

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 2012, at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH HALL, Portico Lane, Eccleston Park**

PRESENT: Cllr Skepper (Chair)  
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Duncan, C Pearl & Sims  
Constable A Tomkinson, Mrs L Scott (Clerk)  
16 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Broughton, Gray-Williams, Haw, Maloney, G Pearl & Watmough

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

11.118 Councillor Sims declared an interest in Item 11.125 – Planning Applications.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 JANUARY 2012**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

11.120 11.113 – Smartwater Scheme – Councillor Almond enquired whether the War Memorials Trust had been contacted. The Clerk stated that this had been left for the new Clerk to follow up.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

11.121 The Chairman read out an email received from the Secretary of Lester Drive Centre requesting financial help with a dangerous diseased tree works problem.

**Resolved that the Clerk requests further information on costs before a decision can be made**

**POLICE REPORT**

11.122 Constable Tomkinson commented on the Crime Statistics sent to the Clerk which were given to all Councillors during the meeting.

**REPORTS**

11.123 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for February 2012. The following points were discussed:

- Visit to Merseyside Fire & Rescue Museum
- Liverpool Museum loans
- Smithy alarm problems
- Grounds maintenance volunteers

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 11.124 Resolved to note the following:

#### Delegated

<b>Land next to</b> 7 Greenough Ave	Erection of a two storey 3-bed detached dwelling with single detached garage – <b>N/O</b>
<b>Land to side</b> 7 Stars Inn	Extension of time limit on approval 2008/1261 – 4 3-bed semi-detached houses – <b>N/O</b>
<b>69 Broadway</b>	Single storey rear ext – <b>N/O</b>
<b>168 Kiln Lane</b>	Modification of condition 2 on previous approval to vary hours of opening to 09.00-21.00 Monday to Saturday & 0900-1800 on Sunday - <b>Existing temporary permission has not been fully tested - would ask that another 12 month temporary permission only be considered</b>
<b>East Close</b>	Resubmission of application for 2-storey side ext in place of existing garage, front porch & 2 dormers in front facing roof slope - <b>Adequate off road parking must be maintained as property is at the head of a cul de sac. Any vehicle using the turning head would be compromised</b>
<b>15 Villiers Cres</b>	Single storey rear ext – <b>N/O</b>

#### ACCOUNTS

11.125 Received Village Hall Hire £168.00; R Kelsey PAYE £73.00; Manweb January £12.00

British Gas – February*	150.00
Manweb – February	79.00
United Utilities – February payment	8.35
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J Chamberlain - Salary February	165.72
V Griffiths - Salary February	165.72
L Poole - Salary – February	407.30
L Scott - Salary February includes £9.60 travel expenses	1,146.82
L Scott – Petty Cash February	20.00
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 February (Cumulative £0.40 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 4)	0.20
EPC NI contribution February – Clerk (Cumulative £229.74 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 4)	114.87
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker February (£146 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 4)	73.00
BT – Clerk phone/Internet	143.46
BT – Smithy phone/Internet	132.55
CFAF Ltd – Photocopier lease	102.00
St Helens Council – Cleaning January	269.80
B&M Office Machines – photocopies Invoice 158801	32.66
Calder Builders – Supply & fix hardwood notice board St Helens Road	510.00
Our Lady Help of Christians – Room Contribution	20.00
Balance brought forward January meeting £24,983.25 plus receipts this month	£25,236.25
Total Payments December	£3,952.82
<b>Approximate balance</b>	<b>£21,283.43</b>

\* A new Gas contract has been arranged from 16 June 2012 with Total Gas & Power by LSI Utility Brokers with a yearly saving of 23% (£487.07)

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 31 January 2012, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £18,037.10 and Capital Deposit Account £463.94. The Finance Committee has been issued with copies of the Bank Reconciliations.

**PETTY CASH** - Expenditure for the month of January 2012 £7.87  
**Approximate** balance at the end of January 2012 £2.52

CORRESPONDENCE

11.126 **Resolved to note the following:**

**St Helens Council** – Renewal of Commercial Waste Agreement £263.87 (£6.44 increase) –  
**Resolved to renew**

**Chris Macro** – Secretary of Lester Drive Centre requesting financial help with tree removal –  
**Clerk asked to request more information**

**St Helens Council** – Customer Request Form to sign to continue treating Japanese Knotweed –  
**Resolved to renew**

DATES OF MEETINGS

11.126 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 6 March 12	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 13 March 12	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....