

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 14 APRIL, 2014, at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH HALL, Portico Lane, Eccleston Park

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

APOLOGIES:

14.138 Cllrs Ashcroft, Gray-Williams and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

14.139 Councillor G Pearl Item 14.145 – Planning Applications

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

14.141 None

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

14.142 Cllr Sims had received an email from a resident of Crocketts Walk regarding a damaged boundary fence to the open space at Ansdell Drive. The fence, which was on the car park of the Seven Stars pub, had been damaged allowing access onto the field. **It was resolved that the Clerk obtain a quote for replacing the damaged concrete panel.**

POLICE REPORT

14.143 There was no one available to attend from the police. No statistics had been received for the month.

REPORTS

14.144 **Resolved to note the following:**

Finance Sub Cttee – Cllrs Sims, Almond and Duncan along with the Clerk met on 14 April 2015 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. Village Hall income was slightly down 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:

- Man's Best Friend – exhibition had been well received
- Charlie and Rose – exhibition being kept on display in the Education Room
- International Blacksmith's Day – 23 May, Smithy's 20th anniversary, all crafts people had been booked
- Festival of Archaeology – Smithy hosting exhibition of artefacts excavated at digs around Rainford

- Heritage Open Weekend – details being finalised for the weekend 12 and 13 September 2015. Saturday will be the fun dog show/agility event and Sunday will be the Great Eccleston Bake-off

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14.145 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

62 Fairhome Ave	Erection of two storey side, and part two storey/single storey rear extension Eccleston Parish Council would ask you to consider if a two storey side extension would be overbearing on the neighbour? Also would there be sufficient off street parking?
2 Stanley Cottages	Single storey rear conservatory N/O
19 Forest Mead	Erection of single storey rear extension N/O
Eccleston Mere School	Erection of external play equipment store along with ramped accesses to existing classrooms and repositioning of playgroup fences N/O
133 Portico Lane	Conversion of existing attached garage to form a habitable room with bay window and alterations to flat roof to form a pitched roof N/O
Land adj Griffin Inn Church Lane	Demolition of existing and erection of new gas governor on land at Millfields N/O

MONITORING OF VILLAGE HALL CRACKS

14.146 A report had been received by structural engineers that stated that the increase in the width of the cracks since a year ago was extremely small (one quarter of a millimetre) and that the building was safe and would remain safe for the immediate future. **Resolved that the cracks in the Village Hall building be monitored annually.**

CIVIC SOCIETY INTEREST

14.147 The Clerk had sent out letters to people who had expressed an interest in being involved in a Civic Society in Eccleston. Several had replied. **It was resolved that the Clerk contact Rainhill Civic Society to enquire when their next meeting would be and then to inform the interested parties of the meeting date in order for them to attend.**

ACCOUNTS

14.148

Received Village Hall Hire £377, RK PAYE £76.20, Windle phone £9.16, NatWest interest £1.41

Total Receipts **£463.77**

Payments

Costco membership	24.00
St Helens Council – cleaning Feb	279.30
United Utilities – March	9.69
GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – Feb	32.98
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI	1514.08
J Chamberlain – April	168.86
L Poole – April + telephone contribution	490.65
V Griffiths – April	175.06
J Anderson – April + travel and petty cash	1287.19
Paul Potter – Grounds maintenance – April 2 visits	56.25
Total Payments	£4038.06

* **United Utilities did not take monthly payments in Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar due to technical problems with new computer software. Their software had blocked accounts but they should be unblocked during April when full payments would be taken.**

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that as at 31 March 2015 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £14,514.73 and Capital Deposit Account £464.71.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of March 2015	£20.79
Approximate balance at the end of March 2015	£0.31

CORRESPONDENCE

14.149 **Resolved to note the following:**

SLCC membership renewal

St Helens Council – Non-domestic rate demand – nil until 31 March 2016

SLCC email/training – regarding new legislation meaning every business, including Parish Councils, must offer a pension. Clerk to attend 22 April 2015

DATES OF MEETINGS

14.150 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 28 April 15	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 12 May 15	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Annual Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

SIGNED

DATED