

**Minutes of Great Eccleston Annual Parish Meeting** 

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013 7:30pm in The Village Centre

### **Minutes**

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Cllr John Rowe at 7:33. There were 15 members of the public including 7 Parish Coucillors 2 members of the Police and the Clerk to the Parish Council.

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman Cllr John Rowe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Michael Carroll
- 3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012** were approved by the meeting.
- 4. **Parish Council Chairman's Report** was given by Cllr John Rowe items in his report included:
  - a. Finances
  - b. A welcome to Cllr Barbara Croft to the Parish Council
  - c. Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition monitoring areas
  - d. Hall Lane affordable housing
  - e. Farmers Arms development into new business in the village
  - f. 20 mph speed limits still awaiting outside Copp School
  - g. Dog Fouling
  - h. Parking at the bus stop
  - i. Update and adoption of Freedom of information policy
  - j. Review of all Councils policies
  - k. Market Franchise
  - I. Xmas market success with thanks to ClIr Jackie Garth and everyone involved in the event
  - m. Thanks to all the members of the public who were present at the meeting and for their involvement in the village
  - n. Thanks to the Clerk and all the Councillors for their work
- 5. **Parish Council Financial Report** was given by the Clerk, Hugh Glover. The report outlined the Parish Councils income and expenditure during the year to 31 March 2013.
- 6. Wyre Borough Councillor's Report for the year was given by Cllr Susan Catterrall



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- 7. **Wyre in Bloom Report** was given by Cllr Jim Proctor who presented the Silver Gilt award, He thanked Dave, Lyn, Jean, Margaret and all other volunteers who helped. The Village Centre and the Residential bungalows were also mentioned
- 8. **Village Centre Report** was given by the Manager, Hugh Glover who indicated that the Centre was keeping to the budgeted targets over the past year and continuing to provide a service to the community
- 9. **Police Report** was given by Sgt Danielle Feeney who indicated that reported incidents this year were down on last year figures.
- 10. **Playing Fields** it was reported that the new equipment was now in place and being used
- 11. **Best kept village competition** was given by Cllr Jim Proctor who presented the certificate for best new entry to the competition. Thanks were given to the volunteers who had helped keep the village tidy. It was hoped that a further award could be won this year.

### 12. Questions from the Public

a. 20 mph speed limit

### 13. Any other subjects for discussion

- a. A Road Safety report was given by Cllr Proctor
  - i. Drop kerbs
  - ii. Gritting thanks to Ray Cottam for his help and that this year LCC had gritted further areas and helped prevent accidents
  - iii. Thanks to Cllr Jackie Garth fro her help on the road safety committee
  - iv. Raikes Road parking, speeding and congestion
  - v. Footpaths resurface where utilities company's have dug up the area
- b. Parking generally, including additional parking within walking distance of the Square. To seek the views of the village and also any ideas. This would be put on a future Parish Council agenda for discussion.

The meeting was closed at 8:55pm

#### **CHAIRMAN**