

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 8 APRIL, at 7.30 pm, in ST JAMES'S CHURCH HALL, St Helens Road, Eccleston Park

PRESENT: Councillor Duncan (Chair)
Councillors Bain, Broughton, Gleave, Gray-Williams, C & G Pearl, Perry,
Sims, Skepper
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Evans & Maloney

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

07.144 There were no declarations of interest.

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07.145 **Resolved that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

MATTERS ARISING

07.146 07.133 - Matters Arising – Fencing at the rear of The Paddocks – Terry Deveney has informed the Clerk that the work will be started on Friday 11 April 2008.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

07.147 There were no residents' issues.

POLICE REPORT

07.148 There were no police representatives present at the meeting. The clerk was asked to write to Chief Superintendent Brinkley to enquire about representation.

STAFF SALARIES 2008/09

.149 **Resolved that the Staff Salaries be increased according to the Budget figures agreed for 2008/2009.**

WEBSITE SUPPORT

07.150 **Resolved to pay a retainer fee to Brian Walsh in appreciation of the work he does in monitoring the Parish Council website.**

CHAIN OF OFFICE

07.151 Designs and quotations have been received from Fattorini's, one of the two companies asked to design a new chain of office. Cllr Duncan will hold these until Toye, Kenning & Spencer submit their designs and costings.

PADLOCKS FOR FIRE DOORS

- .152 Curators requested these be fitted to all fire doors. When the new Smithy system is installed the Clerk will ask for the alarm company's recommendations. Cllr G Pearl offered to make enquiries with associates in the Fire Service.

Cllr Broughton joined the meeting

SMITHY ASSISTANCE

- 07.153 **Resolved that, rather than closing the Smithy Heritage Centre for two days, councillors will provide the help necessary to allow Curators to attend the St Helens Show on 5/6 July 2008.**

REPORTS

- 07.154 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for April. Discussions were as follows:

- Heritage Open Weekend – Clerk was asked to contact Dave Parry to check on advertising
- New Smithy Alarm – **Resolved to go ahead with the installation of a standalone system with police response from Best Security**
- St Helens Show – Councillors wanted the Smithy to remain open on 5/6 July and offered to be in the Smithy to enable the Curators to attend the Show
- Promotional Material – Clerk offered to obtain a quote for Business Cards and Leaflets from Willow Printing
- Accreditation – Vicky offered to look into the making of a sign to advertise the Smithy and Curators were given copies of the last 2 years' Financial Statements and proof of ownership
- Insurance for loans – **Resolved to increase the insurance cover to include transportation of artefacts on loan**
- Smithy helpers – Cllr Sims suggested using the Youth Service and the Clerk was asked to supply contact details to Helen McCabe to enable the Curators to discuss this

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 07.155 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

72 Brookside Ave	Ext to existing side conservatory – N/O
21 Springfield Lane	Single storey side ext to form garage & rear conservatory – N/O
14 Cranston Close	Amendment to P/1007/0678 – single storey side & rear ext – N/O
75 Foxwood	Single Storey side & rear ext – N/O
30 Daresbury Rd	2 storey side ext – N/O
Old Lane/Portico	Free standing boundary sign – N/O
Next to War Mem	Free standing boundary sign – N/O

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN & DEPUTY

07.156 The Clerk requested completed copies of the nomination forms. These will be counted at the May meeting.

ACCOUNTS

07.157 Received Hall Hire £302.50; R Kelsey PAYE April £65.00; NatWest Interest £133.71; HM Customs VAT refund £352.34

British Gas – April	88.00
Manweb – April	37.50
United Utilities – April - £64.73 May onwards (Feb £49.17 Up £15.56)	59.83
United Utilities – Direct Debit – April - £15.39 May onwards Up £3.16)	10.50
St Helens Council – Rates April - £95 May onwards (Up £35.28/year)	95.35
St Helens Council – Last year’s grounds maintenance V Hall & Mill Brow	1,338.05+
St Helens Council – Open Spaces Rents	9.50
L Poole - Salary – April	384.00
L Scott – Salary April includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,079.23
L Scott – Adjustment to record 07.140 – March Minutes	0.22
L Scott – Petty Cash April	20.00
J Chamberlain – Salary April	156.04
J Chamberlain – Requisition 19 – Purchases for Smithy	61.96
V Hiron – Salary April	156.04
PAYE – Curators April (£78.00 1 st month Period 1)	78.00
PAYE – Clerk April (£267.80 1 st month Period 1)	267.80
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – April (£65.00 1 st month Period 1)	65.00
St James PCC – Room hire for Parish Meeting	28.00
L Scott – Flowers for Chairman	26.50*
L Scott – Flowers for widow of a past Chairman	16.50*
MPFA – Yearly subs	10.00
Willow Printing – Annual Magazine – 4,550 copies	1,667.00
BT – Clerk’s phone and Internet	122.51
Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account – 1 st contribution	582.50
B Walsh – Website Monitoring	75.00
Balance brought forward March Meeting £25,945.83 plus receipts	£26,799.38
Total Payments this month	6,435.03
Approximate balance	£20,364.35

* Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with the powers under Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 as being, in the opinion of the Council, in the best interests of the area or its inhabitants.

+ The Clerk was asked to contact Paul Sanderson to investigate the extra charge

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 March 2008, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £14,627.84 Capital Reserve Account £462.82. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation and copies of bank statement for March 2008.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of March 2008	£7.08
Approximate balance at the end of March 2008	£0.00

CORRESPONDENCE

07.158 **Resolved to note the following:**

- CPRE** – Fieldwork publication March – **passed to Cllr Perry**
- CPRE** – Spring Countryside Voice – **passed to Cllr Perry**
- Merseytravel** – Environmental Sustainability Report 2006/07 – on line
- Merseyside Playing Fields** – Request for Subscription renewal - £10.00
- Joanne Chamberlain** – report of leaking gutters and dog hurt on protruding bolt from our wall – **Calder Builders informed and will investigate the guttering – the bolt has already been removed**

DATES OF MEETINGS

07.159 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tues 22 April 08	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Tues 13 May 08	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Annual	Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED

DATED