

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2008, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

PRESENT: Cllr Perry (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney, C & G Pearl,
Sims & Skepper
Mr F Leather – De la Salle School
PCSO L Taylor, Mr D Evans
Mrs L Scott – Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr Duncan

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

08.98 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in the Planning Applications, Item 08.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 NOVEMBER 2008

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

MATTERS ARISING

08.100 None that were not covered on the Agenda.

PARTNERSHIP WITH DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

8.101 Mr F Leather gave Cllr Perry a copies of three of the School's Prospectus to circulate round the Parish Council.

Cllr G Pearl joined the Meeting

Councillor Sims reported that De la Salle School is proposing to install a gate from the School grounds onto the Nature Reserve. Residents will be consulted beforehand. A discussion took place on the areas where Mr Leather and the Parish Council could foster links and it was agreed that we could collaborate in arranging an Art Competition with Easter time being suggested. This would coincide with the re-opening of the Smithy Heritage Centre.

Resolved that Fred Leather submits a brief with suggested themes in time for discussion at the January Parish Council Meeting.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

08.102 Two issues – Kiln Lane Open Space and Mill Brow Nature Reserve agenda items.

POLICE REPORT

08.103 Laura Taylor reported on the crime figures over the past month when there had been 2 burglaries - one which had taken place whilst house owners were on holiday and the thieves had taken 3 vehicles from the driveway, 2 of which had been found. Arrests have been made. Two attempted burglaries were also reported. Reports of Anti social behaviour are on the increase. There has also been a theft from a motor vehicle

and an incident of aggravated vehicle taking. A drugs raid resulted in only a small amount of substances being found but police are continuing to monitor the situation.

KILN LANE OPEN SPACE/MILL BROW NATURE RESERVE

8.104 **Kiln Lane** – Two self-seeded sycamore trees have been identified and St Helens Council will be dealing with the removal. The Clerk received confirmation that tree works are the responsibility of the District Council.

After a site visit carried out by Councillor Evans on 23 November 2008, it is apparent that the planting originally quoted for by John Broomhead will not cover the extent of the boundary treatment needed.

Resolved that the Clerk requests John Boden to carry out a full survey of the planting needed to replace all gaps, and get back to us with a quotation. If this proves to be too expensive at the moment, a rolling programme will be instigated.

Mill Brow Nature Reserve – The Clerk reported that 3 days' work will be carried out on the site, the first two will be on 9 and 10 December 2008 and the third day will be in January 2009.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

08.105 The Clerk asked for all magazine articles to be sent by the end of January/beginning February 2009. A quotation from Willow Printing has been received for next year and is £10 more than last year. Rendezvous deliverers have quoted £235.00 plus VAT. The Clerk has asked the Scouts whether they would be interested in the work. They have still to reply

REPORTS

08.106 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Accreditation – Meeting held in the Education Room with Cllrs Perry, Bain, Curators and Clerk on Friday 21 November 2008 to sign off Accreditation submission documents - see Minutes attached.

Smithy Working Party - All Councillors received a copy of the Curators' Report for November. The following points were discussed:

- Accreditation documents have been submitted and receipt confirmed
- Hog Roast – Joanne Chamberlain gave details of a caterer and requested approval to go ahead
- Archery Group Visit – this was a success and the Curators would like the leaders to attend a Smithy and Parish Council Meeting
- Scouts Community Challenge Badge – the Scouts will be carrying out work on the Village Hall Grounds on Saturday 13 December 2008
- International Blacksmith Day – a blacksmith has been invited to attend
- 2008 Cultural Awards – Curators have applied and obtained 2 sponsors
- St Benedicts Wood AGM – details of event on 5 March 2009 given to the Curators

Resolved that Joanne Chamberlain goes ahead with the Hog Roast caterers booking.

Ecclesfield Management Committee – Meeting held Monday 1 December at 7.00 pm. The following points were discussed:

- Caretaker reported cars still accessing the field – via the gap made by the hut removal
- Re-location of pitches and drainage problem
- Poor appearance of goal posts
- Bleak Hill need pitch for under 10's new rules games next year
- Unlawful use of field by open age team, leaving rubbish – Bleak Hill Manager asked them to remove litter
- Budget for 2009/10 – Eccleston PC contribution £3,310 (up £980); Windle PC £1,420 (up £420) – both increased due to a drop last year

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8.107 **Resolved that the following observations be made:**

Delegated

- 1 Bobbies Lane** Part 2-storey & part single storey front ext, 2-storey side ext & detached triple rear garage – **N/O**
- 12 Wildcherry Gns** Single storey pitched roof side ext - **N/O**
- 58 Brookside Ave** 2 storey side ext – **N/O**
- Rushen Elm Grove** Demolish existing dwelling & erect 1 apt block with 8 apts –
Consultation to take place St James's Tuesday 16 December 7.30 pm

ACCOUNTS

08.108 Received Hall Hire £260.00; R Kelsey PAYE December £85.00; Zurich Municipal £896.00 (claim for replacing lead); Ecclesfield Printing £14.35; City of Liverpool (War Memorial) £17.00.

St Helens Council - Rates December	95.00
St Helens Council – Cleaning October/November	487.34
British Gas – December	30.00
Manweb – December	81.50
United Utilities – December	53.01
J Chamberlain – Salary December	156.04
J Chamberlain – Req 27 Posting Accreditation documents & travel to Chester Mtg	29.85
V Hirons – Salary December	156.04
L Poole - Salary – December	384.08
L Scott – Salary December includes £12.00 travel expenses	1,084.03
L Scott – Petty Cash December	20.00
L Scott – Ink Cartridge	15.65
L Scott – Mouse and Memory Stick for Computer	25.98
PAYE – Curators December (Cumulative £234.00 3 rd month Period 3)	78.00
PAYE – Clerk December (Cumulative £803.40 3 rd month Period 3)	267.80
EPC NI contribution – Clerk December (Cumulative £340.53 3 rd month Period 3)	113.51
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – December (£215.00 3 rd month Period 3)	85.00
HM Revenue & Customs – 3 rd quarter payment – already informed monthly	(1,592.93)
P Potter – Plant for Village Hall grounds	4.50
Griffin Environmental Services – December Invoice 20157	50.91
B&M Office Machines – Copies 14/11/08 – 14/12/08	15.33
Stanley Gate Nursery Ltd – War Memorial Tidy Up	70.50
Calder Builders – temporary roof repair (insurance covered)	141.00

St James – Hire of Hall for November meeting 28.00

Balance brought forward November Meeting £36,171.53 + receipts this month £37,443.88
Total Payments this month 3,447.07
Approximate balance £33,996.81

COPYING MACHINE – The Contract is due to finish in January 2009. We currently pay £93.66 plus copy charges for an A3 copier.

Resolved to renew the contract with B & M Office Machines for an A4 copier for a quarterly rental fee of £85.00.

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 November 2008, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £24,326.97 and Capital Reserve Account £463.05. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation, together with copies of the bank statements for November 2008.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of November 2008 £37.34

This figure includes Christmas refreshments and mince pies for Tree Lighting

Approximate balance at the end of November 2008 -£6.77

2009/2010 BUDGET MEETING

8.109 This has been set for Monday 12 January 2009 at 1.30 pm in the Village Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

08.110 **Resolved to note the following**

Merseytravel – meeting 4 December at 10.30 am, Hatton Garden

St Helens Council – Planning meeting re 70A Broadway on 9/12/08 – Councillors informed

ICO – Adoption of Freedom of Information Scheme – **Must adopt from 1 January 2009-**

copies given to Cllrs Bain and Perry. SLCC says not much different from last, can use template – **Resolved to adopt the template provided by ICO**

CPRE – Fieldwork publication December 2008 – **passed to Cllr Perry**

Windle PC – Invitation to Chairman and Guest – Windle Tree Lighting 12/12/08 - 2.15 pm –

Cllrs Perry and Skepper to attend

Christmas Reception 16/12/08 – 8.30 pm. – **5 Councillors to attend after Consultation Mtg**

SLCC – Hazel Blears article re “Parish Power” – **all Councillors given copies**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8.111 **Resolved to note the following**

Mon 12 January 09	1.30 pm	Finance Meeting	Village Hall
Tues 13 January 09	6.30 pm	Open Spaces	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

SIGNED

DATED