

Great Ecclestone Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7:00pm Monday 12th April 2021 by ZOOM

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members@greatecclestone.org**

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.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

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 Neighborhood 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

It was decided in 2020 to bring

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 this.

Car Park On Copp Lane

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

Overall View

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.

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.