

DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting) of the Meeting held 12 September 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

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

Also present: 3 Members of the Public.

97.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs, D Bonney, C Heath and A Marsh.

98.24 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

99.24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 August 2024

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

100.24 Public Participation

A resident mentioned a tree on Drapers Avenue was causing problems, including blocking daylight.

101.24 Planning Matters

24/00695/LUED Certificate of Lawfulness Development (existing) for the Agricultural Building, Hardstanding and Access Track at Land South West of Glendale, Tincklers Lane

24/00672/TPO Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 6 (Ecclestone) 2000: 30% Whole Crown reduction to 3No. Silver Birch at 1 Anchorfields

There were no objections to these applications.

102.24 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:

£	2.31	Everflow	Water/wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£	48.66	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£	24.33	British Gas	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£	30.36	Easy Websites	Website
£	30.36	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£	560.34	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning (Hub) July, August, September
£	3238.98	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£	19.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£	77.67	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£	241.39	British Gas	Gas (Hub)
£	82.36	British Gas	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£	43.36	British Gas	Gas (Changing Rooms)

103.24 Public Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement 2024

Councillors considered a Chorley Council document setting out procedures and standards which will be followed when undertaking consultation with sectors of the community. Councillors had no comments.

104.24 Investment Strategy

A draft investment strategy was presented and Councillors were invited to provide suggestions and/or amendments prior to the adoption of the strategy.

Resolved: the adoption of the strategy was approved.

105.24 Clerk's Report

Bus stop opp Tincklers Lane - followed up with LCC. This bus stop is currently a 'ghost' stop, without a pole or sign, which is served by local and school bus services: 111, 337, 347, 766, 772, 783, 788 & 810. The Transport Officer for Bus Stops and Shelters is to look into whether a sign is required..

SpID - consultation had been undertaken with properties identified by Lancashire County Council Highways Officers on Langton Brow and Langton Close, in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site. One response had been received offering no objections but suggesting a device for traffic heading out of the village.

106.24 Reports from Outside Bodies

LALC Conference - topics covered included biodiversity, VAT implications, investment and banking facilities, website provision, details of assistance with tree planting and digital mapping.

107.24 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 October 2024.

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