

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

Thursday 14th March 2024, 7.00pm at Elswick Village Hall, Roseacre Road, Elswick.

PRESENT: Cllr P Bull (Chair)
Cllr G Stead (Vice Chair)
Cllr Sandra Milton
Cllr A M Bull
Cllr Steve Milton
Cllr N Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: Jane Lingings (Clerk)
FBC Cllr P Hayhurst

Public Participation

No members of the public attended.

1162/24 1. **Apologies for Absence**

1163/24 2. **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations**
Cllrs S & S Milton, Agenda item 5 (pecuniary)

1164/24 3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 8th February 2024 as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

1165/24 4. **Action Tracker**

The action tracker of previous decisions of the council was noted and updated.

1166/24 5. **Finance**

- i. **It was resolved to approve** the monthly bank reconciliation.
- ii. **It was resolved to approve** the cumulative budget report.
- iii. **It was resolved to approve** payments.

Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross
Salaries	Staff costs	415.19	0	415.19
J Lingings	Admin Reimburse	40.00	0	40.00
J Lingings	Admin balance (Oct – March)	34.70	12.36	47.06
Mr S Milton	Amenity Cleansing	390.00	0	390.00
EDF Energy	Unmetered electric supply	10.73	0.54	11.27

Income received: 2nd Resident donation for barrel planter £100.00
3rd Resident donation for barrel planter £100.00

1167/24 6. **Monthly Health and Safety Risk Assessment**

It was resolved to purchase additional high visibility vests for volunteers working on In Bloom activities around the village and a car “emergency warning” light for water bowser and or works requiring a vehicle. Budget agreed for both purchases £100.00.

1168/24 7. **Planning and Licensing**

No planning applications were received at the time of the agenda.

For information only: The following application was received in-between meetings and has been actioned by the clerk using delegated powers (Ref 388/17)

Application 24/0059: 2 Sunnydale Gardens, Little Eccleston with Larbreck, PR3 0DP
Single storey rear extension

1169/24 8. **Amenities/Maintenance/Environment**

- East End triangle flower bed – following costings and discussion, **it was resolved** to allocate a budget of £500.00 to be used for either the replacement of the existing sleepers at double height or with a raised wooden block planter (in keeping with the West End planters). It was agreed that the In Bloom group would be consulted at its meeting on 17/03/24 and a decision taken based on the majority view of those attending.

This remains in line with the Memorandum of Understanding that Little Eccleston with Larbreck Parish Council holds with Great Eccleston Parish Council, who have the overriding jurisdiction on this piece of land. **It was further resolved** that the clerk will apply to the Parish Champion for assistance with funding.

- West End Trees –two oak trees near to the raised beds, require canopy maintenance. These are not identified on the tree preservation maps of the village. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council would obtain two quotations setting a maximum budget of £475.00 to undertake this work.
- Preview of VIB presentation – the In Bloom group will be meeting on 17.3.24. Cllr P Bull gave an overview of the draft presentation for the Parish Council's information.

1170/24 9.

County & Borough Council

Cllr J Singleton had provided his report for March.

- FBC: Road Sweeping update – Cllr Stead had made enquiries with FBC regarding the scheduling of this service and was provided with the following update. Road sweeping schedules are all staff / resource dependent, so FBC cannot always guarantee this service will be carried out on the days in question, (both large channel sweepers are currently off the road). The small pavement sweeper is scheduled for once a month (Thursdays) and large channel sweeper is on the bi-monthly rural schedule (Tuesdays). FBC will attempt to stick to schedules wherever possible.
- LCC: Love Clean Streets App – there have been numerous complaints regarding the app, that reported issues are being marked as completed, when the requested tasks have not been carried out. These have been reported to LCC by Cllr J Singleton. LALC have also contacted LCC regarding issues with the app. LCC are working on improvements including assisting customers who are not able to report online.

1171/24 10.

Annual Governance Statement

It was resolved to approve the governance statement prepared and presented by the Clerk.

1172/24 11.

Draft Memorial Assets Policy

Following discussion and some minor amendments, **it was resolved** to approve the draft memorial assets policy.

1173/24 12.

Request to LCC & FBC Councillors re: Morecambe & Morgan Wind Farm Transmission Assets Scheme

It was resolved that the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council would contact Cllr J Singleton outlining the Parish Council's concerns.

1174/24 13.

Elswick Village Hall

Cllr P Bull had recently attended the committee meeting and provided the Council with an update, for information only.

1175/24 14.

Items for the Next Agenda

Preparation for end of year audit.

1176/24 15.

Date of Next Meetings (unless otherwise detailed on agenda)

Thursday 11th April 2024

Thursday 9th May 2024