

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

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)  
Cllrs Ashcroft, Bain, Broughton, Duncan, Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney, C Pearl,  
Skepper and Watmough  
Constable D Brown, Mrs L Scott, Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr Sims

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

10.119 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 10.128 – Planning Applications.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 JANUARY 2011**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

10.121 10.114 – Reports Finance Sub-Committee – Councillor G Pearl requested a copy of the current Insurance Schedule in order to obtain a better quote from a broker. This was provided by the Clerk.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

10.122 There were no residents' issues to report.

**POLICE REPORT**

10.123 Constable Brown reported crime statistics, comparing January 2010 with January 2011. He further reported that the police were starting a Rural Watch scheme in the area concentrating on farms, golf courses and stables.

Councillor Pearl invited questions from Councillors.

**Councillor Broughton joined the meeting**

**BANK CARD REQUEST**

10.124 The Clerk has received a reply to our query from SLCC regarding the use of a pre-paid bank card and has been informed that the current legislation only allows payments by cheque or payment orders signed by a minimum of 2 councillors and clerk at the present time. A consultation is taking place currently as to how parish councils can manage payments in the future.

**LESTER DRIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION**

10.125 **Resolved that Councillors Duncan and Skepper represent the Parish Council on the Lester Drive Committee in the future.**

## ANNUAL MAGAZINE

10.126 The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Chris Cahill regarding delivery of the next Annual Parish Magazine alongside St Helens 1<sup>st</sup> and had been told that St Helens Council would be postponing the 1<sup>st</sup> until mid May due to elections.

**Resolved that Councillor G Pearl contacts a deliverer currently used for delivery of the Focus to find out whether he would be prepared to take on the task.**

## REPORTS

10.127 **Resolved to note the following:**

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

- Events – request for Councillor help on 21 May, 12 June and 10/11 September 2011.
- Poppy Party – this is going ahead on 12 June in the form of a Street Party. Curators asked for permission to put out a Help for Heroes collecting box
- Magazine articles – both Curators and one volunteer to submit articles this year
- Provisional offer of a grant from Big Lottery Fund – awaiting confirmation
- Credit Card – see 10.124
- Budget for 2011/12
- Display cases – these were delivered to the Smithy by Prescott Museum free of charge

**Resolved that a collecting in aid of the Help for Heroes appeal may be placed in the Smithy**

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.128 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

<b>9 White Friars Junction Knowsley Rd &amp; Ackers Lane</b>	Re-submission of plan 2010/0952 double storey bay window to front – <b>N/O</b> Construct new control kiosk in assocn with underground storage tank – <b>Cabinet installed is much larger than agreed - if applicants can justify need, please request additional landscaping to be provided for residents, to negate a detrimental visual impact.</b>
<b>Eccleston Hall</b>	Listed building consent to receive TV equipment & associated cabling - <b>Would these proposals be detrimental to a listed building - and indeed, set a precedent?</b>
<b>Eccleston Hall</b>	Consent to site TV equipment & associated cabling – <b>as above</b>
<b>7 Gillars Lane</b>	Erection of garden shed to rear <b>N/O</b>
<b>15 Springfield La</b>	Conversion of loft with 2 dormer windows to front – <b>N/O</b>
<b>Lower Barrowfield Farm</b>	Erection of Transformer Kiosk – <b>N/O</b>

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

10.129 St Helens Council has invited 3 people to attend the Re-Publication Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework Consultation on Tuesday 22 February 2011 in Room 10 of the Town Hall at 11.00 am.

**Resolved that Councillors Ashcroft, Skepper and Watmough attend**

## ACCOUNTS

10.130 Received Village Hall Hire £275.00; HM Revenue & Customs £698.35; NatWest Bank Interest £4.05

British Gas – February	78.00
Manweb – February	163.00
Manweb – Increase in January payment	65.00
United Utilities – February payment	12.73
United Utilities – February payment	24.75
J Chamberlain - Salary February	165.72
J Chamberlain – Requisition 86 Gardening items for Smithy Project	57.99
V Hirons - Salary February	165.72
L Poole - Salary – February	402.90
L Poole – bulk purchase Toilet Rolls for Village Hall	16.79
L Scott – Salary February includes £9.60 travel expenses	1146.82
L Scott – Petty Cash February	20.00
L Scott – Renewal of web hosting with Easily.co.uk	20.39
PAYE – Curators February (Cumulative £164.80 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 4)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk February (Cumulative £568.60 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 4)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker (Cumulative £9.40 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 4)	4.60
EPC NI contribution – Clerk February (Cumulative £242.01 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 4)	121.01
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – February (£143.29 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 4)	71.60
B&M Machines – Annual Service Support Inv 142656	11.76
B&M Machines – Connection fees	90.00
St James PCC – Hire of hall for Parish Council meeting in 11 January 2011-01-31	28.00
BT – Clerk’s phone and Internet	136.45
BT – Smithy phone and Internet	126.95
SGN Garden Services Ltd – War Memorial Invoices 099 & 0111	120.00
CFAF Ltd – Photocopier Hire	102.00
Balance brought forward January meeting £30,482.61 plus receipts this month	£31,460.01
Total Payments this month	£3,518.78
<b>Approximate balance</b>	<b>£27,941.23</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk also reported that, as at 31 January 2011, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £18,763.68 and Capital Deposit Account £463.64.

**INTERNAL AUDIT** – The accounts have been audited for the 3<sup>rd</sup> period ended 31 December 2010 with nothing to report. Member of the Finance Committee have been given copies of the Auditor’s Report and Reconciliation for January, 2011.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of January 2011	£23.59
<b>Approximate balance</b> at the end of January 2011	£3.77

CORRESPONDENCE

10.131 **Resolved to note the following:**

**St Helens Council** – November Ward Committee Minutes - **noted**

**St Helens Council** – Emailed document re ‘Re-publication Core Strategy’. Available to view on <http://ldf.sthelens.gov.uk> with response form – **noted**

**St Helens Council** – request to use the Village Hall as a Polling Station on 5 May and charge involved – **Resolved to agree to use of the Village Hall - fee £300.00.**

DATES OF MEETINGS

10.132 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 1 March 11	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 8 March 11	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....