

# **ECCLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 14 May 2025 at Carus Centre, Hoddlesden**

**Present:** Councillors L Taylor, E Whittingham, J Slater, M Desai and A Shaw  
**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of public  
**Apologies:** None

### **1157 Introduction & decision regarding temporary appointments**

Due to a lack of elected Parish Councillors the Borough Council (BwDBC) has stepped in and by an Order made under Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 they have appointed the following persons to fill the four vacancies on Eccleshill Parish Council so that the Parish Council would be quorate and can continue to act:

- Councillor Elaine Whittingham
- Councillor Anthony Shaw
- Councillor Mustafa Desai
- Councillor John Slater

Councillor Slater explained that he and his colleagues were not appointed to take over the Parish Council but to help it navigate through the next 12 months until the next elections in May 2026 when hopefully the vacancies will be filled through elections.

Councillor Taylor welcomed the new Councillors.

### **1158 Election of Chair for 2025-26**

Councillor Whittingham was proposed by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Desai and by unanimous agreement was elected Chair for 2025-26.

### **1159 Election of Vice Chair for 2025-26**

Councillor Slater proposed himself and was seconded by Cllr Taylor and by unanimous agreement was elected Vice-Chair for 2025-26.

### **1160 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

All Councillors signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and agreed to fulfil their duties to the best of their judgement and ability.

### **1161 To review current Standing Orders**

It was agreed that the Councillors would take away a copy of the proposed Standing Orders and e-mail the Clerk with any comments/suggestions prior to the next meeting when this item would be added to the ordinary meeting agenda.

**1162      To discuss meetings for 2025-26**

**Resolved:** That meetings of the Parish Council be held at **7.00pm** on the first Wednesday of every second month on the following dates:

**2025**

2 July	Carus Centre, Hoddlesden
3 September	Carus Centre, Hoddlesden
5 November	Carus Centre, Hoddlesden

**2026**

7 January	Carus Centre, Hoddlesden
4 March	Carus Centre, Hoddlesden
6 May (AGM)	Carus Centre, Hoddlesden

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**Signed - Chair**

The meeting closed at 7.10pm