

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2011, at 7.30 pm in ST JAMES CHURCH HALL, St Helens Road, Eccleston Park

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, C Pearl, Sims & Watmough
CSO L Rowling, Mrs L Scott, Clerk
3 Residents
APOLOGIES: Cllrs Ashcroft, Evans, Maloney & Skepper

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

10.146 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 10.153 – Planning Applications.

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

Councillor Broughton joined the meeting

MATTERS ARISING

10.148 10.135 – Annual Magazine – these have all been delivered. Thank you to Councillor Sims for overseeing this labour-intensive task.

TRIPLEX SITE

10.149 Messrs Jonathan Chapman and Rob Gray from Jones Homes attended the meeting to outline the proposals for the Triplex site. There will be a full Public Consultation in the near future involving the Parish Council.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

10.150 There were no residents' issues to report.

POLICE REPORT

10.151 Laura Rowling compared the crime figures from 1 January to 11 April 2010 with this year so far. Councillor Pearl invited questions from Councillors.

REPORTS

10.152 **Resolved to note the following:**

Hall & Personnel – Councillors Bain, Maloney, G Pearl and Sims, met on Tuesday 5 April 2011 in the Village Hall when a check list of repairs was made, the most urgent of these was that the flags to the right of the Village Hall, parallel to Millbrook Lane, are uneven and need attention now. The Village Hall, toilets and storeroom are in need of a deep clean.

Resolved that Calder Builders be contacted for advice and costs for re-laying the necessary flags and that the Clerk requests a meeting with St Helens Council Cleansing Department regarding the Hall cleaning.

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for April 2011. The following points were discussed:

- Talks
- Loan Boxes
- Partnership
- Bleak Hill Gardening Club
- St George's Day Celebration

Open Spaces – Cllrs Skepper, Sims and Clerk met with Eamonn Ritchie - Groundwork, Rick Rogers and Mike Roberts – St Helens Council, on Thursday 31 March 2010 in the Village Hall to discuss ongoing care of the site. Discussions were as follows:

- Assessment of yearly priorities according to need and cost
- 2005 Management Plan to be send to Councillor Sims by Rick Rogers
- Updating of 2005 Management Plan
- September Start of grant project by Groundwork when full consultation will take place
- Interim assessment of areas of safety to be carried out & any necessary work done
- Full Risk assessment - to be carried out by Groundwork

Lester Drive Centre – Councillors Duncan and Skepper attended their first meeting as Parish Council Representatives to the Lester Drive Centre Committee on 18 March 2011 when the following took place:

- Welcome by Mrs E Martlew
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Extraordinary item – a Street Party organised for parents and children in the immediate neighbourhood to celebrate the Royal Wedding
- Fees to rise by £1 – single hour £16, private parties £35
- Presentation by Andrew Martlew, Fund Raising Co-ordinator for new Building Fund

SLCC Conference – The Clerk attended a Conference in Warrington on 12 April 2011 when the following was discussed:

- Time management
- Big Society
- Play Ground Designs
- Bigger response to Annual Parish Meetings
- Localism Bill
- Banking Arrangements
- Insurance
- De-centralisation – Lancashire CC approach

Resolved that the Clerk looks into Banking Arrangements and obtains a comparison quote for the Parish Council insurance

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.153 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

24 Clarkes Cres	Single storey side extension – N/O
Land Lower	Amendment to P2011/0080 – N/O
Barrowfield Farm	
130 Broadway	1 st floor side ext & rear conservatory – N/O
75 Brookside Ave	Part 2-storey, part single storey rear ext and a 1 st floor addition above the existing garage – N/O
72 Brookside Ave	Erection of second storey over existing single storey side ext – N/O
Land adjacent to	Reserved matters pursuant to outline permission P/2010/0387 for erection of
40Villiers Cres	dormer bungalow with associated works – N/O but request any development work is restricted to Mon-Fri, no Bank Holidays

VILLAGE HALL CLOCK

- 10.154 **Resolved that an estimate be obtained for correcting the time on the turret clock on the Village Hall roof**

WEBSITE MONITORING

- 10.155 **Resolved that we ask Mr B Walsh be paid for his services over the past year and that we ask him to continue monitoring our website for 2011/12.**

ST JAMES GRANT REQUEST

- 10.156 **Resolved to award a grant of £300 to St James for ongoing maintenance work in the Garden of Remembrance.**

ACCOUNTS

- 10.157 Received Village Hall Hire £366.00 (includes Windle PC March & £5 Craft Table Smithy); R Kelsey PAYE April £73.00; HM Revenue & Customs VAT repayment £466.56; L Poole £75 overpayment March

British Gas – April	42.00
Manweb – April	167.00
United Utilities – April payment	12.73
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St Helens Council – Open Space Leases (7)	9.50
St Helens Council – Cleaning Feb/March	789.59
St Helens Council – 5 th of 10 payments re Kiln Lane	1,638.10
St Helens Council – Mill Brow grounds maintenance & tree works	471.74
J Chamberlain - Salary April	165.72
V Hirons - Salary April	165.72
J Chamberlain – Purchases for Smithy & pick up of leaflets	22.21
L Poole - Salary – April	402.90
L Scott - Salary April includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,144.42
L Scott – Petty Cash April	20.00
L Scott – Flowers for J Chamberlain - bereavement	25.00
Calder Builders – repairs to Smithy doors and erection of notice board	62.40
PAYE – Curators April (Cumulative £82.40 1 st month Period 1)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk April (Cumulative £284.20 1 st month Period 1)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker April (Cumulative £0.20 1 st month Period 1)	0.20
EPC NI contribution – Clerk April (Cumulative £114.87 1 st month Period 1)	114.87

PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker April (£73.00 1 st month Period 1)	73.00
SLCC – Branch Conference fee for Clerk	48.00
B Walsh – Monitoring Website 2010/11	100.00
Best Security – Call out to alarm in Smithy	60.49
B&M Office M/c's – 16/3 -15/6 Inv 146239	29.70
Willow Printing – Magazine Printing	1,700.00
PHS – reported amount different to actual bill	0.08
Ecclesfield 1 st and 2 nd payments	1,732.00
Balance brought forward March meeting £24,757.81 plus receipts this month	£25,738.37
Total Payments this month	£9,416.72
Approximate balance	£16,321.65

Rates £441.98/Year – not payable until October due to Small Business Rate Relief

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk also reported that, as at 30 March 2011, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £18,771.35 and Capital Deposit Account £463.70.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of March 2011	£7.03
Approximate balance at the end of March 2011	-£4.64

CORRESPONDENCE

10.158 **Resolved to note the following:**

Clore Duffield Foundation - £1 million investment in Poetry & Literature for Children – **passed to Curators**

Joanne Chamberlain – Thank you for the card and flowers we sent re the death of her Mother

St Helens Council – Refuse Contract renewal - £257.43 9 (up £18.08) – **Resolved to renew**

SLCC – Subscription renewal request £151.00 – same as last year – **Resolved to renew**

ST HELENS COUNCIL – John Broomhead reports on poor condition of Noticeboard

48 Villiers Crescent – resident comments on proposed building work

Merseyside Playing Fields Association – 2009/10 Annual Report - **noted**

DATES OF MEETINGS

10.145 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 26 April 11	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	St James
Tuesday 10 May 11	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Annual Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

SIGNED

DATED