630 was agreed.

#### 58.24 Committee Report

A verbal report from a recent meeting of the Activities Committee was provided. Arrangements for the Lancashire Night event, D-Day celebrations and the Family Fun Day are in place. It is hoped to arrange a ceilidh or barn dance during September.

#### 59.24 Clerk's Report

Recreation Park - painting of the old equipment has been completed.

Community Hub - correspondence had been received from Waterplus regarding water rates.

#### 60.24 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 61.24 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 June 2024.

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