

EATON & ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 6.45 pm on Thursday 11th July 2024
In the Upstairs Meeting Room, Eccleston Village Hall**

PRESENT

Cllrs Tony Deakin (Chair), Lee Hobson, Tony Jordan, Janet Middlehurst,
Dean Shepherd.
Ruth Shackleton (Clerk). Sarah Dawson (Eaton Estate)

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Greg Vickers.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Andrew Jones, Traffic Management Officer for Chester, attended the meeting.

Cllrs raised the following concerns:-

- Failure of the Belgravia traffic lights which is a regular occurrence;
- Drivers not turning the indicator switch off after little spur when leaving the A483 and the turning onto Rake Lane (there have been several bumps, many not reported) – request made for signage; advised there is none;
- Road markings at the end of Rake Lane have faded and need repainting (other lines have been redone recently);
- Speeding though the village remains an issue;
- Considering submitting a request for a buffer zone to be installed before the school (coming from the Eaton Road direction).

Andrew Jones informed the Council about Community Speed Watch and what is required. The Council could purchase a speed gun and work with the local PCSO and local volunteers to carry out Community Speed Watch sessions.

4. MINUTES

Resolved:- The Council agreed to accept the minutes for the parish council meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

Proposed by Cllr Deakin and seconded by Cllr Middlehurst.

5. CASUAL VACANCY

Cllrs discussed contacting the Grosvenor Estate, businesses on Wrexham Road and Kings School regarding the casual vacancy.

6. POLICE

PCSO Carpenter sent his apologies and asked for any concerns to be forwarded to him.

7. ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

7.1 Accounts:-

The Council noted the accounts as circulated.

7.2 Payments:-

The Council considered the following payments including:-

Chq No	Payee	Details	Amount
SO	Dean Shepherd	Village Maintenance	£ 979.05
	CWaC	Elections charge (replace cheque)	£ 90.50

616	R Shackleton	Reimburse expenses	£ 11.60
617	JDH Business Services	Internal Audit	£ 277.20
618	UK City Images	Website Maintenance	£ 300.00

The Clerk and Dean Shepherd were paid by Standing Order.

Receipts:-

Precept:-

Bank Account:-

Reconciled balance of the Current Bank Account as at 1st June 2024:- £100.00

Reconciled balance of the Deposit Bank Account as at 1st June 2024:- £11,412.64

Resolved:- The Council agreed to the above payments and accounts as circulated.

Proposed by Cllr Middlehurst and seconded by Cllr Hobson.

8. INTERNAL AUDIT

JDH Business Services have sent an internal audit report; the Clerk has responded to the issues raised (see attached report) and this has been circulated to the Council.

Resolved:- The Council agreed accept the Internal Audit report and the responses as circulated.

Proposed by Cllr Deakin and seconded by Cllr Middlehurst.

9. PLANNING

Register:-

The Council accepted the observations as recorded in the planning register.

10. TRAFFIC CONCERNS

The Clerk is to look into costs to purchase a speed device.

Cllr Hobson updated the meeting that the majority of issues that have been reported to Highways have now been resolved.

The pothole on Rake Lane is due to be repaired.

Cllr Hobson is to look into what is required to implement a buffer zone on Eator Road, just before the 20 mph zone outside the school.

11. CHRISTMAS

This item was deferred to the October meeting.

12. CLERKS REPORT

There was no consideration of this item.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council noted the correspondence as circulated.

The Council are to invite the new MP to attend a meeting.

14. DATES OF MEETINGS

The Council agreed the following dates:-

Thursday 10th October 2024

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm