

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 14 November 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 4 Members of the Public

144.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors C Heath and J Holborn.

145.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

146.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 2019

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2019 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

147.19 Matters Arising

134.19 Request for additional litter bins on estate roads. Chorley Council advised bins were not placed on estate roads within the borough.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

148.19 Public Participation

A resident advised of bags containing dog waste in bushes on the path between Larkfield and Bannister Lane.

A resident advised the Lamppost Poppies were to be being taken down at the weekend. The resident was thanked for arranging the Poppies again.

Users of the Hub mentioned water had leaked into the storage rooms. A suggestion to provide emergency contact details for the building was made.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

149.19 Planning Matters

19/01014/FUL Two storey side and single storey rear extensions. Extensions to existing dropped kerb at 44 Lawrence Lane

19/01026/FUL Proposed demolition of existing sheds and erection of a dormer bungalow with associated car parking at Land SW of Glendale, Tincklers Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

150.19 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 Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility for a contribution towards the cost of maintenance of mobility equipment was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £50 was awarded.

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

£ 960.00	Argus Fire and Security	Alarm systems maintenance contract
£ 740.00	DWG (NW)	Metered water charge
£ 50.00	Chorley & South Ribble Shopmobility	Grant
£ 300.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation
£ 20.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath
£ 727.59	Employee 1	Salary
£ 514.08	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 685.25	Employee 3	Salary
£ 132.37	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 66.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 1239.57	Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment
£ 312.04	Total Gas and Power	Gas (Hub)

151.19 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

Councillors discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor in accordance with guidance provided within Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England 2019.

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed and the fee was set at £100.00.

152.19 Committee Related Items

The Open Spaces Committee had requested all items relating to open spaces are referred to the committee. The request resulted from discussions at full council meetings of items relating to suggestions for enlargement of the silhouette flower bed and a path on the Millennium Green. It was explained the Committee was an appointed committee with devolved decision making powers on all matters appertaining to open spaces in the control of the parish council.

Resolved: all items relating to open spaces are to be referred to the committee.

153.19 Police Issues

A complaint from a resident of New Mill Street regarding problems with excessive vehicle speeds and parking at the ginnel entrance to the Recreation Ground causing a nuisance had been received. It was proposed that the local Policing Team and Neighbourhood Watch Officer should be invited to a public meeting which would be advertised to residents. It was also suggested the reinstatement of the PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings should be requested along with the extension of an initiative involving Special Constables targeting anti-social behaviour, which has operated in Leyland, into the village

Resolved: the Police and Neighbourhood Watch Officer are to be invited to attend a public meeting which would take place independently of a parish council meeting to avoid potential problems with time constraints.

154.19 Precept

Items for inclusion in the precept for 2020-21 were discussed. Suggestions put forward included improvements to The Hub, resurfacing of the car park, the silhouette flower bed and a combined bin for the Larkfield path.

155.19 Central Lancashire Authorities Consultation

A consultation on the approach for the Memorandum of Understanding and Statement of Co-Operation relating to proposals regarding the provision and distribution of housing land was considered. There were no comments.

156.19 Committee Reports

A verbal report was provided on a recent meeting of the Open Spaces Committee.

A request to make the silhouette flower bed more prominent by increasing the size was put forward. The meeting was advised the size of the bed had been previously agreed by the Committee and, for this to be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Committee, a request is required bearing the names of three Councillors.

157.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports. Crime figures for October had been forwarded to Councillors..

158.19 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 December 2019.