

# ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: Council Meeting, Thursday 9 January 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 12 December 2024  
To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting distributed to Councillors.
4. Public Participation  
The meeting will be adjourned.  
Members of the public may raise issues with the Council. No legal decisions may be taken.
5. Planning Matters  
To consider planning applications.

Application	Proposed Development	Location
24/01086/FULHH	Part two storey part single storey rear extension and alterations to existing single storey rear projection	89 Towngate

6. Financial Matters
  - i) To receive the finance update.
  - ii) To consider requests for payment made to the Council.
7. 2025-26 Precept  
To discuss draft budgets for the next financial year.
8. Deposit Accounts  
To consider further options for interest bearing accounts.
9. Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting  
To provide suggestions for Neighbourhood Priorities for 2025-26.
10. Chorley Liaison Meeting  
To provide suggestions for agenda items.
10. Clerk's Report  
To note the Clerk's report.
11. Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)  
To receive reports.
12. Date of Next Meeting  
To confirm the date of the next meeting.



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## Permissions

Application	Proposed Development	Location
24/00928/FULHH	First floor side/rear extension, single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory)	11 Parr Lane

Refusals: None

Withdrawn: None

## 6. Finance

- i) Councillors will receive the monitoring statement.
- ii) Requests for payment will be approved.

## 7. 2025-26 Precept

The precept for the year 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026 will be set.

The precept calculations were contained in the draft figures provided at the December meeting. Up to date bank statements have not been received at the time of publication of the agenda so, if there are significant changes to the estimates, further figures will be emailed to Councillors and paper copies will be provided at the meeting.

For information, the previous 10 year's figures are below:

Year	Precept	Council Tax Base	Band D council tax	% increase in council tax
2015-16	41331	1569.00	26.34	0
2016-17	41324	1601.20	26.34	0
2017-18	44089	1640.80	26.87	2
2018-19	45319	1653.93	27.40	2
2019-20	45652	1666.13	27.40	0
2020-21	45739	1669.31	27.40	0
2021-22	45191	1649.30	27.40	0
2022-23	45844	1673.30	27.40	0
2023-24	47985	1667.90	28.77	5
2024-25	50304	1666.24	30.13	5

## 8. Deposit Accounts

Following on from the December agenda item, a suggestion has been received to transfer the Will Trust funds into a fixed term savings account term to be discussed (the suggestion is for 5 years to gain best interest rates) There are business savings accounts with good interest rates but, at this stage, it is not clear which the parish council may be eligible for. If clarification is available by the time of the meeting councillors will be advised, if not, the item will be deferred to a future meeting.

The suggestion then would be that each year when the interest is paid 75% of the interest gained is withdrawn leaving in 25% to increase the capital amount. The parish council can then consider applications from any groups/individuals/schools etc for financial support from the said interest.

**9. Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting**

Councillors will be invited to provide suggestions for Neighbourhood Priorities for 2025-26. Details, including criteria for eligibility for Priority suggestions were emailed to Councillors on 20 December 2024. The meeting will take place on 17 March 2024.

**10. Chorley Liaison Meeting**

Councillors will be invited to provide suggestions for agenda items for the meeting on Wednesday 22 January 2025.

**11. Clerk's Report**

No items at the time of publication of the agenda.

**12. Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)**

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

**13. Date of Next meeting**

Thursday 13 February 2025.

**Forthcoming Events**

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

Chorley Liaison - Wednesday 22 January 2025

Wednesday 19 March 2025

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - Monday 17 March 2025

## ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 12 December 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Ecclestone.

Present: Councillors M Miller (Chairman), R Bland, S Bland, M Brown, C Heath, D Miller, H Thomas and A Whittaker.

Also present: 1 Member of the Public.

139.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney and D Graham.

140.24 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

141.24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2024

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

142.24 Public Participation

No matters were raised.

143.24 Planning Matters

24/00844/FUL Erection of 4no. dwellings (following demolition of existing buildings) at Sarscow Farm, Sarscow Lane

24/00943/DIS Application to discharge conditions 4 (car park and manoeuvring), 5 (storage of materials outside RPA), 6 (trees and shrubs clearance), 7 (retain trees on site) and 8 (landscaping) of planning permission ref: 24/00485/FUL (External alterations at the rear to provide a new timber framed external shelter, the addition of new timber construction external fixed seating, the addition of new festoon lighting and timber support posts, and the re-lining of the existing car park area to provide sixteen car parking spaces) at The Brown Cow Inn, The Green

24/00971/DIS Application to discharge conditions 5 (Programme of archaeological recording) and 6 (window details) of planning permission ref: 23/00840/FUL (Change of use of existing barn, to stables, tack room and home office.) PL.00.03 - Window details at Ecclestone Hall, Lydiate Lane

24/01022/FULHH Single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) at 15A Reeveswood

There were no objections to these applications.

144.24 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:

£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Website
£ 83.65	Waterplus	Water/wastewater (Hub)
£ 316.16	British Gas	Gas (Hub)
£ 30.36	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 560.34	Lancashire County Council	Cleaning (Hub)
£ 35.00	LALC	Councillor training
£ 1122.00	Argus Fire and Security	Maintenance contracts/repair
£ 100.00	Ecclestone Scout Group	Newsletter delivery

£ 200.00	Eccleston Brass Band	Donation - Carol singing
£ 400.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation and wreath
£ 3593.94	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 19.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 85.44	Everflow	Water/wastewater (Changing Rooms)

#### 145.24 2025-26 Precept

A draft budget was provided for discussion purposes. Clarification was provided on certain items including the Community Infrastructure Levy receipts and budget and future spending. Updated budgets will be provided for the precept setting at the January meeting.

#### 146.24 Deposit Accounts

Investment of funds held by the Council were discussed. A suggestion to place the funds in a 95 day notice deposit account with NatWest was put forward. An alternative suggestion to place the funds for a longer term was made.

Resolved: funds are to be placed in a 95 day notice account with NatWest Bank whilst research is carried out into long term investment accounts.

#### 147.24 Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting at Local Authority Meetings

A response to a consultation by HM Government regarding remote and hybrid attendance and proxy voting at council meetings was considered. It was felt the current system of in person attendance should be retained.

#### 150.24 Clerk's Report

The Carol singing will take place on Tuesday 17 December.

An inspection of the flooding problems on the field at Eccleston Primary School had been carried out. The problems have been queried with the Estates Department at Lancashire County Council, which had previously been involved with a sink hole on the field.

#### 151.24 Reports from Outside Bodies

Information was provided on an upcoming local government review which could see changes to the format of Lancashire County Council and the borough councils.

#### 153.24 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9 January 2025.

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

## ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Precept 2025 - 2026

Budgets 2025/26		Budgets 2024/25
36500	1 Salaries	33000
800	2 General office expenses	800
500	3 Staff Costs	500
4000	4 Community Hub	6000
5000	5 Changing Rooms	8500
1000	6 Repairs and replacements	1000
7500	7 Grounds maintenance	7500
2500	8 Open Spaces	10000
1500	9 Newsletter	1800
1500	10 Donations	1500
800	11 Subscriptions/entries	700
300	12 Training	200
800	13 Christmas celebrations	800
1000	14 Village activities	1000
500	15 Communications	500
800	16 Audit	500
5000	17 Insurance	4500
1000	18 Sundries	1000
100000	19 CIL	46595
500	20 General Reserve	500
1200	21 Earmarked Reserves	78500
<u>200000</u>	22 Will Trust	<u>0</u>
<u><u>372700</u></u>	Total	<u><u>205395</u></u>

323000	Anticipated balance as at 31.12.24
<u>30000</u>	Add: Anticipated income to 31.03.25
353000	Sub total
<u>43935</u>	Less: Anticipated requirements to 31.03.25
309065	Estimated balance forward as at 31.03.25
<b>61999</b>	Proposed precept
<u>1636</u>	CBC top up
<u><u>372700</u></u>	

2025/26		2024/25
61999	Precept	50304
1717.36	Council Tax Base	1666.24
<b>£36.10</b>	Proposed Band D	Band D <b>£30.19</b>

# Item 7

## Estimated figures to year end

### Anticipated Income to 31.03.25

VAT	18000
Interest	1000
Hub	9000
Changing Rooms	<u>2000</u>
Total	<u><u>30000</u></u>

### Anticipated requirements to 31.03.25

Salaries/staff costs	8000
Admin	250
Repairs/replacements	500
Open Spaces Committee	5000
Activities Committee	300
Christmas	650
CIL	20000
Sundries	500
Chapel Ruin	<u>6000</u>
	<u><u>41200</u></u>

### Changing Rooms

Electricity	400
Gas	350
Water	300
Business rates	<u>60</u>
	1110

### Community Hub

Electricity	350
Gas	900
Water	300
Broadband	75
Cleaning	<u>0</u>
	1625
Total	<u><u>43935</u></u>