

ECCLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2026
at Carus Centre, Huddlesden

Present: Councillor John Slater (In the Chair)
Councillors L Taylor, N Slater and M Desai

Also present: J Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor Julie Slater

1217 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

1218 Apologies for absence

Noted: Cllr Julie Slater

1219 Matters arising from previous meeting

Lower Waterside Farm – samples of the white powder have been taken and the results are still outstanding.

Noticeboards/benches/bin – All the new noticeboards have now been installed. The noticeboard in Waterside has the wrong name on it - Cllr Taylor has the correct lettering and is arranging for the noticeboard to be taken down, the name corrected and then it will be re-installed. The new weatherproof benches have been installed. The broken bin at Waterside is to be replaced with a new bin by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BwDBC).

1220 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

1221 Declaration of Interest

Noted: None

1222 Accounts for payment

Resolved: The following proposed accounts were approved:

1	Easy Websites	Monthly hosting charges	£36.96 per month
2	Clerk salary	Admin – April	£169.75
3	Clerk salary	Admin – May	£170.00
4	LALC	Membership NALC/LALC	£45.81
5	Carus Centre	Room hire x 6 meetings	£90.00
6	Dave Rowley	Lengthsman – June	£95.00

7	D Jolley	Skips for Community Clean-up	£825.00
8	Zurich	Insurance premium 2026-27	£214.00

1223 Any other business

Eccleshill Park – the play area is having some tidy up work done by BwDBC, which will take a few days, so the park has been closed while this is taking place. The balance beam is also to be replaced as it is broken. There was a request from BwDBC for a contribution from the Parish Council towards the purchase of a piece of new equipment but Cllr Slater advised that S106 money could hopefully be used to update the park in the future.

Planning applications – the clerk queried why the Parish Council did not receive notification of any planning applications submitted within the Parish Council area. The Chair & Vice-Chair asked the clerk to write to the planning department and ask that any future planning applications are sent through for the Councillors to comment on.

1224 Insurance 2026-27

Resolved: Clerk obtained quotations from 3 insurance companies specialising in Parish Council Insurance – Gallaghers, Clear Councils and Zurich (current insurers). It was agreed to continue with Zurich but change to the online package rather than the tailored package which is slightly cheaper.

1225 Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements 2025-26

Resolved: The Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statement for 2025-26 were approved and signed by the Chair.

1226 Budget proposals for 2026-27

Resolved: It was agreed to continue with booking the skips for the Community clean-up at Waterside, Eccleshill and Davyfield Gardens in May/June. It was also agreed to pay for the Lengthsman to mow the grassy areas in Eccleshill and any other areas that need it for the next 6 months.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1 July 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 8.05pm