

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ECCLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 16th May 2022

PRESENT – Parish Councillors Scott Pendry, Heath Kershaw, Carol Tyrie, and Mark Smalley.

OFFICERS – Asad Laher and Phil Llewellyn (Blackburn with Darwen BC)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Geoff Cooper, Dawn Summerfield and Matthew Jackson.

RESOLUTIONS

1 **Welcome & Apologies**

Asad Laher welcomed everyone to the meeting. Within the welcome, Asad advised that he had received the Declaration of Office from all Councillors, including Councillor Taylor, and that copies would be passed to the new Clerk once they were in post. Each Councillor also introduced themselves to the members of the public in attendance.

Apologies were received from Linda Taylor.

2 **Election of Chair**

Asad Laher requested nominations for Chair of the Parish Council for 2022/23. Heath Kershaw nominated Scott Pendry, which was seconded by Carol Tyrie.

RESOLVED – That Scott Pendry be appointed Chair of the Parish Council for 2022/23. This was resolved by Unanimous Vote.

(Scott Pendry in the Chair).

3 **Election of Vice Chair**

Nominations were requested for the position of Vice Chair. Heath nominated Carol Tyrie, which was seconded by Scott Pendry.

RESOLVED – That Carol Tyrie be appointed Vice Chair of the Parish Council for 2022/23. This was resolved by Unanimous vote.

4 **Any Other Business**

The meeting discussed the whereabouts of the records of the Parish Council, and were advised that there were two boxes of files to review.

Councillor Pendry requested notification of the Parish financial position from Asad Laher. This was not available as the records were still in the possession of Dawn Summerfield. Dawn advised that there was around £8000. Asad stated that a new Clerk was needed to help get clarity and get the issue resolved.

ACTION – That the Parish Council carry out the interview process to appoint a new Clerk.

Asad Laher advised the Parish Council that each Member would need to complete Register of Interests forms, which he circulated, advising that a member of his staff would attend the next meeting to collect the forms and assist with any queries relating to them. Asad Laher indicated that the Parish Council had the option of adopting the Borough Council's Code of Conduct, or could agree its own Code of Conduct.

The Meeting closed at 19.07pm, with the date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

Councillor Scott Pendry,
Chair of the meeting.