

*Great Ecclestone Parish Council*

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7:30pm Monday 11th April 2022  
in the Lounge  
Great Ecclestone Village Centre

Welcome by the Chairman

Reports:  
Parish Council Chairman's Report  
Parish Council Financial Report  
Borough Councillor's Report



Subjects for discussion:

Please notify the Clerk or your Councillors before the meeting of any items for discussion

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All Parish and Town Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting between April and June each year. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the Parish Council and other organisations in the village to outline what they have been doing over the last 12 months. It also enables the residents of Great Ecclestone to have their say on anything they consider is important to the village, this is welcomed and is the purpose of the meeting. A written record of the meeting will be taken.



# Minutes of Great Eccleston Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 12 April 2021 7:00pm By Zoom

## Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Cllr Garth at 7:00pm. There were no members of the public present. All 8 Parish Councillors' including Cllr Sue Catterall also a Wyre Council Cllr and the Clerk to the Parish Council, Hugh Glover.

**There were no apologies for absence.**

1. **Welcome by the Chairman** Cllr Jackie Garth welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **The meeting approved the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 8th April 2019.**
3. **CHAIRMANS REPORT** was given by Cllr Jackie Garth

Firstly I would like to personally thank my fellow councillors for all their hard work and commitment to Great Eccleston Parish Council and the village. I would especially like to thank Hugh our Clerk for all his hard work and commitment.

It has been a difficult year for everyone with COVID restrictions in place. This meant that we could not hold our Annual Parish Meeting in April 2020. However, legislation brought in meant that we could re-commence our Parish Council Meetings remotely in July 2020.

### **Great Eccleston in Bloom**

In 2019 we were extremely pleased to win our first Gold Medal in The Large Village Category since Great Eccleston Parish Council undertook the task of organizing our Wyre In Bloom entry.

We could not have achieved this without our dedicated team of volunteers and community involvement. We would especially like to thank John Schofield who co-ordinates the entry for The Bungalows Residents Group. It is thanks to John's hard work and dedication that they were again awarded outstanding in the It's Your Neighbourhood awards. The Cricket Ground and Bowling Green were awarded an advancing award and we would like to thank all the volunteers and members for all their hard work throughout the year.

COVID has had a massive impact on all our daily lives and all businesses have been affected. Therefore last year we took the decision to suspend the advertising sponsorship from the businesses and have continued that this year.

### **Electric Car Charging**

We have agreed to install an electrical car charging station within the square as the Government has announced the end of the sale of all petrol and diesel cars by 2030.

### **Great Eccleston Flood Action Group**

The Flood Action Group was brought within the Parish Council in. . This was done to ensure we had liaison with the relevant authorities to ensure up to date advice was sought and an action plan put in place.

**The Pinfold.** We helped facilitate the renovation of the  
**Car Park** On Copp Lane

This is still ongoing and we are awaiting finalization of the documentation of this upon completion.

### **Overall View**



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Overall even though we have all faced hard times throughout the pandemic it is still nice to see people enjoying our beautiful village. We always aim to continue making improvements and it is up to you the parishioners to give us your ideas and views where you would like us to continue making improvements for the good of the village. Any assistance you can give be it a couple of hours or more to help with Great Eccleston in Bloom or other projects is greatly appreciated.

Once again thank-you all for your support and I look forward to being able to support you and the Parish for the coming year.

#### 4. Report of Wyre Borough Councillor Susan Catterall for the year 2020/21

COVID has made 2020 a very strange year for all of us.

Council meetings were cancelled at the beginning of the year then we went on line to Zoom. Both Gt. Eccleston Parish Council and Wyre Borough have adapted to this new way of coping with meetings which have so far been very successful.

Not working and being at home during lockdowns has meant I have been able to complete various training courses which has developed my knowledge in a wide range of Council based subjects adding to my skill set.

Most of my work this year has been helping with planning applications and flooding. Together with Cllr Astall I have met with landowners, homeowners and officials of departments from LCC and WBC mainly about flooding.

I have been able to assist a lady who was about to be made homeless. After a few phone calls with my contacts she was thankfully able to find a new home.

Another lady who has a special needs daughter was unable to get in touch with her social worker during these challenging times, I was successful in getting a message to her social worker to enable them to liaise regarding her needs.

And finally I did have a small part to play with the Pinfold saga acting as an intermediary with the owner, Jim Hennessey, so it could continue to be renovated to the fantastic condition it can now be found.

5. **Parish Council Financial Report** was given by the Clerk, Hugh Glover. The report outlined the Parish Councils draft income and expenditure during the year to 31 March 2019.

**The APM was closed at 7:15pm.**

CHAIRMAN

11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Chairman's report 2022

This is the report of the chairman of Great Eccleston Parish Council 2021-2022. We end another COVID dominated year in the Parish council. We have spent much of this year meeting electronically due to the COVID restrictions, something which is far from ideal but certainly is challenging. It was a relief when we could get back to meeting in real life although and lets hope this can continue although with recent spikes in infections in the village I think it is a matter of time before we are in front of a camera again. As a result of COVID restrictions the PC has had to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by recording all meetings in case members of the general public/councillors cannot attend.

The latter end of the year has been dominated by HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the events in which the PC is organising. We have made a start on the celebrations by planting a rose bed in the Square, this is planted out with Queen Elizabeth Roses and other plants, it will also contain a plaque celebrating the Assession to the Throne. It will make a nice addition of summer colour to the that area of the Square and High Street. We held a number of meetings to ascertain the events that would be taking place over the Jubilee weekend, both organised by the PC and other organisations. The PC is planning a music event on the Saturday of the Jubilee weekend which will include live music and will be a family day out involving different parts of the community. Other organisations in the village are holding a number of events from social to sporting.

This year was quite a challenging year for Wyre in Bloom following the pandemic but we as a council were determined to enter the competition an despite many plants succumbing to the dry weather we gained a silver medal. Following this there has been a concerted effort to involve the community more in the plantings with the scouts being asked to take over one of the beds at the edge of the village and the businesses in the Square being asked to water plants in the hot weather.

The extreme weather conditions in January and February did not have much effect on the village and we were very lucky in that respect. We lost a couple of trees but had very little flooding. The main water courses have all been flushed through and this has had a positive effect on the build up of water at the bottom of Raikes Road. Our main concern now appears to be water discharge and flooding in the Pinfold area and the main road. There has been very few flooding incidents reported to the FLAG this year and this has to be seen as a positive action that we are getting things right on this front.

The village this year was reported to be one of the most expensive villages to live in, as we are not in thw top 50 in the UK and the most expensive in the NW. This can be seen both as a good thing and a bad one as it can attract criminals. The village is the verge of expanding beyond recognition with another 350 houses recently gaining planning permission. These new houses will be built with anew Primary School, retail area, a new village centre and a much needed Medical Centre. Unfortunately, it will affect the village and increase traffic on what is currently becoming very busy roads. On the theme of transport, the village has recently acquired charging points for electric cars and these are now operational. The introduction of new houses always brings with it challenges and the Council will need to monitor this over the coming years, things like water, drainage and transport. It will also bring with it some benefits for the businesses in the village.

One issue that became apparent this year with the increase in the number of properties is that of flooding and puddling. This has been seen on Butts Lane, the main road and by the Pinfold with the water discharging from the new development onto West End, water that on cold nights freezes.

The job of the councillor is always changing and therefore councillors need to keep up with the times therefore as we emerge from COVID restrictions councillors have been undertaking a number of training events into flooding resilience, transport issues and planning.

I would like to finish by thanking the clerk to the Council, Hugh Glover for his sterling work in keeping the Council operational. I would also like to thank the councillors for all their hard work this year.

David J Astall  
Chairman

**PARISH PRECEPTS**

	<u>2022/23</u>					<u>2021/22</u>			<u>2020/21</u>				
	<u>2022/23</u> <u>Precepts</u>	<u>2022/23</u> <u>Council Tax</u> <u>Base</u>	<u>Amount per</u> <u>Band D</u> <u>equivalent</u> <u>property</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>since</u> <u>2021/22</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>increas this</u> <u>year</u> <u>excluding</u> <u>VC</u>	<u>2021/22</u> <u>Precepts</u>	<u>2021/22</u> <u>Council Tax</u> <u>Base</u>	<u>Amount per</u> <u>Band D</u> <u>equivalent</u> <u>property</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>since</u> <u>2020/21</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>increas this</u> <u>year</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Precepts</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Council Tax</u> <u>Base</u>	<u>Amount per</u> <u>Band D</u> <u>equivalent</u> <u>property</u>
<b><u>PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL</u></b>	£		£ p			£		£ p					£ p
Bamacre-with-Bonds	8,455	1,094.95	16.08			11,200		11.14			11,200	967.31	6.39
Bleasdale	900	58.48	83.77			1,000		16.79			1,000	58.22	25.76
Cabus	10,000	621.79	44.17			10,000		16.37			10,000	621.24	16.10
Catterall	82,000	978.85	32.35			81,000		90.34			81,000	889.10	84.35
Cloughton-on-Brock	18,000	407.50	28.77			17,900		46.32			17,900	379.85	44.75
Fleetwood	207,187	6,404.59	49.37			208,049		32.91			208,049	6,541.40	25.62
Forton	20,000	695.07	39.02			20,000		32.96			20,000	581.83	34.37
Garstang	90,742	1,838.05	37.47			76,809		42.72			76,809	1,831.85	41.35
<b>Great Eccleston</b>	29,000	743.21	39.02	54.16	3.41	<b>26,000</b>		<b>37.73</b>	54.69	4.07	<b>23,000</b>	<b>634.36</b>	<b>36.26</b>
Hambleton	40,000	1,067.66	37.47			45,000		42.80			45,000	1,071.50	37.33
Inskip-with-Sowerby	11,000	402.45	27.33			10,000		24.38			10,000	371.96	26.88
Kirkland	11,500	130.09	88.40			10,500		77.95			10,500	138.11	76.03
Myerscough and Bilsborrow	15,500	501.47	30.91			15,500		34.27			15,500	451.42	33.01
Nateby	1,690	209.65	8.06			1,945		9.16			1,945	217.51	6.97
Nether Wyresdale	19,226	329.09	58.42			17,415		53.87			17,415	335.67	48.41
Out Rawcliffe	6,500	265.30	24.50			6,000		22.89			6,000	268.05	22.38
Pilling	73,000	855.66	85.31			70,000		82.85			70,000	821.78	81.53
Preesall	98,916	1,900.70	52.04			97,230		51.39			97,230	1,901.05	51.32
Stalmine-with-Staynall	32,740	647.14	50.59			31,220		49.12			31,220	611.39	46.83
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tamad	7,000	294.77	23.75			7,000		23.98			7,000	294.02	22.11
Winmarleigh	3,615	120.93	29.89			3,445		27.82			3,445	128.07	24.76
	786,971	19,567.40											
<b><u>UNPARISHED AREAS</u></b>													
Poulton-le-Fylde								7,318.14					7,398.31
Thornton Cleveleys								10,654.36					10,786.46

## Great Ecclestone Parish Council

<u>Income and Expenditure</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Month</u> <u>March</u> <u>2022</u> <u>12</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2021/202</u> <u>2</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2022/202</u> <u>3</u>
	£	£	£			
Income						
Interest (yearly)	22	50	(28)		50	50
Market	1,500	1,600	(100)		1,600	1,600
Wyre Borough Council Precept	26,000	26,000	0		26,000	29,000
WIB	750	2,000	(1,250)		2,000	2000
Precept support for Village Centre						5,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28,272</b>	<b>29,650</b>	<b>(1,378)</b>		<b>29,650</b>	<b>37,650</b>
Expenses						
Accounting and legal fees	250	250	0 A		250	250
Employee Costs	7,381	7,400	19		7,400	7,400
CCTV / Signage 2014/2015 / (Fixed Assets)	2,250	4,000	1,750 A		4,000	10,000 Car park
Insurance Costs	990	990	0 A		990	1,020
Landscape/Litter/Brushing	8,202	8,212	10 A		8,000	8,500
Membership Fees	250	250	0 A		250	250
Printing, Postage and Stationery	544	500	(44)		500	500
Publications	17	20	3 A		20	20
Rates	150	150	0 A		150	150
Repairs	618	2,000	1,382 A		2,000	2,000
Room Hire & storage	908	1,000	92		1,000	1,000
Election Expenses	0	0	0			0
Free resource Section 137	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
Training	195	400	205		400	400
Travel	713	750	37		750	750
Web Site Hosting and Maintenance	697	700	3		700	700
Festival		0	0			0
Contingency	1,000	2,000	1,000 A		2,000	2,000
Village Centre support						5,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>24,165</b>	<b>29,622</b>	<b>5,457</b>		<b>29,410</b>	<b>35,940</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4,079</b>		<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>

A= Adjustment for accruals or provisions

## Report of Wyre Borough Councillor Susan Catterall for the year 2021/22

At the beginning of the year Wyre Borough Council we're still not back to full capacity and we were only allowed to go to meetings when invited, Officers were also mainly working from home so it made it very difficult when asking for help or advice.

This year I have been able to complete various training courses from Action Counters Terrorism, Code of Conduct, Planning, to Anti Social Behaviour. All of which I have found enjoyable.

I've had quite a busy time over the last few months helping with planning applications, road signs, road sweeping, speeding through the village and the state of the rural roads in general.

I was more than happy to help two separate ladies who needed trees cutting one from Regenda and the other from Wyre, both have been done successfully before the nesting season.

I was approached by a gentleman who wanted to put a food caravan in the lay-by on the A586. He was unaware the A586 at Gt Eccleston has a bye law restricting street trading so this was not an option.

I've had a couple of Enforcement issues in relation to planning in the village, both have been resolved.

I did have a small part to play with the man in the tent at the bottom of the village, I can't say too much about this but thankfully he went of his own accord.

And finally I was invited to a Garden Party at Trinity Hospice, and last week I was asked to draw the raffle prizes at a fundraiser for the Ukraine Appeal, both worthwhile causes and both I thoroughly enjoyed.