

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 14 October 2021 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present 7 Members of the Public

88.21 Apologies for absence

None received.

89.21 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

90.21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2021

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

91.21 Matters Arising

Clarification was sought on a previous item relating to parking issues along The Green and the meeting was advised the Police had requested photographs of vehicles causing problems.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

92.21 Public Participation

A resident of Newlands complained the works recently completed to the trees on the Millennium Green to the rear of her property were not adequate and debris had been placed in the hedge. This is to be looked into by the Open Spaces Committee.

A resident queried the position relating to the Langton Close Play Area. The meeting was advised this remained in the hands of the developer. The resident also queried the storing of items outside a property on Snipewood. The meeting was advised this had been investigated by Chorley Council Officers who had advised they could take no action as the items stored did not pose a danger.

Traffic speed in the village was mentioned. The speed indicator device is not working and is to be looked at. A suggestion to buy a replacement was made. Another suggestion for Lancashire County Council to install additional fixed cameras and for the Police to put film in the existing cameras were also made.

The Craft Group would like to start using The Hub again.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

93.21 Planning Matters

21/01063/FULHH Front porch and front and rear dormer extensions at Orchard View, New Lane

21/01085/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached outbuilding at Blossom Hill, 382 Langton Brow

21/01090/FULHH Erection of a single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and fenestration alterations at Craiglands, 130 The Green

21/01103/PDE Notification of proposed single storey rear extension at 36 Lawrence Lane

21/01106/ADV Application for advert consent for the display of 1 no. externally illuminated post mounted sign and 1 no. internal window logo sign at 197 The Green

21/01124/PDE Notification of proposed single storey rear extension at Sherbourne, Doctors Lane

21/01168/CLPUD Application for certificate of lawfulness for 2 no. proposed detached outbuildings at The Croft, New Lane

21/001028/OUTMAJ Hybrid planning application for a new prison at HM Prison Wymott, Moss Lane, Ulnes Walton

There were no objections to these applications.

21/01105/FUL change of use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a physiotherapy clinic (Use Class E) at 197 The Green

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of road safety issues presented by the proposed access. Support for the comments of the Highway's officer are to be included.

94.21 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:

£ 140.50	Total Energies	Electricity (Hub)
£ 334.59	Waterplus	Water and wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 35.00	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration
£ 360.00	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fee
£ 150.00	D Proe	Hedgecutting
£ 9360.00	J Finnamore	Car park resurfacing
£ 2130.41	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 23.28	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 25.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 67.36	Total Energies	Gas (Hub)
£ 36.66	Total Energies	Gas (Changing Rooms)

95.21 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The report of the External Auditor was presented and noted.

96.21 Chorley Council Play Area Grant

Chorley Council had provided the grant agreement for the Hawthorns Play Area.

Resolved: the grant terms were accepted and the agreement signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

97.21 Hub Management Committee

The Chairman of the Hub Committee had suggested the committee should become a parish council committee. A brief history was provided on the taking over of the premises from Lancashire County Council in 2017, and the formation of the Hub committee to run the facility. It was mentioned the initial premise was for the parish council to assist with funding until the building became self-sufficient.

Clarification on a number of issues including unspent grant monies, the general finances of the committee and whether the existing Hub Committee was to be dissolved will be provided at a future meeting.

98.21 Neighbourhood Area Meeting

Items for inclusion as neighbourhood priorities were discussed.

99.21 Committee Report

A verbal report from a meeting of the Village Activities Committee was provided. Arrangements are being finalised for a Lancashire Night event and the Carol singing will be held this year. An event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is being put together.

100.21 Reports from Outside Bodies

Community Cars are still suffering from a severe shortage of drivers.

101.21 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11 November 2021.

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