

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
13 FEBRUARY, 2007, at 7.30 pm in the VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

PRESENT: Cllr Duncan (Chair)
Cllrs Broughton, Evans, Maloney, C & G Pearl, Perry
Constable G Harper
1 Resident & Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bain, Gleave, Gray-Williams & Sims

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 JANUARY 2007

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

MATTERS ARISING

06.118 None that were not covered in the Agenda items.

POLICE REPORT

06.119 Constable Harper reported on the crime figures for Ecclestone over the last 30 days when there were 3 cars stolen, 5 cars broken into, 8 cars damaged, 6 burglaries and 1 "stranger" assault. Youth disorder has been predominantly in the Gillars Green area but there have been complaints from Broadway, Ecclestone Gardens and Foxwoods. Walmesley Road has been quiet except for today when Constable Harper witnessed 3 youths throwing mud at a car.

GILLARS GREEN

06.120 Councillor Malloney stated that there had not been a high turnout at the consultation on the new play equipment for Gillars Green. However, one of the children who did attend expressed interest in the "teacup" so it was decided to leave this in the configuration originally presented to the Parish Council in January 2007.

Councillor Evans reported that there had been concerns expressed regarding security for the new playground and that a "mosquito" security device had been suggested. Councillor Pearl offered to check on the cost of installing such a device.

KILN LANE OPEN SPACE

06.121 The Clerk read out the recent correspondence regarding the water problem on Kiln Lane Open Space. Councillor Bain had reported there was still water both on the Open Space and in the garden of one of the residents. The Clerk had contacted Frank Gallagher and had been told that the newly installed drain was working efficiently and the water retention was due to the surrounding land being below the invert level for drainage. He has spoken to the resident and recommended that the garden be raised above the invert level to avoid flooding in the future.

John Broomhead has confirmed the willow trees will be planted as soon as they have been received.

Councillor Evans and Constable Harper joined the meeting – the Police Report was taken after Kiln Lane Open Space

ECCLESFIELD

06.122 John Broomhead has asked where the Parish Council would like to use the remaining Scottish Power compensation money.

Resolved that any money remaining be used to plant trees on Ecclesfield either near to the ones that have removed or on the far side of the path opposite Watery Lane where there are no pitches

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

06.123 The Clerk reported that she had received a quote from another printer in the Sherdley Park area. As this printer was unknown to the Parish Council, it was decided to stay with Willow Printing in the interests of "best value".

Resolved that the Clerk writes to Willow Printing requesting a possible reduction in price.

REPORTS

06.124 **Resolved to note the following:**

Open Spaces – The Clerk reported on a meeting held on Tuesday 30 January 2007 in the Village Hall attended by Cllrs Bain and Sims, Mrs A Sanderson, St Helens Council and the Clerk. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the urgent parking problems at Millwood Avenue. After several meetings with St Helens Council Highways & Planning Departments, Helena Housing and St Helens College, the following proposals were made:

- Surrender part of the Open Space currently leased from St Helens Council to widen the highway. This would be about 5 metres. The lease would be amended accordingly – at a cost.
- Ask St Helens Council to amend the lease so that land could be utilised.
- Do nothing.

It was stressed by Cllr Sims that, at this stage, these are only suggestions – costings and logistics will dictate which will be put forward for consultation.

Resolved to recommend the first suggested option with the proviso that all expenses be taken into consideration and the bank be re-instated at the edge of the green space once the highway has been widened

Smithy Working Party - The Curators' Report for February 2007 will be distributed with the March meeting documents. The topics under discussion were:

- Proposed exhibitions – notice in Eccleston Library
- Schools' invitation
- UKRG Facilities Report and implications
- New monitoring equipment
- Curatorial Adviser Report – Jo Jones attended the meeting

Resolved that a Working Party is convened to address the necessary changes to conform to the demands of re-registration

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

06.125 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

154 Kiln Lane	Conservatory to rear – N/O
1A Elm Grove	Conservatory to rear – N/O
Ivy House Farm	Formation of new access to Burrows Lane - Eccleston Parish Council object to another access/exit onto what is a very narrow winding lane
113 Old Lane	Single storey ext to shop premises, change of use of part of garden 45 Portico Lane to form car park with fencing & landscaping – object on grounds on over-development, insufficient car parking, no turning head in rear car park, no delivery parking, very busy roundabout, shop next door & bus stop, too long opening hours, amenity/security of residents of neighbours
East Lancs Rd	Erection of freestanding advertisement sign on highway verge – N/O
3B Sadlers Lane	Single storey ext to rear – N/O
63 Foxwood	2-storey side & single-storey rear extns – N/O
23 Ecclesfield Rd	Demolish existing garage, wc & storage & erect single-storey, pitched roof ext to side & porch to front – N/O
21A Ecclesfield Rd	Single-storey rear ext – N/O
10 Millbrook Lane	Single-storey side ext garage & study – N/O
149 St Helens Rd	Rear Conservatory - N/O
8 Laurel Drive	Ext to existing garage to front, wc to rear, 1 st floor to side & conservatory to rear - N/O
5 Central Avenue	2-storey side ext & 2-storey rear ext - ? size of the extension and over-development of the site
16 Millbrook Lane	Demolish veranda, garage & utility & erect single-storey, pitched roof ext to side & rear conservatory - N/O

ACCOUNTS

06.126 Received 58.74 R Kelsey PAYE; £457.00 Users; £14 City of Liverpool

British Gas – February	103.00
Manweb – February	54.50
United Utilities – February	46.19
United Utilities – Direct Debit for Surface water/drainage – February	15.50
St Helens Council – Cleaning January	268.25
L Poole - Salary – February	360.00
L Scott – Salary February includes £14.40 travel expenses	980.99
L Scott – Easily.co hosting of website and change of address	45.57
L Scott – Petty Cash February	20.00
J Chamberlain – Salary February	143.27
V Hirons – Salary February	143.27
PAYE – Curators February (£161.48 2 nd month Period 4)	80.96
PAYE – Clerk February (£545.16 2 nd month Period 4)	272.58
EPC NI contribution – Clerk February (£209.70 2 nd month Period 4)	104.85
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – February (£117.26 2 nd month Period 4)	58.74
D Bain Kiln Lane Flower Shop – flowers for Mrs Crosby	20.00
B&M Office Machines – Copies 19/12/06 – 6/2/07 inc annual service support	25.73
BT – Smithy phone and Internet	39.54
Namesco – transfer of tag for website host	11.75
Cannon Hygiene – Feb – April Sanitary Services	196.73
B Walsh – Website development	100.00
Asset Finance – Photocopier Lease for last ¼	110.05

Balance brought forward January Meeting £32,305.92 + receipts this month	£32,835.66
Total Payments this month	3,201.47
Approximate balance	£29,634.19

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 31 January 2007, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £18,504.56 and Capital Reserve Account £462.26.

Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliations together with copies of the bank statements for January 2007. They were also issued with a copy of the Internal Auditor's report dated 2 February 2007 in which John Friar states that he has no items he would wish to draw to the attention of the Parish Council.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of January 2007	£27.69
Approximate balance at the end of January 2007	£4.00

CORRESPONDENCE

06.127 **Resolved to note the following:**

St Helens Council – Consultation re proposed Police Powers to Control Street Drinking – **copies passed to all Councillors**

St Helens Council – Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement

CVS – Contact February/March edition – **Cllr Duncan has a copy**

St Helens Council – Invitation to Development Services Consultation 8 March for 3 persons – **Cllrs Duncan, Perry and Clerk to attend**

Pick-Me-Up – see Village Hall noticeboard

St Helens Council - E-mail from John Broomhead to report damage to our fence at Saleswood Ave by tree falling from resident's garden – **Clerk to write to resident**

St Helens Council – Request to use V Hall for Local Elections (3 May 2007)

NALC – Review of Quality Town & Parish Council Scheme

Audit Commission – Plan to extend appointment of BDO Stoy Hayward as Auditor – review of charges

Communities & Local Govn – Revised Model Code of Conduct

Enjoy England – St George's Day Celebration magazine – **passed to Cllr Perry**

EMERGENCY ITEM – Cllr Evans

06.128 Councillor Evans reported that she had received a request from a resident for play equipment to be put on Clarkes Crescent Open Space. This is to be referred to the next Open Spaces meeting.

DATES OF MEETINGS

06.129 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tues 6 March 07	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Thurs 8 March 07	7.00 pm	Planning Committee	Village Hall
Tues 13 March 07	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	

SIGNED

DATED