

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, C Pearl, Sims and Skepper
Janet Anderson – Clerk
2 residents

APOLOGIES

17.121 Cllr Gray-Williams, Haw and Kempell

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

17.122 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 17.131 – Planning Applications.

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

MATTERS ARISING

17.124 There were no matters arising.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

17.125 There were no residents' issues raised.

POLICE REPORT

17.126 The Police were unable to attend. PCSO McManus had sent the latest figures and details of Police team surgeries at Ecclestone Police Station which were given out.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

17.127 After receiving favourable references for the garden landscape company and a copy of their insurance cover, **it was decided to use the services of P & S Landscapes for the grounds maintenance at the Village Hall.**

BUDGET FOR 2018/19

17.128 **The budget was approved and it was resolved that a precept of £57,653.46 for 2018/19 be requested which results in a cost to residents of £14.94 – up 0.75p on last year.**

PARISH MAGAZINE

17.129 After considering costs of printing and distribution supplied by 3 different companies **it was decided to continue with PC Print for the printing and to use Masterprint for the distribution of the magazine.**

Cllr Duncan had asked that a small article be put in regarding a children's charity. **A vote was taken and it was decided not to include the article as the charity was not based in the Parish of Eccleston. The Chairman confirmed that articles in the Parish Council magazine should be for the Parish area.**

REPORTS

17.130 Resolved to note the following:

Lester Drive – Cllr Duncan attended a meeting of Lester Drive Centre on 29 January 2018 and reported:

- Still awaiting a date for defibrillator training
- Hoped to have another evening in the spring with Adam Partridge
- Wine tasting had been very successful, made £130.20
- The Christmas fair did not have many customers due to the snowy weather but made £273.47
- Groups continue to progress well
- Annexe – plans had been done but not yet submitted to Planning
- The Treasurer's Account £17,336.43, Deposit Account £3,929.38 and Building and Development £2,005.67.

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

- Accreditation – signed minutes from January Parish meeting would be forwarded to the assessor to complete the process.
- Visions of Another World – exhibition would look at science fiction and fantasy over the last 2 centuries and its place in culture. Curators meeting Mark Olly on 18 February 2018 to finalise loan items, installation dates and arrange the talk for the cheese and wine evening
- Blacksmith's Day – all craftspeople had been booked for Saturday 19 May. Cllr Sims informed Vicky that it was the same date as the Royal Wedding. Vicky would discuss with Joanne and report back
- Damp in the office – the Curators reported damp in the office with mould and staining on the walls. The Clerk reported that a roofer had been and looked at the roof and explained that it appeared to be the coping stones on the top of the roof and not the roof that was leaking
- Alarm – the Smithy alarm had displayed an ARC Comms failure fault which required a reset. The Curators would keep a check on it.
- HODs and Apple Day – Heritage Open Days would be Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September with the last day of the season being Apple Day on Saturday 22 September.
- Any Other Business – the Smithy noticeboard had been replaced as it had broken and blown down.

Finance Sub – Cllrs G Pearl, Sims and Skepper along with the Clerk met on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at 10am to discuss the budget and the proposed precept (See Item 17.128).

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17.131 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

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| 6 Villers Crescent | Erection of new front porch with canopy and timber posts along with extensions to side dormers N/O |
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Holmecroft	Works to trees 2no Fagus Sylvatica in a conservation area Refer to Trees and Woodland Officer
Former Carmelite Convent	Amendment to major application P/2017/0068 Substitution of house types and amended layout to plots 8 & 8a to retain lodge as a separate dwelling N/O
12 Whitebeam Gds	First floor side extension N/O

ACCOUNTS

17.132

Receipts: Village Hall Hire £180, RK PAYE £77.80 Windle phone £9.73 Nat West interest £1.16 and 0.02

Total Receipts **£268.71**

Payments:

St James Church – churchyard grant	250.00*
GPS Telecoms – Clerk’s telephone Dec	35.02
Total Gas and Power – Oct-Dec	243.27
SLCC Lancashire Branch – data protection act training	20.00
Easily Ltd – web site hosting renewal	29.99
BT – Smithy telephone	138.74
B&M Office Machines – photocopier + annual service charge	68.39
T Poole – new mirror and ease toilet door	52.48
Crawford Heating and Plumbing – boiler service	67.50
M Fitzpatrick – emergency repair to fire door	50.00
Ash Tree Care Ltd – tree removal	120.00
ABM Security Systems Ltd – CCTV annual service	114.00
United Utilities – water	10.91
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T Poole – February	415.65
V Griffiths – February	168.86
J Chamberlain – February + expenses	174.79
J Anderson – February + petty cash	1275.00
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	422.07
St Helens Council – cleaning Feb	322.20
Costco – membership renewal	26.40
Paul Potter Garden Services – grounds maintenance – Feb + Smithy noticeboard	93.35
Total Payments	£4125.23

* Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections S214 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries.

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 January 2018, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £22,828.66 and Capital Deposit Account £465.19.

INTERNAL AUDIT – Accounts for the third quarter have been examined with nothing to report.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of January 2018	£18.93
Approximate balance at the end of January 2018	£13.83

CORRESPONDENCE

17.133 **Resolved to note the following:**

Sick note from Caretaker for 3 months – role to be carried out by Tommy Poole.

Quote for Smithy roof repairs £380

Email from St Helens Council regarding maintenance of parks and open spaces. The email confirms that at this time there are no plans to directly charge parish council for any grounds maintenance work. Should there be any suggestion in future then there would be full discussion with parishes and sufficient lead time

Quote for new fire door – £441.20

Quote for work to boiler – £385

DATES OF MEETINGS

17.134 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 6 March 2018	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 13 March 2018	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

SIGNED DATED