

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting held 9 May 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 7 Members of the Public

The Chairman paid tribute to the late Councillor Henry Counce.

60.19 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr K Brown was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman's acceptance of office was received.

61.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor D Bonney, J Holborn, and V Counce.

62.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

63.19 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Thomas was elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

64.19 Other Appointments

i) Committee appointments were as follows:

Open Spaces Committee - Councillors Bonney, K Brown, D Miller, M Miller and Thomas.

Village Activities Committee - Councillors M Brown, Counce, Holborn and Thomas.

Personnel Committee - Councillors Bonney, Holborn and D Miller.

ii) Lead Member for Planning - Cllr M Miller.

iii) Appointments to Outside Bodies were as follows:

Chorley Liaison - Cllr Whittaker.

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting - Cllr Whittaker.

65.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2019

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2019 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

66.19 Matters Arising

31.19 Village Clean up - carried out 13 April 2019 with 5 representatives of the Council and 2 residents taking part. Lancashire County Council had raised issues regarding the clearance of overgrown pavement edges so this will not be undertaken in future.

51.19 Verge on The Green - a meeting took place with the Neighbourhood Priorities Officer at Chorley Council to show the seats and plant containers produced by HMP Wymott were passed on. The will take the Neighbourhood Priority forward.

54.19 Car Park Verge - work has been ordered.

67.19 Public Participation

A resident of Langton Close mentioned the work carried out during the recent Clean up and thanked the people who had taken part.

68.19 Planning Matters

19/00290/CLPUD Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension at 31 Chaucer Close

19/00301/FULHH Single storey side extension following demolition of detached garage at 7 New Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

69.19 Financial Matters

i) Evidence of receipt of the precept from Chorley Council was noted.

ii) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

A proposal was considered to waive Standing Order 31(c) (ii) (Standing Order on Contracts) to allow payment of invoices for works to, and equipment for, The Hub for which a grant was received from The Hub Committee.

Resolved: due to the specific funding for the items, Standing Order 31(c) was waived.

iv) Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements.

£ 118.79	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)
£ 3931.20	Eccleston Electrical Services	Replacement lighting (Hub)
£ 1877.89	Bowker IT	Projector (Hub)
£ 727.59	Employee 1	Salary
£ 527.51	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 685.25	Employee 3	Salary
£ 136.17	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 66.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment

70.19 Community Cars

A proposal to contribute towards a Community Cars Scheme for Eccleston was considered. Information was provided on the operation of the scheme, which will be operated by Central Lancashire Dial a Ride and which will be exclusively for Eccleston residents, and potential costs.

Resolved: financial support of up to £2500 is to be offered, with the funds to be taken from the General Reserve budget.

71.19 Silent Soldier Silhouette

A permanent position for the silhouette on The Green were put forward. Suggestions included to the front by the tree seat, to the rear by the Beech hedge in a bed of red Roses and residents suggested by the seat in the rear right hand corner. It was mentioned the silhouette should be placed against a wall to avoid the metal bending and HMP Wymott is to be contacted for an opinion on the stability of the silhouette. The preferred location was towards the front, by the tree seat, and The Green is to be marked in the location where the silhouette is to be installed.

72.19 Review of Subscriptions to Other Bodies

Current subscriptions to Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), the Ormskirk, Preston & Southport Travellers' Association (OPSTA) and the Friends of St Mary's were reviewed.

A decision on the Friends of St Mary's was deferred pending receipt of further information.

Resolved: subscriptions to the CPRE and OPSTA are to be renewed.

A proposal to re-join to rejoin the Lancashire Association of Local Councils and the National Association of Local Councils was made. Councillors questioned the benefits of membership and discussed the cost. It was stated this was necessary to allow use of model standing orders and financial regulations without breaching copyright law.

The following agenda item, the review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, was included within this item as it referred to model documents produced by the National Association of Local Councils which were purported to be copyright protected. Information on the benefits of membership was provided.

A proposal to contact other Chorley parish councils to check whether they are members and, if not, which documents they use was put forward. Coppull Parish Council was specifically mentioned.

A counter proposal to rejoin the Lancashire Association of Local Councils and the National Association of Local Councils for 2019-20 at a cost of £626.98 was considered and not carried.

The initial proposal to contact other Chorley parish councils was considered.

Resolved: other Chorley parish councils are to be contacted to check whether they are members and, if not, which documents are used.

73.19 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

This was covered within the previous agenda item.

74.19 Commemorative Plates for Long Serving Businesses

The purchase of ceramic plates for a long serving business, Renaissance Hair Reborn and Eccleston Brass Band was considered.

Resolved: commemorative plates are to be obtained.

75.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

The crime figures for April were provided, which included 12 reported crimes.

Community Hub - the projector has been installed and internal lighting replaced. The doors are to be replaced and the possible recladding of the building is to be investigated.

76.19 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 June 2019.