

ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING: Council Meeting, Thursday 10 April 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 13 March 2025
To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting distributed to Councillors.
4. Councillor Vacancy
To consider an application for co-option from Mr Eric 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
25/00210/FUL	Construction of a 3 bedroom, self-build, dormer bungalow, following demolition of the existing dwelling	Sunnymead Woodhart Lane
25/00279/FULHH	Single storey rear extension	16 Chaucer Close

7. Financial Matters
 - i) To receive the 2024-25 year end finance update.
 - ii) To receive the finance update.
 - iii) To consider requests for payment made to the Council.
8. Asset Register
To review the asset register.
9. Business Continuity Plan
To consider required actions in preparation for the Clerk's leaving.
10. Committee Reports
To note a verbal report from a meeting of the Activities Committee held on 3 April 2025.
To note a verbal report from a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 3 April 2025.
11. Clerk's Report
To note the report.

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12. Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)
To receive reports.
13. Date of Next Meeting
To confirm the date of the next meeting.

Adam Platt

CLERK

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MINUTES of the Meeting held 13 March 2025 at 7.30 pm in The Community Hub, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

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

Also present: 4 Members of the Public.

26.25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bonney and C Heath.

27.25 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

28.25 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 February 2025

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

29.25 Public Participation

A representative from St Mary's Church PCC provided information in support of a request for assistance with the costs of works to trees along the public footpath.

A pothole at the entrance to the car park was reported. Arrangements for repair will be made.

The repair of the crossing over the culvert was queried. Councillors advised the work had been carried out.

30.25 Planning Matters

25/00085/FUL - Erection of a self-build, detached dwelling at Lydiate Farm, 12 Lydiate Lane

25/00156/FULHH Erection of detached garage at Grey Stone Cottage 18 Lydiate Lane

25/00157/CLPUD Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension at Grey Stone Cottage, 18 Lydiate Lane

25/00168/NOT Notice of intention to install 1no. temporary mast with associated cabinet equipment at Bygone Times, The Green

25/00210/FUL Construction of a 3 bedroom, self-build, dormer bungalow, following demolition of the existing dwelling at Sunnymead, Woodhart Lane

There were no objections to these applications.

The meeting was advised application 25/00143/PIP Permission in principle application for the erection of 5no. dwellings following the demolition of existing buildings at 14 Southport Road had been refused by Chorley Council's Planning Committee, together with application

25/00008/PIP Permission in principle application for the erection of up to five dwellings at Land North of Lydiate Farm Cottage, Lydiate Lane.

31.25 Financial Matters.

i) The financial monitoring statement was considered.

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

ii) A request from St Mary's Church PCC, for a grant towards the costs of works to trees either side of the Public Right of Way within the Church grounds, was considered. An award of £500 was proposed, followed by an amendment to award £1000. A further amendment to award £1200 was not seconded.

Resolved: a grant of £1000 was awarded.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Website
£ 1.20	Metacre	Lease
£ 2400.00	J L Hill and Son	Culvert repair
£ 3299.53	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 30.36	Vodafone	Broadband (Hub)
£ 83.65	Waterplus	Water/wastewater (Hub)
£ 19.00	Chorley Council	Business rates (Changing Rooms)
£ 96.70	Everflow	Water/wastewater (Changing Rooms)
£ 552.49	British Gas	Gas (Hub)
£ 272.15	British Gas	Gas (Changing Rooms)
£ 57.93	British Gas	Electricity (Hub)
£ 123.35	British Gas	Electricity (Changing Rooms)

32.25 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review of the risk assessment in accordance with guidance contained within the publication 'Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2024'. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

33.25 Central Lancashire Local Plan

A response to a consultation regarding the preparation of a Joint Local Plan for Central Lancashire was considered. Councillors had no comments.

34.25 Banking Arrangements

NatWest Bank had advised that, due to increased annual credit turnover, the Parish Council is no longer eligible for free banking. Councillors felt that, as the anticipated amount of bank charges was not felt to be excessive, accounts should remain with NatWest.

35.25 Clerk's Report

Repairs to the culvert on the Recreation Park have been completed.

36.25 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

37.25 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 April 2025.

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

**Eccleston Parish Council
Asset Register**

At 31 March 2025 the following assets were held :

Description of asset	Location	Date of Purchase	Actual Cost	Estimated Cost
Changing Rooms		2004	215430	
Security fence and gates	Changing Rooms	08/2005	2500	
Chairs	Changing Rooms	10/2004	370	
Tables	Changing Rooms	10/2004	240	
CCTV system	Community Hub	06/2021	5000	
Folding tables	Community Hub	07/2018	180	
Security fence	Community Hub	12/2017	1500	
Fence	Adj 20 Drapers Ave	04/2019	520	
Speed indicators (2)	Towngate, Langton Brow	02/2022	3640	
Noticeboard	Carrington Centre	03/2004	300	
Noticeboard	Recreation Ground	pre 2002		1000
Seats (8)	Various	pre 2002		2280
Litter bins (4)	Various	pre 2002		1000
Commemorative stone	Village Green	09/2008	650	
Entrance marker (provided by CBC)	Eccleston bridge	03/2018	1	
Ceramic poppies (24)	Changing Rooms	10/2014	600	
All weather ball court	Recreation Ground	03/2014	77500	
Giant L Sensory multiplay unit	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	63640	
Wheelchair Carousel	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	7480	
Crazy Dragon Springer	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	790	
Crazy Scrambler Springer	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	850	
Cocowave Pendulum Swing	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	10500	
Home Multi Seesaw	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	4570	
Play & Stay activity trail	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	3730	
BLOQX 2 climbing blocks	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	6570	
Balance Beam	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	1590	
Safety surfacing	Recreation Park Play Area	01/2024	30190	
Multi unit	Recreation Park Play Area	pre 2002		8000
Multi unit	Recreation Park Play Area	pre 2002		5100
Picnic table	Recreation Park Play Area	pre 2002		500
2 bay swing	Recreation Park Play Area	pre 2002		3000
Turnstyle	Recreation Park Play Area	pre 2002		750
Fence and gates	Recreation Park Play Area	pre 2002		2350
Basket swing (provided by CBC)	Recreation Ground		1	
Leg press	Recreation Ground	07/2008	1550	
Surfer	Recreation Ground	07/2008	1600	
Seat	Recreation Ground	02/2020	280	
Seats (3)	Recreation Ground	12/2021	950	
Basketball goal	Recreation Ground	07/2008	100	
Fence and gates	Recreation Ground car park	04/2006	2450	
Kick wall	Recreation Ground	03/2011	2500	
End unit	Skatepark	2004		7000
End unit	Skatepark	2004		6500
Middle unit	Skatepark	2004		7500
Fence	Skatepark	2004		4000
Seat	Skatepark	2004		300
Glo Worm	Hawthorns Play Area	10/2022	1600	
Viking swing	Hawthorns Play Area	10/2022	2100	
Faithful friend	Hawthorns Play Area	10/2022	850	
Seats (2)	Hawthorns Play Area	10/2022	1400	
Safety surfacing	Hawthorns Play Area	10/2022	7000	
Bollards (4)	Millennium Green	07/2011	800	
Litter bins (3)	Millennium Green	12/2013	750	
Seats (4)	Millennium Green	09/2015	800	
Christmas lights		11/2009	200	
Replacements for damaged lights		11/2014	130	
Christmas lights power supply pillar		01/2012	850	
Christmas tree fence and posts		11/2013	200	
Christmas lights (multicolour)		11/2020	382	
Recreation Ground	(community value) - held in trust		1	
Hawthorns entrance verges	(community value)		1	
Hawthorns Play Area	(community value)		1	
Village Green	(community value)		1	
Community Hub	(community value)		1	
Millennium Green - (leased from LCC)			0	
Junior pitch (leased from Metacre)			0	
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