

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ECCLESHILL AND WATERSIDE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 JULY 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT THE CARUS CENTRE, HODDLESDEN, DARWEN.

Present Cllr Matthew Jackson (Chair), Cllr Lesley Shaw, Cllr A Green and Cllr James Crossland and Cllr Silvia Robinson.

0600 Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for Absence.

0601 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr L Shaw and Cllr Andrew Green. in respect of Victoria Buildings, and Cllr J Crossland regarding Lower Waterside Farm.

0602 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 June 2018

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2018, having been circulated be received, and approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 7.40pm for local issues.

Details of local issues were included in the clerks report.

Meeting reconvened at 8.00pm.

0603 Accounts:

Resolved: that the following accounts be approved:

Clerks Salary: £208.00, Office Exps: £ 32.00.

0604 Planning

There were no planning applications received.

0605 Road Repairs Victoria Buildings

No expenditure had been incurred between (April 2018 and July 2018).

0606 Lower Waterside Farm

There was an issue regarding the dumping of materials at Lower Waterside Farm to create the landscaped area. There was also a problem with rats that were currently being dealt with by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. The Chairman requested that the clerk contact the environmental Services Department at the

Council so that they could see what was happening regarding both the landscaping and the rats.

Action: The clerk to contact Environmental Health Services.

0607 Gardening Services

The Parish Council still needed to employ a gardener with various options being explored. The clerk would assess what contract was available from the Council.

Action: the clerk to contact the Council for a quote for gardening services.

0608 Public Right of Way

Councillor Crossland gave the clerk a document that listed the public footpaths and rights of way in the area. He drew attention to Public Footpath 113 Yate and Pickup Bank which had been blocked at certain points. He also provided photographs of the blocked areas.

Action: the clerk was asked to contact Lorraine Mellodey at Capita, so she could investigate the issues.

0609 Defibrillator

The clerk had contacted the Council regarding issues with the Defibrillator that had been installed at the corner of Johnson Road/Higher Waterside Farm. There was an issue with the light strip that was not functioning which would cost circa £42.00 to repair. There was also the question of who was responsible for the maintenance of the equipment. Councillor Julie Slater was contacted and advised that it would be repaired as soon as possible.

0610 Bus Services

The clerk had contacted Cllr Julie Slater regarding the stopping of the local Bus Service through Waterside. Cllr Slater replied as follows:

I am afraid the service is no longer running and although we have tried to discuss it with the firm that runs the service it was running at a large loss on that route. The firm will not reinstate it as the council will not pay the subsidies for it. We as a group are trying our best and we are waiting for Jake to have a meeting with the trust so see if they will pay subsidies towards a bus route to take residents to the hospital. At this moment in time residents can contact Travel assist or Dial a ride if they need to go anywhere however it needs to be booked in advance which to many is a disadvantage. The problem is they did a survey over certain days and no one use the bus from Eccleshill or Waterside at the times they checked so this enhanced their case to knock these areas off the bus route. However we are stating this is causing isolation in rural areas. The council are applying for funding for cohesion and we have asked for transport to be improved in rural areas with some of the funding. Hopefully something may come of this. If the resident wishes to talk to me please ask them to get in touch.

0611 Transparency Code Information.

The clerk advised members that the transparency code for smaller authorities sent out by the Department for Communities and Local Government had been complied with by Eccleshill & Waterside Parish Council.. The deadline for all information to be sent to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council had been met. All the relevant information could be viewed on the website at Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

0612 To receive items for information

There were no items for information received by the clerk.

0613 Financial Position 9 July 2018

The financial position to the 9 July 2018 had been circulated to councillors with the agenda.

Councillors noted and approved the financial position.

0614 Date & Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 10 September 2018 at 7.30pm, at The Carus Centre, Huddlesden, Darwen .