

# ECCLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2026  
at Carus Centre, Hoddlesden

**Present:** Councillor E Whittingham (In the Chair)  
Councillors L Taylor, J Slater, M Desai and A Shaw  
**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 3 members of the public  
**Apologies:** None

## **1184 Public Participation**

*Prior to the meeting members of the public were given an opportunity to speak.*

*The residents were in attendance for an update on the issues they had raised at the previous meeting.*

*Cllr Whittingham explained that the photographs the residents submitted last time were sent directly to the Environment Director at BwDBC and as a result Envirocrime have started an investigation. Environmental Health have also been on site and taken samples of the white powder on the land owned by Lower Waterside Farm, and are currently waiting for the results. Unfortunately the Councillors were unable to give any more information but reassured the residents that BwDBC have the evidence that they need which could lead to prosecution. One of the residents had some more photographs which she passed to the Councillors and the Clerk agreed to scan these and send them through as more evidence.*

*The resident also had an issues with the state of the road from Waterside to Eccleshill. Cllr Slater explained that this was a Borough issue and not a Parish one so would pass this on to Cllr Neil Slater, Borough Councillor.*

*The resident asked if the Councillors knew what was going to happen to the land at Shaws now that it was closed. Cllr Slater advised that the 3 Borough Councillors had already asked the Planning Department at BwDBC for the site to be red flagged so that if any planning applications come through they would be informed immediately. As the land is a brownfield site though, it would be difficult to oppose any applications, and Cllr Shaw suggested that the residents start look for reasons that a planning application could be opposed.*

*The grit bin in Waterside that had been removed by BwDBC has now been returned and the resident asked when the noticeboard and bin would be installed in Waterside – Cllr Taylor explained that she was still working on it.*

## **1201 Apologies for absence**

**Noted:** None

**1202 Matters arising from previous meeting**

*Noticeboards/benches* – Cllr Taylor is arranging for the noticeboards and benches to be installed in the next couple of weeks.

**1203 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

**1204 Declaration of Interest**

**Noted:** None

**1205 Accounts for payment**

**Resolved:** There were no accounts to be approved and the Clerk handed around spreadsheets showing the current and projected spend to the end of the financial year.

**1206 Any other business**

*Elections 2026* – As the decision has been made to have elections this year there are currently 5 vacancies for Parish Councillors. The Notice of Election poster is due at the end of the March, and the Clerk will ensure that a copy of the poster is on the website and also pinned to the noticeboards on Roman Road, Eccleshill and Waterside. Nomination forms will be available either directly from BwDBC or via the clerk at [clerk@eccleshill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eccleshill-pc.gov.uk) with completed forms to be returned before 4pm on Thursday 9 April 2026 to a location to be advised.

*AGM* – due to the elections taking place on Thursday 7 May it was agreed to change the date for the Eccleshill AGM to the week after ie Wednesday 13 May 2026.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM and ordinary meeting to be held on Wednesday 13 May 2026 starting at 6.30pm 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 8.13pm