

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
9 APRIL, 2013, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr C Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Sims, Skepper and Watmough
Mrs J Anderson (Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

12.164 Cllrs Almond, Gray-Williams, Haw and G Pearl

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

12.165 None

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

12.167 Cllr Duncan had received a copy of Liverpool Care Pathway.

Cllr Broughton joined the meeting

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

12.168 Request to put rugby posts on the open space south of Clarkes Crescent. **Resolved that the Clerk contact St Helens Council. Then refer to Open Spaces Sub Ctte.**

POLICE REPORT

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

REPORTS

12.170 **Resolved to note the following:**

Clerks' Meeting – the Clerk attended a meeting of Parish Clerks on Friday 22 March 2013 at 10am at the Town Hall. The following items were discussed:

- Cllr attendance at meetings – including reporting Cllrs absent even with an apology and also 6 months non-attendance being sufficient to disqualify from office
- Procedure for election of Parish Councillors
- Dispensations – confirmation that no dispensation was required to set precept
- Individual Electoral Registration – new procedure for electoral registrations

Hall and Personnel Sub – Cllrs C and G Pearl along with the Clerk met on Friday 22 March 2013 at 12pm at the Village Hall. The following items were discussed:

- Recommendations that windows and the lowering of flagged side path to be included in the PRISM bid
- Quotes had been obtained for windows and pathway. Quotes to be forwarded to Curators in order to complete the bid on time
- Roof repairs – would commence Tuesday 3 April 2013

- Email from Curator raising concerns about mould in the office. Cllrs and Clerk agreed that the problem should be solved when the roof is no longer leaking but would need to be monitored

Open Spaces Sub Cllrs C Pearl, Sims, Ashcroft, Haw and Skepper along with the Clerk met on Wednesday 3 April at 2pm regarding Millfields Open Space and Eccleston Mere Primary School extension. Cllrs made the following recommendations:

- Surrender current lease and re-issue new lease with exactly same terms and conditions (including pepper-corn rent) in order to release approx 1.8m of land around the field to create a council-owned and maintained footpath
- This would be at no cost to the Parish Council – cost would be passed on to project
- Request higher kerbs to prevent vehicles mounting the footpath
- Ensure protection of Eccleston Parish Council’s play area

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators’ Report for April 2013. The following points were discussed:

- Images of War exhibition running until September
- Accreditation – full accreditation been awarded
- Documentation Plan – stage two has been completed
- Memories of Eccleston Project – first session been held at Lester Drive Centre
- Website – funded by All Our Stories has now gone live
- PRISM Fund – application unfortunately was not successful
- Wilkinson’s “Helping Hands” grant – Smithy received £20 towards plants
- Local Charity Fundraising Event – suggested date of 10 August may have to be changed due to school holidays

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12.171 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

27 Church Lane	Works to 2no. sycamores covered by a tree preservation order N/O
Poplar House Farm, Howards Ln	Single storey side extension both sides of property N/O
7 Heath Close	Single storey rear extension N/O
2 Crocketts Wlk	Two storey side extension N/O
40 Clarkes Cresc	First floor side extension, single storey front extension, single storey rear extension along with alterations to existing conservatory N/O
Land adj to Christ Church	Installation a detention tank etc – Public consultation meeting to be arranged

ECCLESTON MERE PLANNING APPLICATION/SALESWOOD OPEN SPACE

12.172 **Resolved that the current lease for Millfields Open Space be surrendered and a new lease issued on the understanding that:**

- The current lease is surrendered and new lease re-issued with exactly same terms and conditions (including pepper-corn rent) in order to release approx 1.8m of land around the field to create a council-owned and maintained footpath
- This would be at no cost to the Parish Council – cost would be passed on to project
- The Parish Council request higher kerbs to prevent vehicles mounting the footpath
- Ensure protection of Eccleston Parish Council’s play area

COUNCILLOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

12.173 **Resolved that a 6 month leave of absence be granted for Margaretta Maloney whilst incapacitated.**

ACCOUNTS

12.174

Received Village Hall Hire £476, RK PAYE £76.20, Ruskin loan box £5

Total Receipts **£557.20**

GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – Feb	29.99
PHS Group – hygiene services Apr-June	208.99
St Helens Council – cleaning Dec-Feb	809.39
St Helens Council – treatment of knotweed	57.25
V Griffiths – purchases – Memories of Eccleston	270.79
United Utilities – March	8.93
United Utilities – March	25.96
Post Office Ltd – NI and PAYE last ¼	1536.79
J Anderson – April + travel and petty cash	1237.87
L Poole – April	407.50
V Griffiths – April	165.72
J Chamberlain – April + expenses	237.27
J Anderson – Garden centre vouchers (remaining budget)	87.00
Cllr A Ashcroft – travel to L/pool for mtgs (Merseyside Playing Fields Ass)	16.00
Paul Potter – Grounds maintenance – April plus travel S/port museum objects	51.52
Bold Skip Hire	120.00
L Poole – telephone contribution (yearly)	75.00

Total Payments **5345.97**

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 March 2013, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £16,747.13 and Capital Deposit Account £464.18.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of March 2013 £1.78

Approximate balance at the end of March 2013 £19.57

CORRESPONDENCE

12.175 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tag to Twickenham – invitation to attend this year’s event on Tues 23 April 2013 10am-3pm at Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club – Cllrs C and G Pearl to attend

Christ Church enquiring about using Ecclesfield for a Community Day on 13 July 2013 to celebrate their 175th anniversary – Clerk to contact St Helens Council to establish when football posts will be taken down

Society of Local Council Clerks – resolved to renew membership

St Helens Council – Commercial Waste Agreement – resolved to renew

St Helens Council – SLA Cleaning – resolved to renew

Email IMI Cenotaph Cleaning – information regarding cleaning memorials – keep on file

Smithy – Access Plan and Conservation Plan received from Curators which were written to complete the funding bid – noted

Merseytravel – Transport Customer Forum, Fri 19 April, St Helens College 1pm Surgery, 2pm Forum – passed to Cllr Watmough

St Helens Council – Non-domestic Rate Demand – nil until 31 March 2014 – noted

DATES OF MEETINGS

12.176 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 23 April 13	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 14 May 13	6.45pm	Smithy Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians
	7.30 pm	Parish Annual Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

SIGNED

DATED