

ECCLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 September 2025
at Carus Centre, Hoddlesden

Present: Councillor E Whittingham (In the Chair)
Councillors L Taylor and M Desai

Also present: J Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors J Slater and A Shaw

1175 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

1176 Apologies for absence

Noted: Cllrs Slater and Shaw

1177 Matters arising from previous meeting

2025 Rubbish Amnesty – skips were placed in Eccleshill Gardens, Waterside and Davyfield Gardens.

Parish Council possible name change – it is not possible to change the name of the Parish Council.

Website – the website has been updated to include information for residents on the location of the noticeboards across the Parish.

1178 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

1179 Declaration of Interest

Noted: None

1180 Accounts for payment

Resolved: The following accounts were approved:

18	Clerk salary	August	£187.50
19	Lengthsman	August	£85.00
20	Clerk salary	September	£170.00
21	Lengthsman	September	£85.00
22	HMRC	Tax & NI (July/Aug/Sept)	£130.00

1181 Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025/26

Noted: The new pay award was noted and backpay for the Clerk agreed. It was also agreed by the Councillors to offer the Clerk a fixed term contract for 18 months to give stability to the Parish Council.

1182 Rubbish Amnesty 2026

Noted: Dates have provisionally been agreed for 2026. Clerk to confirm the position of the Waterside skip with the resident before the dates are published. Provisional dates are:

8-11 May Eccleshill Gardens
15-18 May Davyfield Gardens
22-25 May Waterside

1183 Any other business

Victoria Buildings Reserve – the Parish Council had been holding a balance of £1,250.39 in their bank account but this money has since been put towards the purchase of the new noticeboard in Waterside, topped up by Parish Council funds.

Christmas Event – the Parish Council are looking to organise a Christmas coffee morning where children from the parish can meet Santa and be given a selection box. Cllr Taylor to look at possible venues and dates.

Resident query – Cllr Taylor brought a query from a resident regarding a sign advertising the new building site that has been put up opposite his house. Cllr Whittingham explained that this was not a Parish Council matter, but the resident should speak to the Borough Councillors – Cllr Neil Slater or Cllr Julie Slater – for clarification.

Benches – the new weatherproof benches are ready to be installed. Cllr Taylor requested that the old benches be given to residents – the Parish Council agreed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5 November 2025 starting at 7.00pm at the Carus Centre, Hoddlesden. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 7.36pm