

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY
13 DECEMBER 2016 at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH HALL,
Portico Lane, Eccleston Park**

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

APOLOGIES

16.92 Cllrs Dawson, Kempself and Sims

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

16.93 Cllr G Pearl Item 16.101 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

16.95 Ref 16.83 – Clerk awaiting a reply from Mr G Houghton, St Helens Council with the necessary requirements for marking a road ‘access only’ and to make sure they are all in place at New Road.

RESIDENTS’ ISSUES

16.96 Residents had contacted Cllr Broughton regarding the car park chain on Ecclesfield car park. It was reported that the chain had been left unlocked in the evenings during the week. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk would arrange to have the old lock opened the following day and Cllr Haw would put the new lock back on and hand the key to the beauty salon who would sign for the responsibility it.

POLICE REPORT

16.97 No one from the police was able to attend. Crime figures had been requested but not received.

REPORTS

16.98 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield Tuesday 6 December 2016 at 7pm – Cllrs Ashcroft and Broughton along with the Clerk attended a meeting of Ecclesfield Management Committee in the Village Hall. The following items were discussed:

- Condition report update – electrics had been checked and the fuse for one socket would be removed and a blank plate put over the socket; it was agreed to have a risk assessment carried out on the water system; a diary had been provided for the caretaker to record opening and closing inspections; quotes had been obtained for removing flags and replacing with tarmac; a sign indicating the midweek closing time of the car park had been put up.
- Caretaker reported his concern that one team not using the changing rooms still had keys even though the Secretary had been in touch with the team. Bob would contact them. Concern was raised that the chain to the car park had been left open during the week. Bob had cleared the drain on the car park. Cllrs thanked Bob for his hard work.
- Members from Bleak Hill Rovers presented a proposal for 2 new mini pitches. St Helens Council requested that BHR mark out the pitches and a site visit would be made to see if they were feasible.

- Proposed budget for 2017/18 presented to Councillors – in summary: no increase in Parish contributions; no increase in caretaker’s salary or secretary’s hono; pitch fees increase – £10 for seniors to £450, £5 for juniors to £90 and £5 for under 10’s to £30 **Cllrs agreed to the increase in fees.**

Smithy 9 December 2016 Village Hall at 7.00pm – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators’ Report. The following points were discussed:

- Smithy Improvements – Curators would be improving the displays
- Cabinets of Curiosity – exhibition covering huge spread of subjects, historical eras and geographical areas
- 2017 Season Events – to include cheese and wine talk, Festival of Archaeology, Murder Mystery Evening, Halloween, Blacksmith’s Day and Heritage Open Weekend
- Education – loan boxes had been a success with Evelyn Avenue Primary School

CHRIST CHURCH GRANT APPLICATION

16.99 **Resolved that Christ Church, Eccleston be awarded a grant of £650 for work on their churchyard as budgeted.**

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

16.100 The Clerk requested articles to be sent in by the end of January 2017. The Clerk asked Councillors to contact any groups/clubs to request short articles for the new A5 format. Cllr Haw requested a list of groups/clubs/associations that would be included in the magazine. The Clerk would email a list to all Councillors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16.101 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

- 12 Brooklands Rd** Subdivision of site to erect 1no new four bed detached dwelling with construction of new vehicular access, and associated landscaping **Eccleston Parish Council is concerned at this “infill” development of garden area, especially so close to the entrance to a very busy primary school. The Parish Council is also concerned about the additional traffic that a 4 bed property has the potential for.**
- 15 Bleak Hill Rd** Demolition of existing porch, rear extension, chimney and erection of single storey front extension with single storey rear extension and flat to pitched roof on existing garage **N/O**
- Agricultural bldg Clay Lane** Conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling with a car port extension **N/O**
- 95 Pinfold Dr** Demolition of existing conservatory and garage and erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and a single storey front extension **N/O**
- 18 Park Ave** Single storey side extension **N/O**
- 13 Clarkes Cresc** Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension along with a first floor side extension **N/O**

ACCOUNTS

16.102

Received Village Hall Hire £787; R Kelsey PAYE £77.80; Interest £1.65 and 0.02; HMRC £693.77; Windle PC phone/copies £22.53

Total Receipts **£1582.77**

Payments

St Helens Council – treatment of wasps at Village Hall	62.00
GPS Telecoms – Clerk’s telephone – Oct	34.32
United Utilities – December	10.37
United Utilities – December	26.46
Southern Electric – electricity Aug-Oct	305.48
B & M Office Machine – charged in error for connecting laptop to printer (will be refunded)	90.00
CF Corporate – copier lease	93.60
L Poole – December	417.55
J Anderson – December, plus petty cash	1237.35
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	413.45
J Chamberlain – December including bonus	228.86
V Griffiths – December including bonus + event expenses	333.60
Paul Potter Garden Services – VH ground maintenance (Dec visit)	20.84
Our Lady Help of Christians – hall hire Dec meeting	20.00
Total Payments	£3293.88

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 November 2016, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £35,912.74 and Capital Deposit Account £465.09.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of November 2016	£3.80
Approximate balance at the end of November 2016	£7.62

CORRESPONDENCE

16.103 Resolved to note the following:

- **Letter from St Helens Council** inviting Parish Councils to a meeting regarding Local Plan Preferred Options, Town Hall, Thurs 22 Dec at 2pm in Meeting Room 10
- **Letter from the Pensions Regulator** – acknowledgement of declaration of compliance
- **St Helens Council** – proposed precept payment dates, 20 April and 22 June 2017. **Dates agreed. Clerk to inform St Helens Council**
- **Email from Paul Potter** – the gutters at the Village Hall required clearing. **It was agreed for Paul to carry out the job**
- **Letter from Lester Drive Centre** – informing the Parish Council as Custodian Trustees that the Eccleston Old People’s Welfare Committee had purchased the garages adjacent to the Centre
- **Cllr Skepper** had received a reply to a letter informing her that Eccleston Medical Centre would not be moving to new premises at the old Triplex site as originally thought.

DATES OF MEETINGS

16.104 Resolved to note the following:

Tuesday 10 January 2017	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

Finance Sub Ctte to be arranged in January 2017

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

SIGNED

DATED