

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 10 APRIL, 2012, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone

PRESENT: Cllr Skepper (Chair)
Cllrs Gray-Williams, Maloney, C Pearl, G Pearl and Sims
Mrs J Anderson (Clerk)
APOLOGIES: Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Duncan, Haw and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

11.142 Councillors G Pearl and Sims declared an interest in Item 11.149 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

11.144 There were no matters.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

11.145 None to report.

POLICE REPORT

11.146 Crime Statistics were sent to the Clerk and distributed to all Parish Councillors.

KITCHEN INSTALLATION

11.147 Cllr Skepper reported that the kitchen installation was complete. Old teapots were sold for recycling and a new one bought.

REPORTS

11.148 **Resolved to note the following:**

Wildlife Trust – Seaforth Cllr Sims visited Wildlife Trust to consult over taking up the work previously agreed with Groundwork Trust to maintain the nature reserve. It was discussed that funding should be available from the pipeline work previously carried out in the Parish. Cllr Sims is awaiting an outcome from Wildlife Trust depending on volunteers available in the area.

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

- Gift of the Gods
- Heritage Open Day meeting
- Wet your Whistle evening
- Japanese knotweed
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Museum representatives

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11.149 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

Methodist Church Site	Erection of 4 - 4-bed detached dwellings and 2 detached double garages along with new internal road & associated works & landscaping N/O
12 Crocketts Wlk	Single storey front, side & rear N/O
13 Brooklands	2-storey side ext to left side and front, single storey to right side, Demolish conservatory, erect 2-storey rear ext, re-roof with rear dormer windows N/O
29 The Meads	Works to tree covered by a TPO for the felling of 1 sycamore. Refer to trees & woodlands officer
35 Pike House Rd	Erection of single storey side ext and porch Concerns at the loss of an off street parking area.
6 Cecil Drive	Demolition of det garage. Erection of single storey side ext. Ext of front dormer and new dormer to rear. Concerns whether there would be sufficient off street parking.
Willowbrook Hospice	Construction of a 38 space car park. N/O

ACCOUNTS

11.150 Received Village Hall Hire £243.00; R Kelsey PAYE £76.20

British Gas – March	150.00
Manweb – March	91.00
United Utilities – March payment	8.35
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J Chamberlain - Salary March	165.72
V Griffiths - Salary March	165.72
L Poole - Salary – March	407.30
L Scott - Salary March includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,144.22
PAYE – Curators April (Cumulative £82.40 1 st month Period 1)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk March (Cumulative £284.20 1 st month Period 1)	284.40
PAYE – Caretaker March (Cumulative £76.20 1 st month Period 1)	(76.20)
EPC NI contribution March – Clerk (Cumulative £204.53 1 st month Period 1)	204.53
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker March (£219 3 rd month Period 4)	73.00
NatWest – Bank charge	6.50
Balance brought forward March meeting £18906.87 plus receipts this month	£19226.07
Total Payments March	£
Approximate balance	£

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 10 April 2012 no bank statements had been received by the new Clerk and therefore reconciliation could not be completed. Change of address forms had been completed.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of March 2012	£8.70
Approximate balance at the end of February 2012	-£0.01

CORRESPONDENCE

11.151 **Resolved to note the following:**

Thank you card - a card was received from the retiring Clerk expressing thanks for the support and gift

Eccleston Old People's Welfare Committee - email from Chris Macro to pass on thanks for the donation of £100 for dealing with an unsafe tree

Society of Local Council Clerks – resolved to renew membership

COUNCILLOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

11.152 Cllr Joanne Broughton requested leave of absence for personal reasons. **Agreed unanimously.**

DATES OF MEETINGS

11.153 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 24 April 12	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 8 May 12	6.45pm	Smithy Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians
	7.30 pm	Parish Annual Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

SIGNED

DATED