

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 8 APRIL, 2014, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)  
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, C Pearl,  
G Pearl and Skepper  
Janet Anderson (Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

13.159 Cllrs Maloney and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

13.160 Councillor G Pearl Item 13.166 – Planning Applications and also Item 13.167 – Fire Equipment Servicing Contract

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

13.162 None

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

13.163 None to report

POLICE REPORT

13.164 Crime statistics were sent to the Clerk and distributed to all Parish Councillors.

REPORTS

13.165 **Resolved to note the following:**

Finance Sub Ctte – Cllrs Sims, Almond, Duncan, G Pearl and Skepper along with the Clerk met on 8 April 2014 at 6.30pm to review income and expenditure at the end of year. Over the year expenditure was under budget although some areas went over budget. These areas were noted and had been addressed in the subsequent year's budget. Income was slightly up on the budgeted figure. No user groups were in arrears.

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

- Memories of Ecclestone Project – launch took place on 20 March 2014. The exhibition will be on display first 2 opening weekends (19/20 and 26/27 April)
- Murder Most Foul – objects have been acquired and background information nearing completion
- Chairs – chairs from the Education Room have been stored in the shed but the shed space is now needed for Smithy items. A Hall and Personnel Sub Ctte would meet to discuss where the chairs could be stored
- Parish Council Files – Hall and Personnel Sub Ctte to discuss the possibility of moving files from Smithy office into Education Room
- Phill Gregson, wheelwright – a project that he has been working on with Joanne (Curator) in Southport will be featured on BBC's Countryfile 13 April 2014 at 7pm.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13.166 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

<b>Mayfield Nursing Home</b>	Two storey side extension <b>Concern that the proposals may reduce the capacity of the car park which would mean that vehicles would be forced to park on Central Avenue.</b> <b>Also would such proposals be out of keeping with the existing street scene?</b>
<b>18 Brookside Ave</b>	Single storey extension to side and rear <b>Please ensure sufficient off street parking</b>
<b>4 Sadlers Lane</b>	Conversion of garage to habitable room and single storey rear extension along with a chimney breast extension to side elevation <b>N/O</b>
<b>15 Mill Brow</b>	First floor side extension <b>N/O</b>

## FIRE EQUIPMENT SERVICING CONTRACT

13.167 **Resolved to change contractor for servicing of fire equipment.** New contract includes servicing and replacement of any parts routinely required under British Standards.

## MONITORING OF VILLAGE HALL CRACKS

13.168 **Resolved that the cracks in the Village Hall building be monitored annually.**

## ACCOUNTS

13.169 Received Village Hall Hire £431, RK PAYE £76.20, Smithy Income – Christ Church donation £50

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£557.20</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
St Helens Council – cleaning Jan and Feb	533.01
V Griffiths – purchases – Memories of Eccleston	156.94
Screen Positive – Memories of Eccleston – prints	338.40
GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – Feb	24.42
L Poole – bin bags, soap and toilet roll for Village Hall	19.92
Triprint – Memories of Eccleston booklet	800.00
Lawrenson Associates – monitoring of VH cracks	102.00
J Chamberlain – Memories of Eccleston items for launch event	260.47
N Griffiths – transcribing for Memories of Eccleston booklet	200.00
Mr & Mrs K Chamberlain – travel from Redditch for Mem of Ecc launch	85.60
Willow Printing – Parish magazines	1700.00
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI	1478.06
PHS Group – hygiene services	11.81
United Utilities – April	4.79
United Utilities – April	20.76
L Poole – April + telephone contribution	482.50
V Griffiths – April + Memories of Eccleston expenses	525.75
J Chamberlain – April + Memories of Eccleston expenses	365.49
J Anderson – April + travel and petty cash	1247.52
Paul Potter – grounds maintenance – April	24.74
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£8382.18</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 March 2014, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £13,684.72 and Capital Deposit Account £464.41.

**PETTY CASH** - Expenditure for the month of March 2014  
**Approximate** balance at the end of March 2014

£12.00  
£20.93

CORRESPONDENCE

**13.170 Resolved to note the following:**

**SLCC** membership renewal – increased by £3 to £165 (£165 in budget)

**St Helens Council** – Non-domestic Rate Demand – nil until 31 March 2015

**St Helens Council** – Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – comments invited from 17 March to 8 May 2014. Available on website <http://applications.sthelens.gov.uk/consultationsuite>

**Email from Christ Church** – explaining their ‘Growth Framework’ which aims to strengthen practical links with local projects through Parish Council, schools etc

**Thank you** card from Hall user for returning the item of jewellery found in the hall

**Email** regarding geocache container now placed at Mill Brow

**Quote** for boiler replacement

DATES OF MEETINGS

**13.171 Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 22 April 14	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 13 May 14	6.45pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Annual Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....