

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ECCLESHILL AND WATERSIDE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM AT THE CARUS CENTRE, HODDLESDEN, DARWEN**

**Present** (Chair) Cllr Matthew Jackson, Cllr Lesley Shaw, Cllr Silvia Robinson and Cllr Andrew Green.

**0738 Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Scott Pendry.

**0739 Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Lesley Shaw and Cllr Andrew Green in respect of Victoria Buildings.

**0740 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2019**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November, having been circulated be received, and approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**Meeting adjourned at 7.45pm for local issues.**

Details of local issues were shown in the clerk's report.

**Meeting reconvened at 8.10pm.**

**0741 Accounts:**

**Resolved:** that the following accounts be approved:

Clerks Salary: £104.00, Gardening Services: £85.00 (already paid)

**0742 Planning**

There were two planning applications received. Planning Application Ref: 10/19/1084 and Planning Application Ref: 10/19/1188.

***Councillors had no objections to the proposed schemes.***

**0743 Road Repairs Victoria Buildings**

No expenditure had been incurred between (April 2019 and January 2020).

#### **0744 Gardening Services**

There was no further update on Gardening Services, but it would need to be looked at for the next financial year.

#### **0745 Allotments**

Cllr Jackson had contacted the Borough Council to ask if land at Eccleshill Gardens could be converted to allotments. The Borough Council advised that it could not be used for allotments as it was protected green belt land.

#### **0746 To receive items for information**

The clerk had received no items for information.

### **Exclusion of Public and Press**

#### **0747 Financial Position 13 January 2020**

The financial position to the 13 January 2020 had been circulated to councillors with the agenda.

***Councillors noted and approved the financial position.***

#### **0748 13th April 2020 Meeting**

The above meeting would be brought forward to the 6 April 2020 due to the date falling on Easter Monday.

#### **0749 Precept Calculation 2020-21**

The clerk informed members that he had received the notification of the tax base and request for precept information for the financial year 2020-21. He would send the relevant information to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. The funding from the council would remain the same as the previous year but would be adjusted for any base line changes (See Appendix A).

#### **0750 Date & Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 10 February 2020 at 7.30pm, at The Carus Centre, Hoddlesden, Darwen.

**ECCLESHILL & WATERSIDE PARISH COUNCIL**

7th January 2020.

**Precept for 2020-21**

	<b>Total Precept £</b>	<b>Base Calculation</b>	<b>Household Bill charge £</b>	
Parish Precept	2429.00	<b>95.59</b>	25.41	<b>85%</b>
Government Grant****	413.50	<b>0</b>	0	<b>15%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2842.50</b>	<b>95.59</b>		<b>100%</b>

\*\*\*\*Note: The grant part of the precept is funded separately and can be subject to change.

Impact of Increases		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Percentage Increase</b>
Base Calculation		2429.00	25.41	<b>0.00</b>
Increases	£			
	100.00	2529.00	26.46	<b>4.12 %</b>
	150.00	2579.00	26.98	<b>6.18 %</b>
	200.00	2629.00	27.50	<b>8.23 %</b>
	300.00	2729.00	28.55	<b>12.35 %</b>
	400.00	2829.00	29.60	<b>16.47 %</b>
	500.00	2929.00	30.64	<b>20.58 %</b>

**1) The charge of £25.41 is based on a Band D.**

2) From 1st April 2013 local council tax support schemes replaced council tax benefit in England.

As a result, the council tax base is reduced where a dwelling is in receipt of council tax support in a similar manner to other council tax discounts. This reduction in the tax base reduces the amount of council tax income that can be raised for the Borough as a whole, and for each Parish. For 2020-21 the Council will again pass down an element of government funding to each Parish to help offset the effects of any reduction in tax base. The grant will be maintained at the level provided in previous years, but will continue to be reviewed on an annual basis.

3) The baseline figure used in the calculation of the precept has decreased from 96.60 to 95.59. There has been a reduction in the base line figure of 0.99 which has increased the precept by 0.27p per annum.

4) The annual review of Council Tax has taken place for 2020-21 and the Parish is awaiting confirmation of the amount of the precept.