

# ECCLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 November 2025  
at Carus Centre, Huddlesden

**Present:** Councillor E Whittingham (In the Chair)  
Councillors L Taylor and A Shaw  
**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the public  
**Apologies:** Councillors J Slater and M Desai

## **1184 Public Participation**

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

*One resident was in attendance to talk about some issues at Waterside that were already on the agenda to be discussed under Any Other Business. The first issue was the bus shelter which is of concern to a few residents and the Clerk had already contacted Tim Paley at BwDBC who inspected the bus shelter and, although it is securely fixed, it does wobble slightly on one side. It was agreed that the Parish Council would put a poll on Facebook and ask for comments through the website on whether residents were happy for the bus shelter to be removed, or if they wanted to keep it. A closing date of 30 November was given then the Parish Council would collate the answers before making their final decision. The second issue was the state of the rubbish bin in Waterside. The Clerk has already looked into replacing this bin and has put a purchase order on the agenda for signing tonight. The last issue was regarding the removal of the grit bin. The Chair confirmed that the Council had re-positioned all the grit bins and advised the resident to write to their Borough Councillors – Cllr Neil Slater and Cllr Julie Slater – to ask where the bins have been moved to. The Clerk will also request this information. The Chair advised that BwDBC has a community Grit Squad Scheme but unfortunately the closing date for this has passed, but it may be an option for the future.*

*Another resident was in attendance to offer his concerns about the previous Parish Council and declared he looked forward to working with the new PC. The Chair explained that before May 2025 there were concerns that things not being run correctly which resulted in Cllr Neil Slater contacting Asad Laher at BwDBC. As a result meetings were stopped and BwDBC agreed to step in and support the Parish Council for 12 months. They appointed four BwDBC Councillors to fill the vacancies so the Parish Council would be quote but these new Councillors are not party political and are only to help it navigate until the next elections in May 2026 when hopefully the vacancies will be filled through elections. The Chair also confirmed that all financial accounts are now up-to-date and all spend is accounted for and recorded correctly. The resident asked why Waterside has been removed from the name of the Parish Council. The Chair advised that Waterside should not have been added to the name as it was not done the correct way. The official way is to write to the MP and ask for the name to be changed. Cllr Shaw offered to speak to Andy MacNae MP and help with any official request. The Chair again apologised to the resident for any previous behaviour on behalf of the Parish Council and explained that they hoped to hand over the Parish Council in a good place but the resident explained that the Parish Council*

*had been in a good place previously before it had been handed over. The resident also maintained that previous Parish Councils had arranged events that were very popular with residents – the Chair replied that the future Parish Council may be open to organising events in the future and to let the Clerk have any suggestions.*

**1185 Apologies for absence**

**Noted:** Cllrs Desai and Slater (for his birthday)

**1186 Matters arising from previous meeting**

*2026 Rubbish Amnesty* – dates have been agreed for 2026

*Christmas Event* – the Carus Centre has been booked on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025 from 10am – 12noon for the Christmas event when children from the parish can meet Santa and be given a selection box while the parents can enjoy refreshments. Poster to be created and the event advertised across Eccleshill, Waterside and Davyfield Gardens.

*Benches* – Cllr Taylor to arrange for the benches to be replaced.

**1187 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

**1188 Declaration of Interest**

**Noted:** None

**1189 Accounts for payment**

**Resolved:** The following accounts were approved:

23	North Turton Parish Council	Recharge for supplies/SLCC	£120.00
24	Clerk salary	October	£170.00
25	Lengthsman	October	£85.00
26	Clerk salary	November	£170.00
27	Roadware	Litter bin for Waterside	£212.34
28	L Taylor	Recharge for Xmas event	£200.00
29	ERYCA	Room hire for Xmas event	£30.00

**1190 Current Financial Position**

**Noted:** The current financial position was noted.

## 1191 Precept for 2026/27

**Noted:** Agreed to discuss this in more depth in January once the Council Tax Base has been confirmed. Residents to be invited to hear the discussion before the Parish Council make their final decision. Clerk to amend the date of the next meeting and ask all Councillors to be in attendance.

1192      **Speeding issues**

**Noted:** Cllr Taylor had received an e-mail from a resident at Davyfield Gardens regarding speeding issues. This is a Borough Council issue so the Clerk to write back to the resident to explain this. Cllr Shaw agreed to bring this subject up with the Highways Department to see if any signs could be erected.

**1193      Any other business**

*Poppies* – it is too late to put any poppies up this year, but this could be looked at by the next Parish Council for 2026.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 14 January 2026 starting at 7.00pm at the Carus Centre, Hoddlesden, and will be primarily to discuss setting the precept for 2026-27. 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 8.12pm

Future meetings: 4 March 2026  
6 May 2026 including AGM