

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY,  
13 DECEMBER 2011, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Skepper (Chair)  
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Haw, C & G Pearl & Sims  
D Ellis & S Rogers (Groundwork Merseyside)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Gray-Williams, Maloney, Watmough

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

11.91 Councillors G Pearl and T Sims declared an interest in Item 11.100 – Planning Applications.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

11.93 None to report.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

11.94 Residents of 48 Villiers Crescent have written to confirm that their properties are overlooked by planning proposal P/2011/0964.

Councillor Duncan has received a complaint about the 137/138 bus service. Councillor Sims offered to take this up with the appropriate authority.

**POLICE REPORT**

11.95 The Police did not attend but sent Crime Statistics to the Clerk. These were circulated to all Parish Councillors.

**GROUNDWORK MERSEYSIDE PRESENTATION**

11.96 Dan Ellis and Sally Rogers updated the Parish Council on the Groundwork Merseyside publicity drive for Mill Brow Nature Reserve. There is now enough support for the project and this will probably commence in January. Councillor Sims requested that the plan be made available to the Parish Council beforehand and that Parish Councillors be represented at any residents' Consultation meetings scheduled.

**ANSDELL DRIVE FENCING**

11.97 A resident has e-mailed to report that another fence panel has been vandalised. It was decided to monitor the situation rather than replace yet another panel as the vandalism may continue and it is residents' money being spent on replacements.

## REPORTS

### 11.98 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – Councillor Ashcroft and the Clerk attended a meeting of Ecclesfield Management Committee on Tuesday 6 December 2011 when the following items were discussed:

- Car Park – only the Nursery has a key – no-one else requested one
- Graffiti being painted out by St Helens District Council using our paint
- Request for pitch, etc by Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club turned down
- Sport England Grant not being pursued
- Budget for 2012/13 presented to Councillors – no change in contributions

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for December 2011. The following points were discussed:

- Community Wildlife Project
- Gates
- Plans for next year
- Flickr account
- Curator Availability for School visits

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

11.99 An invitation to attend a meeting in the Town Hall, at 2.30 pm on Friday 16 December 2011 in Room 10 re the Local Development Framework has been received. As there was no-one available to attend the Clerk was asked to request printouts of the presentation.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 11.100 **Resolved to note the following:**

#### Delegated

78 Gorsey Croft	Single storey rear extension – <b>N/O</b>
46 Clarkes Cres	2-storey side & rear ext with adjoining single storey addition to rear - <b>Please ensure proposals do not have a detrimental effect on adjacent properties</b>
46 Villiers Cres	Wooden children's playhouse to rear - <b>Please ensure that adjacent properties are not overlooked</b>
De La Salle	Application to modify condition 5 (amendments to plans) of previous planning application P/2010/0590 – <b>N/O</b>
16 Laurel Dr	Roof alteration to front porch & garage – <b>N/O</b>
22 Park Ave	Ext of time limit of previous permission P/2008/0876 for the erection of a 2-storey side extension- <b>N/O</b>
76 Foxwood	2-storey ext & single storey addition to rear – <b>N/O</b>
7 Stars Inn	Display of 1 internally illuminated post sign, 2 internally illuminated logos, 3 externally illuminated fascia signs and 1 non illuminated transom entrance sign - <b>Millbrook Lane a narrow lane with residential properties either side &amp; directly opposite the 7 Stars - illuminated signage is totally inappropriate in this residential area</b>

## ANNUAL MAGAZINE

11.101 The Clerk requested articles to be sent in by the end of January/early February 2012. A quote has been obtained from Willow Printing – same cost as last year for 4,500 Magazines.

## ACCOUNTS

11.102 Received Village Hall Hire £651.00; R Kelsey PAYE £93.00

British Gas – December	150.00
Manweb – December – drop of £88 per month	79.00
United Utilities – December payment	8.35
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J Chamberlain - Salary December including £75 bonus	225.72
J Chamberlain – Expenditure Wildlife and General budget	269.86
V Griffiths - Salary December including £75 bonus	225.72
V Griffiths – purchases for Wildlife Grant	138.03
L Poole - Salary – December	407.30
L Scott - Salary December includes £7.20 travel expenses & 0.60 owed	1,144.62
L Scott – Petty Cash December	20.00
St Helens Council – Election Charges for 5 May 2011	4,931.04
Hoyles Fire & Safety – Fire & Smoke Seal – Recommended	47.94
PAYE – Curators December (Cumulative £194.80 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 3)	112.40
PAYE – Clerk December (Cumulative £852.80 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 3)	284.40
PAYE – Caretaker December (Cumulative £0.60 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 3)	0.20
EPC NI contribution December – Clerk (Cumulative £344.61 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 3)	114.87
Inland Revenue PAYE/NI Period 3 (already reported monthly)	(1,714.21)
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker December (£239 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 3)	93.00
SGN Garden Services Ltd – War Memorial - March – Sept plus Remembrance Day	250.00
PHS – Sanitary Services 01/12 – 31/3/12 Invoice 58132274	172.92
St Helens Council – Treatment on boundary with Henbury Court	55.86
St Helens Council – Cleaning October/November	539.60
B&M Office Supplies – quarterly billing Inv 158801	32.66
Dance Group returned cheque	174.00
HUB Christian Fellowship – return of Bond payment	25.00
P Potter – General Tidy Up & Litter Pick – Village Hall grounds	42.25
Balance brought forward November meeting £35,851.55 plus receipts this month	£36,595.55
Total Payments December	£9,577.51
Approximate balance	£27,018.04

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 November 2011, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £24,754.40 and Capital Deposit Account £463.88. The Finance Committee has been issued with copies of the Bank Reconciliations.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of November 2011	£28.41
<b>Approximate</b> balance at the end of November 2011	-£3.45

CORRESPONDENCE

11.103 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Merseytravel** – Advisory Panels meeting, Liverpool – **passed to Cllr Watmough**

**Mrs Thompson** – re Ansdell Drive fencing

**War Memorials Trust** – Bulletin – passed to Cllr Duncan

**Mr Connor** – query re War Memorial

**CPRE** – Countryside Voice Winter 2011 – **passed to Cllr Broughton**

**Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service** – Waste Plan on line for YOUR comments

**Windle Parish Council** – Invitation to Bleak Hill Tree Lighting 2 December – Cllrs Skepper & C Pearl to attend

**Windle Parish Council** – Invitation to Chair & guests to Pre-Christmas event on 20 December – Councillors Skepper and C Pearl to attend

**St Helens Council** – Info re Smartwater Foundation scheme for protection of War Memorials

DATES OF MEETINGS

11.104 **Resolved to note the following:**

Monday 9 January	2.00 pm	Finance Budget	Village Hall
Tuesday 10 January	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....