



GREAT ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes (486) of the meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Monday 13th April 2026 in the Village Centre

Members present: Councillors' Alan Yates, Susan Catterall, Pam Taylor, Trevor Browning, David Astall & Nick Cross.
In attendance: Hugh Glover, Clerk, County Councillor Matthew Salter attended from 8:05 pm and 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – were received from Cllr Jackie Garth
2. **Declaration of Interest** - were received from Cllrs David Astall and Susan Catterall re items 10/a/ii and item 12.
3. **Open Forum**
 - a. A representative from the Copp School PTA attended and updated the Council on the progress of the Multi use play area and grant funding together with a new defibrillator and school buses.
 - b. LCC Cllr Matthew Salter gave an update on the rate increase 2026/27, Roads and potholes and was updated on the St Annes Road Tarmacking with pictures. Whites Bridge and flooding and Cross House Farm. Also telecommunication within the village was noted.
4. **Resolved unanimously** - to approve minutes (485) of the meeting held 9th March 2026.
5. **Planning as of 8th April 2026**
 - a. **Resolved unanimously** – Cllr David Astall to clarify the planting of trees around **The Dovecote**.
6. **Noted - GEIB** – awaiting quotes from suppliers' update.
7. **Noted - Information Boards** – updated.
8. **Highways, Footpaths & Open Space**
 - a. **Resolved unanimously – to progress this item - The Square** – details of findings after discussing with businesses.
 - b. **Noted - Water matters** – details now on GEFLAG website.
 - c. **Noted - Community resilience** – testing completed - update
 - d. **Noted - British Red Cross society** – emergency plan run through 9th May.
 - e. **None - Update on any faults reported to LCC** – see correspondence.
9. **Resolved unanimously** - to contact Forton PC who we believe to be 2 years in advance of Gt Eccleston and update on the meeting with Wyre Council - **Village hall** .
10. **Financial**
 - a. **Resolved unanimously** - to approve the following March 2026 payments below and that Councillors' have all seen and approved the invoices attached to the agenda in the following amounts:

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| i. | Clerk | Salary & Expenses | £1115.14 |
| ii. | Village Centre | Room hire, storage & support | £2083.33 |
| iii. | HMRC D/D | PAYE | £83.00 |
| iv. | Lengthsman | Sweeping & litter picking (Delegated) | £300.00 |
 - b. **Noted** - Finance reports as 13th April 2026
11. **Noted - Correspondence** – previously circulated.
12. **Resolved unanimously – the PC to progress this item with The Village Centre landlords** – information relating to the village community hub (to be held in closed session).
13. **Matters for future agendas and schedules of future reporting** - Cllrs to notify Clerk of any items for action.
14. **Date of next meetings** - The next Parish Council Meeting, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting @ 7:00pm, is now planned for Monday 11 May 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Village Centre.

Chairman

11th May 2026