

**LITTLE ECCLESTON WITH LARBRECK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Thursday 10th March 2022, 7.00pm at Great Eccleston Village Centre, Activities Room.

PRESENT: Cllr P Bull (Chair)
Cllr G Stead (Vice Chair)
Cllr N Smith
Cllr J Coleman
Cllr S Milton
Cllr A M Bull

IN ATTENDANCE: FBC Cllr P Hayhurst

Public Participation

One member of the public attended.

- 900/22 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Jane Lingings (Clerk)
LCC Cllr J Singleton
- 901/22 2. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations**
Cllr Milton Agenda Item 5iii.
- 902/22 3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 10th February 2022 as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.
- 903/22 4. **Action Tracker**
The action tracker of previous decisions of the council was noted and updated.
- 904/22 5. **Finance**
It was resolved to approve the monthly bank reconciliation.
It was resolved to approve the cumulative budget report. It was noted the LCC Gillow Grant for 21/22 was still awaited. The Clerk has chased for payment which is expected shortly.
It was resolved to approve payments as below:

Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Salaries/PAYE	Staff costs	484.77	0	484.77
J Lingings	Admin Reimburse	40.80	0	40.80
Mr S Milton	Amenity Cleansing	320.00	0	320.00
Cutts Lane Nurseries	Village plants	120.00	24.00	144.00
Great Eccleston Village Centre Ltd	Room Hire	20.00	0	20.00

Income received: Nil

- 905/22 6. **Monthly Health and Safety Risk Assessment**
Streetlamps have now been replaced and just await connection to the electricity supply.
No new matters raised.
- 906/22 7. **Planning and Licensing**
There were no planning applications to consider.

The planning action tracker was noted.
- 907/22 8. **Amenities/Maintenance/Environment**
- Update from In Bloom projects – 27 people attended the meeting at Elswick village hall on Saturday 5th March 2022. Cllr AM Bull explained proposals for 2022 and Cllr Stead explained the funding arrangements for the 'In Bloom' group's financial support.
 - Queens Jubilee – Cllr Stead advised that he still awaited contact from FBC regarding the possibility of a road closure for a village Jubilee event. Cllrs AM Bull and Stead advised that they had spoken with Cllr Hayhurst (on 05/03/22) about the option of holding a joint-event with Elswick village and Cllr Hayhurst confirmed he would take this to the Elswick PC

meeting, later in March and seek agreement. FBC has provided 200m of bunting to the Parish for use at Jubilee and similar events.

- Defibrillator hosting agreement – Cllr Bull confirmed that Hanley Caravan Parks Ltd have provided written confirmation that they are happy for the proposed Defibrillator to be sited at Hurst Lea Caravan Park. **It was resolved** to proceed with the purchase of the Defibrillator, with a one-off installation fee and an annual maintenance agreement. Cllr Stead will liaise with the Clerk to place this order. It was noted that a resident had stated that he is qualified to deliver Defibrillator training and Cllr Stead will follow this up.
- Contract for re-paving work - Cllr Bull advised that three contractors had been asked to quote for the work specified, as per the Financial Regulations. One contractor had chosen not to quote. Both quotes exceeded the £1,000 budget previously approved. After careful consideration of the works listed, **it was resolved** to approve an increase in the budget for this work to £1200.00 and accept the quote from T Smith.
- Compost bin – the Clerk had received a request from a resident, for a community compost bin to be placed next to the bus shelter on the main road. Cllr Bull advised that he had contacted LCC to ask if this was permissible and had been advised that approval would not be given for this. Cllr Hayhurst also confirmed this but advised that Elswick does have an approved composting area and that LEWL residents were welcome to take their compostable garden waste to this location, should they wish to. **It was resolved** that the Clerk will reply to the resident and advise accordingly.

908/22 9. **County & Borough Council**

- FBC: Bug Hotel Tree – Cllr Stead advised that the FBC tree officer has confirmed that the tree on the Bug Hotel area does not have a TPO. **It was resolved** that the Clerk will contact LCC to ask for an officer to come to look at the tree and permission requested to remove some of the branches. Cllr Smith is concerned about the safety of some trees on Gillow Park, and these should be included in the request to LCC.
- Cllr Hayhurst enquired about the progress with the FBC bin being re-positioned near the toll bridge and Cllr Milton confirmed it had been done.
- Cllr Hayhurst updated the meeting regarding whether ‘amenity cleaning’ monies may be available to the Parish for street cleaning at Sunnydale Gardens, advising that because the road has not yet been adopted by LCC, no funding is available. **It was resolved** that the Clerk will contact the relevant officer to ask when this road is likely to be adopted.
- LCC: Little Eccleston welcomes careful drivers’ signage – Cllr Bull confirmed the costs suggested by LCC for this type of signage, and it was agreed that these are significant, in relation to the Parish precept. **It was resolved** not to proceed with signage.

909/22 10. **Annual Governance Statement**

It was resolved to approve the statement prepared by the Clerk.

910/22 11. **Items for the Next Agenda - to be submitted to the Clerk by: 5.4.22**

Preparation for Audit update

911/22 12. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 14th April 2022