

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 12 September 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present Councillors K Brown (Chairman), D Bonney, M Brown, R Burns, V Caunce, C Heath, J Holborn D Miller, R Patterson, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present 6 Members of the Public

117.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Miller.

118.19 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

119.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 August 2019

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2019 (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

120.19 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

121.19 Public Participation

A resident had queried the situation regarding the Langton Brow Play Area. The Council's solicitor has been waiting for a site plan acceptable to the Land Registry from the developer's solicitor. The Council is to provide a drawing for submission to the Land Registry.

Large Poppies are to be placed on lampposts through the village again this year and local businesses will, again, be approached for assistance. Volunteers will be needed to put the Poppies on the lampposts.

Residents had expressed concerns regarding a Lancashire County Council consultation on a suggestion to put parking restrictions on Bradley Lane.

Following posts on facebook the Council had been asked to comment on the refusal of a planning application for the former One Stop premises by Chorley Council. The site administrator is to be invited to a Council meeting where this can be discussed fully.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

122.19 Planning Matters

19/00773/FULHH Single storey rear extension at Lynwood, 63 Doctors Lane

19/00757/FULHH Proposed conversion of 2no flats into 2no dwellings, involving a side extension and other changes to the external appearance of the building at 328 The Green

19/00841/NOT Notice of intention to install intention to install 1no. 10m wooden pole for the installation of fixed-line broadband apparatus at Sarscow Farm, Sarscow Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

123.19 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, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements.

£ 23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 330.00	Rufford Print	Newsletter printing
£ 200.00	St Mary's PCC	Grant - Churchyard maintenance
£ 113.82	EFT Systems	Alarm repair (Hub)
£ 976.43	Employee 1	Salary and reimbursements
£ 581.90	Employee 2	Salary and reimbursements
£ 701.97	Employee 3	Salary
£ 135.97	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax/NI
£ 168.88	Sooty's and Sweep's	Plants for Village Green
£ 23.00	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 66.00	Chorley Council	Business rates
£ 218.76	Total Gas and Power	Electricity (Changing Rooms)

124.19 Insurance Renewal

Quotations from three companies for the annual insurance were considered. One of the companies, Inspire, offered a three year agreement with a reduction, which would result in a premium of £2415, less than the previous year's figure.

Resolved: the insurance is to be arranged with Inspire on a three year agreement.

125.19 Rural Community Energy Fund

Information on renewable energy projects was discussed. It was felt this was something which would be more appropriate for larger councils to become involved in.

126.19 Chorley Liaison Meeting

A request for agenda items for the next meeting was discussed. A suggestion for assistance with transport to the Chorley Youth Zone for young residents in rural areas is to be submitted.

127.19 Committee Reports

A verbal report was provided on a recent meeting of the Open Spaces Committee. A suggestion to edge the bed around the silhouette on the Village Green in granite block was put forward.

128.19 Reports from Outside Bodies

Community Hub - the perpetrators of graffiti on The Hub, Band Hut and skate ramps had been identified and their names passed to the Police. The Hub building is in very poor condition and estimates had been obtained for repair, recladding and rebuilding. The Committee is to look into the availability of grant funding towards the cost of the work.

Friends of St Mary's - details of the AGM were provided. New committee members are required if the group is to continue.

Cllr Patterson left the meeting.

129.19 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 October 2019.