

To be confirmed at the next meeting

ECCLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2026
at Carus Centre, Hoddlesden

Present: Councillor John Slater (In the Chair)
Councillors L Taylor and Julie Slater

Also present: J Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors N Slater and M Desai

1238 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

1239 Apologies for absence

Noted: Cllrs M Desai and N Slater

1240 Matters arising from previous meeting

Lower Waterside Farm – Environment Services are not concerned about the samples that were taken and do not believe they are toxic.

Noticeboard – the name on the noticeboard in Waterside still needs amending.

Replacement bin – Clerk to chase up Eddie Maxwell at BwDBC yet again to find out when they are going to instal the replacement bin in Waterside.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – there is a query around when the next elections are to take place. Clerk to e-mail Asad Laher at BwDBC for guidance.

E-mails setup – Cllr Julie Slater is struggling to set up her new e-mail account – Cllr Taylor agreed to support her.

1241 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

1242 Declaration of Interest

Noted: None

1243 Planning Applications

Resolved: The Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/26/0683, 10/26/0694 and 10/26/0717

1244 Accounts for payment

Resolved: The following proposed accounts were approved:

14	Clerk salary	Admin – August (inc backpay)	£200.00
15	Clerk salary	Admin – September	£180.00
16	Dave Rowley	Lengthsman – September	£85.00

1245 Risk Assessment

Agreed: The Risk Assessment was approved.

1246 Any other business

Previous Council paperwork – Under GDPR the Chair requested the Clerk e-mail the previous clerk again to request a suitable time/date to collect the old paper records held in storage at his property.

Signage – Cllr Taylor requested better signage on the road from Flash Corner to GFW. The previous sign had deteriorated and it needs replacing but BwDBC would need proof that the original sign existed so Cllr Taylor to look for any old photographs/evidence.

Reduce speed limit – Cllr Taylor requested that the road from Flash Corner through Eccleshill to Waterside be reduced to 20mph or look at installing speed bumps at either end of the road. Cllr John Slater advised that BwDBC would need data to back up that residents would want this. Cllr Taylor to look at putting a vote on the Facebook page asking residents for their views. Clerk to also put something on the website and make posters asking residents for their views. Once all the data collected will re-look at this.

Community Clean-up 2027 – Clerk to request permission to put the skip in the usual place in Waterside.

Defibrillator batteries – there are 2 defibrillators within Eccleshill Parish. Cllr Taylor has agreed to take over guardianship of the one based at Eccleshill Gardens. The Parish Council will take over guardianship of the one in Waterside. The battery is showing that there is 12 months left but Clerk to order a new battery for Waterside and will diarise to replace it every 4 years. The pads are due to be replaced next year but Clerk will wait before replacing them in case they are used before then.

Planning applications received by 27 August 2026

10/26/0683 Non-Material Amendment Proposal: Non-material amendment pursuant to planning application 10/22/0163 "Demolition of four existing buildings and erection of a family dwelling house, including improvements to the existing site access and landscaping" - retention/reuse of existing building 'C' as a domestic garage and

cladding in natural stone at: Land known as 'Pottery Barn' Roman Road, Grimshaw, Eccleshill

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection

10/26/0694 Prior Approval - Agricultural Building Proposal: New Building Location at Brocklehead Farm, Roman Road, Eccleshill

The Parish Council has received the notification

10/26/0717 Discharge of Planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition No.6 "validation" pursuant to planning application 10/23/0587 - Plots 23-26, 28-32, 34-39, 48, 49, 53-57, 59, 61, 62, 64-68, 70, 71, 73-85 at 4A Holden Fold, Darwen

The Parish Council had no objections

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4 November 2026 starting at 7.00pm at the Carus Centre, Hoddlesden. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen and give their views.

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Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Dates of next meetings:

6 January 2027	Carus Centre
3 March	Carus Centre
12 May	Carus Centre