

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: Council Meeting, Thursday 13 February 2025, 7.30 pm.

VENUE: Eccleston Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston, Chorley, PR7 5SY.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies.
2. Declarations of Interests
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, or brought up at any point in this meeting, in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 January 2024
To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting distributed to Councillors.
4. Councillor Vacancy
To consider an application for co-option from Mrs Dianne Biggs.
5. Public Participation
The meeting will be adjourned.

Members of the public may raise issues with the Council. No legal decisions may be taken.
6. Planning Matters
To consider planning applications.

Application	Proposed Development	Location
24/01078/TPO	Application for works to a protected tree - Chorley BC TPO 1 (Eccleston) 2020: T1 Oak - Reduce side branches overhanging garden back by a length of 2 metres and remove deadwood. Half the tree is overhanging garden, so to reduce impact on garden, and to reduce weight out of heavy branches	21 The Hawthorns
25/00020/TPO	Application for works to protected trees - Chorley BC TPO 5 (Eccleston) 2005: G1 Crown reduction of Beech and remove dead wood. T3 and T4 reduction in height to Yew trees	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary Towngate
25/00040/FUL	Change of use of a building from agriculture to mixed agriculture and B8 storage use and an extension to the building	Glendale Tincklers Lane

7. Financial Matters
 - i) To receive the finance update.
 - ii) To confirm a pledge of £500 towards the potential costs of the legal challenge against the decision to allow the Wymott Third Prison planning application.
 - iii) To consider a request for assistance from St Mary's Church PCC towards the costs of tree works.
 - iv) To consider requests for payment made to the Council.
8. Millennium Green
To receive a report from a site meeting with representatives from Lancashire Council regarding drainage issues.

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9. Clerk's Report
To note the Clerk's report.
10. Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)
To receive reports.
11. Date of Next Meeting
To confirm the date of the next meeting.

Adam Platt

CLERK

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1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Meeting held on 9 January 2025

4. **Councillor Vacancy**

An application for co-option from Mrs Dianne Biggs will be considered (private details attached).

5. **Public Participation**

6. **Planning**

Permissions

Application	Proposed Development	Location
24/00449/DIS	Application to discharge conditions 9 (lighting design for biodiversity), 25 (travel plan) and 31 (dwelling emission rates) of outline planning permission 20/01331/OUTMAJ (Outline planning application for the construction of up to 80 dwellings (including 30% affordable housing) and associated infrastructure, with all matters reserved (aside from vehicular access from Doctors Lane))	Land At Tincklers Lane
24/00811/FUL	Section 73 application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) of planning permission ref. 22/00210/FUL (Demolition of existing buildings and erection of three detached dwellings with associated works and landscaping) to add phasing and existing floor plans	Wright's Garden Centre New Lane Nurseries New Lane
24/00903/FULHH	Single storey side/rear extension and front porch (following demolition of existing conservatory to rear)	10 Banner Close
24/01022/FULHH	Single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory)	15A Reeveswood

Refusals: None

Withdrawn: None

7. **Finance**

- i) Councillors will receive the monitoring statement.
- ii) Councillors will be asked to confirm a pledge of £500 towards the potential costs of the legal challenge, brought by the Ulmes Walton Action Group, disputing the decision to allow the appeal against the refusal of the Third Prison application. Councillors are advised the pledge will only become payable in the event of a decision against the challenge.
- iii) A request for a contribution towards the costs of tree works in St Mary's Church graveyard will be considered (details below):

The arborist Ken Lynford has been to assess the trees in the graveyard and has met with the officer from Chorley to discuss the trees which have affected by the TPO's. It now looks as though the management of the overgrown trees and those affected by die back will be a 2 to 3 year project and will cost anywhere between £3,000 to £5,000.
- iv) Requests for payment will be approved.

8. **Millennium Green**

A verbal report from a site meeting with representatives from Lancashire Council regarding drainage issues affecting Eccleston Primary School will be provided.

9. Clerk's Report

No items at the time of publication of the agenda.

10. Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

Councillors will provide reports from any outside bodies attended as a representative of the parish council.

11. Date of Next meeting

Thursday 13 March 2025.

Forthcoming Events

Meetings usually begin at 6:30pm at Chorley Town Hall. Confirmation will be sent as and when received.

Chorley Liaison - Wednesday 19 March 2025

Wednesday 17 July 2025

Wednesday 15 October 2025

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - Monday 17 March 2025

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MINUTES of the Meeting held 9 January 2025 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors M Miller (Chairman), R Bland, S Bland, D Bonney, D Graham, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present: 4 Members of the Public.

01.25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Brown, C Heath and D Miller.

02.25 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

03.25 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 December 2024

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

04.25 Public Participation

Details of problems with drainage in and around the area of the Millennium Green and Ecclestone Primary School were reported. Enquiries are to be made with Lancashire County Council and United Utilities regarding drainage connections in the area. An access path to the rear of the School via the Millennium Green was also mentioned.

A representative of the Ulnes Walton Action Group provided an update regarding the Third Prison at Wymott. The Group has been advised by its legal team that the Secretary of State may have acted unlawfully in arriving at the decision to allow the planning appeal. The Group is intending to challenge the decision in the High Court, and is seeking pledges to cover the potential costs, which would be limited to a maximum of £10,000, should the challenge not be successful.

05.25 Planning Matters

24/001086/FUL Part two storey part single storey rear extension and alterations to existing single storey rear projection at 89 Towngate

There were no objections to this application.

06.25 Financial Matters.

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 306.50	British Gas	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 89.29	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£ 67.43	British Gas	Electricity (Changing Rooms)
£ 84.45	Waterplus	Water/wastewater (Hub)
£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Website
£ 30.36	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 516.00	John Hy Mayor and Sons	Christmas tree
£ 354.00	Ecclestone Electrical Services	Replacement outside lights
£ 2798.98	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 19.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 410.15	British Gas	Gas (Hub)
£ 59.97	British Gas	Gas (Changing Rooms)

07.25 2025-26 Precept

A draft budget requiring a 20% increase in council tax was presented. A motion to hold the precept at the current level, using balances from budgets for the Will Trust and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), was tabled. An alternative motion was tabled to increase the precept in line with the presented budget, due to increases in staff costs, limitations on spending of CIL monies and the uncertainty surrounding the possible uses of the Will Trust.

Resolved: the Precept for 2025-26 was set at £61999.

08.25 Deposit Accounts

This item was deferred to allow additional time for investigation of the alternative investment accounts which may be available.

09.25 Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting

Suggestions for Neighbourhood Priorities had been invited. Updates on projects for a village entrance marker at Heskin Bridge and improvements to Mill Lane are to be requested. Suggestions for priorities included a contribution towards the cost of drainage on the Millennium Green and lighting for a path between Beechfields and Reeveswood and improvements to Church Walks, although this was acknowledged as an Lancashire County Council issue.

10.25 Chorley Liaison Meeting

Councillors had no suggestions for items for the meeting agenda. Information was provided on proposals for local government reorganisation affecting Lancashire.

11.25 Clerk's Report

A request from a resident for a grit bin on Snipewood has been passed on to Lancashire County Council.

An application to fill one of the councillor vacancies had been received.

12.25 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

13.25 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13 February 2025.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Eccleston Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

Budgets:

Salaries	36500
General office expenses	800
Staff Costs	500
Community Hub	4000
Changing Rooms	5000
Repairs and replacements	1000
Grounds maintenance	7500
Open Spaces	2500
Newsletter	1500
Donations	1500
Subscriptions/entries	800
Training	300
Christmas celebrations	800
Village activities	1000
Communications	500
Audit	800
Insurance	5000
Sundries	1000
CIL (balance of budget)	100000
General Reserve	500
Earmarked Reserves	1200
Will Trust	200000
Budget totals	<u>372700</u>

Financed by:

Estimated balance as at 01.04.2025	309065
Proposed precept	61999
Top up grant	1636
	<u>372700</u>