

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
14 DECEMBER 2010, at 7.30 pm in Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Evans, R Maloney, C Pearl, Sims, Skepper,
and Watmough
Miss R Eden – De La Salle Student
Mrs L Scott, Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bain and Gray-Williams

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

10.94 Councillors G Pearl & Sims declared an interest in Item 10.103 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 NOVEMBER 2010

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

MATTERS ARISING

10.96 10.88 – Village Hall Trees – David Bielawski inspected the trees and quoted £390.80 for lifting and thinning 3 trees – one touching Village Hall roof and one to the neighbouring property. The Chairman authorised the work to be done at the time.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

10.97 The following discussions took place:

- Cllr Sims has received a letter from Ms J Twist re Griffin Close.
Resolved that a reply be sent to Ms J Twist not accepting liability for flooding in her Mother's garden.
- Cllr Evans has had a phone call from a resident requesting a dog waste bin on St Helens Road. A letter of confirmation has been received from the resident.
Resolved that provision for a dog waste bin be put into the budget for next year and a letter sent to the resident informing her of this decision.

Councillor Broughton joined the Meeting

- Request for use of Millwood Avenue Playing Field for rugby matches.
Resolved to refuse permission for rugby matches to be held on Millwood Avenue Open Space due to parking and safety issues.

POLICE REPORT

10.98 The Police were unable to attend the meeting but Crime Statistics were e-mailed to the Clerk and copies given to all Councillors.

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

10.99 The Clerk reported that Mr John Ennis, the Legislative Fire Safety Officer at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service, has sent a copy of the latest Assessment Criteria in the form of a questionnaire. This needs to be addressed by the Hall & Personnel Committee as soon as possible and procedures put in place for hall users and staff.

Resolved to hold a Hall & Personnel Meeting in January before the Parish Meeting.

DEED STORE

10.100 St Helens Council has offered to store all our deeds at the Town Hall for a fee £20.00. They are currently at NatWest Bank, St Helens Branch.

Resolved that the Clerk arranges to transfer all Deeds from the NatWest Bank.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

10.101 Estimates have been received from Willow Printing for printing next year's magazine. Councillor G Pearl made a request for articles.

Resolved to change to a lighter weight paper in order to make savings.

REPORTS

10.102 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for December 2010. The following points were discussed:

- Sale of Blacksmith items in the Smithy – **Resolved to allow this**
- St Helens College contact
- Community Wildlife Grant application
- Notice Board replacement from Awards for All grant
- Request for pre-paid credit card – **Resolved that the Clerk checks the legality of this**

Ecclesfield – This took place on Tuesday 30 November 2010 in the Village Hall when the following was discussed:

- Car Park Chain – this is being unlocked in the morning and replaced in the evening.
- Graffiti – the worst has been removed
- Field issues re subsidence round the new drains and flooding near the brook
- New Budget for next financial year given to Councils – decrease of £194 for EPC

Clerks' Meeting – This took place at St Helens Town Hall on Friday 19 November 2010 when the following items were discussed:

- Parish Council Elections – a considerable rise in postage expected due to the proposed Referendum
- Electronic Banking – **Resolved to stay with the current system**
- Standards Committee/Code of Conduct/Standards Board.

- Planning – Changes in the way consultation re plans is carried out from January 2011.
- Web hosting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.103 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

100 Broadway	Rear Conservatory – N/O
1 Bobbies Lane	Alternative to P2009/0748 – 2 storey side & rear ext & detached garage – N/O
6 Knutsford Close	Works to various trees protected by TPO - N/O subject to the Trees & Woodlands Officer's supervision
3 Walmesley Rd	2-storey side ext & front porch - ? sufficient off-street parking for such an expansion dwelling & also possible overbearing effect on residents at No 5
13 Brooklands Rd	2-storey extns to both side elevations, 2-storey to front & single storey garage to side and 2-storey to rear – N/O
6 Brooklands	Certificate of lawfulness for single storey rear ext n- N/O
13 Chapel Lane	2 storey side ext, porch to front – N/O

ACCOUNTS

10.104 Received Village Hall Hire £480.00; R Kelsey PAYE Nov - £91.60; St Helens Council £85.11 rate rebate; Scottish Power rebate £480.15; Gas/Electric/UU £28.20 over-stated last month

British Gas – December	78.00
Manweb – December	88.00*
United Utilities – December payment	12.73
United Utilities – December payment	24.75
J Chamberlain - Salary December	165.72
J Chamberlain – Skip (Awards for All)	80.00
V Hirons - Salary December minus £65 Student Loan	105.72
V Hirons – Reqs 68 – 75 & 77 purchases from Awards for All Budget	226.64
L Poole - Salary – December	402.70
L Scott – Salary December includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,144.42
L Scott – Flowers from Boc Boc to Councillor Duncan	25.00
L Scott – Rock salt and shovel for Village Hall	23.97
L Scott – Petty Cash December	20.00
L Scott – Req 76 – sheds etc for Awards from All budget	630.70
PAYE – Curators December (Cumulative £954.40 3 rd month Period 3)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk December (Cumulative £852.80 3 rd month Period 3)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker (Cumulative £14.00 3 rd month Period 3)	4.80
Student Loan – Vicky Hirons	65.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk December (Cumulative £363.03 3 rd month Period 3)	121.01
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – December (£ 234.80 3 rd month Period 3)	91.60
HM Revenue & Customs – Period 3 payment (already reported monthly)	(£2,897.73)
Best Security – Call out to Smithy and audit of Keyholders' details	181.64
Willow Printing – 500 Leaflets from Awards for All budget	87.00
ABM Alarms – installation of Security Light	223.25
PHS – Sanitation	152.75

TTS – Req 68 Purchases from Awards for All Budget	1,255.92
Balance brought forward November meeting £41,009.59 plus receipts this month	£42,174.65
Total Payments this month	£5,577.92
Approximate balance	£36,396.73

*** will increase to £98.00 in January 2011**

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk also reported that, as at 30 November 2010, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £30,250.71 and Capital Deposit Account (new name) £463.64.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of November 2010	£27.73
Approximate balance at the end of November 2010	£5.87

CORRESPONDENCE

10.105 **Resolved to note the following:**

War Memorials Trust – Bulletin November 2010 – **passed to Cllr Duncan**
CPRE – Fieldwork publication December 2010 – **passed to Cllr Broughton**
St Helens Council – Ward Committee Minutes - noted

DATES OF MEETINGS

10.106 **Resolved to note the following:**

Monday 10 January	11.00 am	Finance Sub Committee	Cllr Duncan's
Tuesday 11 January	6.30 pm	Hall & Personnel	St James
	7.15 pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	St James

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

SIGNED

DATED