

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 9 JANUARY, 2007, at 7.30 pm in the VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone

PRESENT: Cllr Duncan (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Evans, Gleave, Maloney, C & G Pearl, Perry, Sims
Inspector Don Blackburn
Mr B Johnson (St Helens Council), Mr A Lloyd (Wicksteed Leisure)
1 Resident & Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Gray-Williams

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 DECEMBER 2006

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

MATTERS ARISING

06.106 None that were not covered in the Agenda items.

POLICE REPORT

06.107 Inspector Blackburn reported on the crime figures for Ecclestone for the month of December. There were 7 incidents of criminal damage, 10 incidents relating to cars, 2 burglaries and 2 domestic assaults. There were also reports made regarding youth disorder at Higham Avenue, Norley Drive, Walmesley Road, Broadway and Brookhouse Grove - some of these were football related.

The police have delivered 2 letters recently to residents of Knowles House Avenue informing them of the police activity there following the tragic death of Ellie Lawrenson.

GILLARS GREEN EQUIPMENT – BRIAN JOHNSON

06.108 Brian Johnson introduced Adrian Lloyd, the representative from Wicksteed Leisure who has submitted a design for Gillars Green play area. Copies of the proposals were shown to Councillors. The 'Teacup' was the only piece of equipment that Cllr Maloney felt could be unsuitable for the area. Mr Lloyd stated it would not be a problem to substitute something else in its place. The playground is due to be up and running before the end of March 2007

Resolved that a consultation meeting be arranged as soon as possible by Brian Johnson, to take place in the Bobbies Lane facility on a weekday with plans to be made available from 4 pm – 7 pm. Brian is to let the Clerk have the details so Councillors can be informed.

KILN LANE OPEN SPACE

06.109 The tree planting design suggested by John Broomhead to help in the clear up of Kiln Lane Open Space was discussed.

Resolved to ask for 7 willows to be planted at a cost of £1,400, leaving £100 outstanding from the Scottish Power compensation. Before making a decision on the outstanding sum, the Clerk was asked to find out what St Helens Council plans are for Ecclesfield as there are trees marked for felling.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

06.110 The Clerk reported that a quotation of £1,875 had been received from Willow Printing for printing 4,500 copies of the forthcoming Annual Magazine - an increase of £12. The Clerk is to seek a comparison quote from another Company.

REPORTS

06.111 **Resolved to note the following:**

Finance Sub-Committee Meeting – This took place yesterday – 8 January 2007 at 3.00 pm in the Village Hall and was attended by Councillors Bain (Chair), Duncan, Evans, Perry and the Clerk when the Budget for 2007/2008 was discussed. All Councillors were given a copy of the proposals.

Resolved that Eccleston Parish Council approves the Budget as proposed and that St Helens Council be informed that a Precept of £45,785 (£11.26 per property) be required for 2007/2008.

Smithy Working Party - All Councillors were given the Curators' Report for January 2007. The topics under discussion were:

- Additional equipment to monitor Smithy conditions for storage of loans
- Changes to be made before loans can be made from larger museums
- Still Fully Registered with MLA North West but a new application will need to be made in 2008

Resolved that once the Curators have summarised the necessary changes a working party is convened to address these.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

06.112 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

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| 19 Eccleston Gns | 1 st floor ext to existing rear elevation – N/O |
| 1 Millfields | Single-storey rear ext – N/O |
| 110 Ecclsfld Rd | Pitched roof over attached garage to form bedroom, dormers to rear, alterations to garage front & porch & part conversion of garage to room – Would creation of 2nd storey to include 2 more windows be intrusive for residents of Nicholl Road? |
| 3 The Close | Single storey side & rear ext – Would proposals cause parking/highway issues so close to very tight turning head? |
| 159 St Helens Rd | Works to trees covered by TPO – Refer to Trees & Woodlands Officer |
| 183 St Helens Rd | Pitched roof over existing flat roof – N/O |
| 6 Albany Ave | Demolish garage to side & erect new garage on same site – N/O |
| 162 Kiln Lane | 2-storey side ext, single-storey rear ext & garage ext attached to proposed ext at side - Would there be sufficient off-street parking for the size of the extension? |
| 135 St Helens Rd | Loft conversion incorporating 2 dormers at rear & dormer at front - Is there any provision for off-street parking? |

ST JAMES CHURCH GRANT

06.113 **Resolved to award St James Church a grant of £300 towards the cost of maintaining their Garden of Remembrance**

ACCOUNTS

06.114 Received £58.52 R Kelsey PAYE; £360 Users, £140.37 Bank Interest; £417.32 Vat Refund; £1131.94 MANWEB refund for Ecclesfield

British Gas – January	103.00
Manweb – January	54.50*
United Utilities – January	41.39**
United Utilities – Direct Debit for Surface water/drainage – January	15.50
St Helens Council – Rates – January	87.00
L Poole - Salary – January	360.00
L Scott – Salary January includes £9.60 travel expenses	976.19
J Chamberlain – Salary January	143.49
V Hirons – Salary January	143.49
L Scott – Petty Cash – January	20.00
PAYE – Curators January (£80.52 1 st month Period 4)	80.52
PAYE – Clerk January (£272.58 1 st month Period 4)	272.58
EPC NI contribution – Clerk January (£104.85 1 st month Period 4)	104.85
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – January (£58.52 1 st month Period 4)	58.52
B&M Office Machines – Copies 13/11/06 – 19/12/06	12.93
St James – Room hire for December meeting	26.00
St James – Grant towards upkeep of the Garden of Remembrance	300.00***
St Helens CVS – annual subscription	50.00
Ecclesfield Project – last quarter contribution	757.50
BT – Clerk’s phone and Internet	119.37
Ecclesfield – MANWEB refund	1,131.94
Balance brought forward December Meeting £35,056.54 + receipts this month	£37,164.69
Total Payments this month	4,858.77
Approximate balance	£32,305.92

* New charge from 1 January 2007 (up by £9.90)

** New charge – 1st instalment only – further payments £46.19 (0.88 increase)

*** * Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with the powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 as being, in the opinion of the Council, in the best interests of the area or its inhabitants.

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 29 December 2006, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £22,757.75 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 December 2006.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of December 2006	£20.20
Approximate balance at the end of December 2006	£11.69

CORRESPONDENCE

06.115 **Resolved to note the following:**

Paul Potter – Planting diagram for Village Hall – **copies passed to Councillors**

Merseytravel – Disability Equality Scheme event 24/1/07; Local Transport Plan – **passed to Cllr Evans**

St Helens Council – Survey of Listed Buildings – **Cllr Sims agreed to check this**

St Helens Council – Ward Committees – Invitation to Chairs of Parishes – **The Clerk to reply that Chairs of the Parish will continue to attend Ward Committee Meetings**

St Helens Council – Merseyside Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 Summary

DATES OF MEETINGS

06.116 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tues 13 February 2007	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	

SIGNED

DATED