

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2008, at 7.30 pm, in ST JAMES'S HALL, St Helens Road, Eccleston Park**

PRESENT: Councillor Duncan (Chair)  
Councillors Bain, Broughton, Evans, Gleave, Gray-Williams, Maloney,  
C & G Pearl, Perry, Sims & Skepper  
Inspector N Kavanagh, Constable L Taylor  
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

07.104 There were no declarations of interest.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 DECEMBER 2007**

.105 Please note a correction in Minute No 07.98 – Election charges – these charges could treble for Eccleston next time as only 1 ward was contested in May.

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

07.106 07.64 - Matters Arising – Fencing at the rear of The Paddocks – Terry Deveney has quoted a provisional price of £440 for pulling the existing metal fence up and cementing the posts. He is checking on the cost of used fencing on the short side. If we choose to plant a hedge on this side it will probably be in the region of £100.

**Cllr Broughton joined the meeting**

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

07.107 There were no issues raised.

**POLICE REPORT**

.108 Inspector Kavanagh reported on the crime figures for the Borough over the past month. The Police are carrying out trials with lightweight sponge footballs in an attempt to address the problem of youths playing football in the streets. Complaints regarding youths congregating in Christ Church graveyard will be receiving extra attention. The St Helens Safer Communities Department is analysing a survey carried out by residents around Walmesley Road regarding the possible initiation of a Section 30 order. There were 2 thefts from motor vehicles, 1 theft of a vehicle and 3 attempted house burglaries. Problems around the vacated Triplex site continue but demolition of the building is due to begin later in the week. There are plans to trial the application of SmartWater on churches, schools, electricity sub-stations and commercial premises.

## RENEWAL OF CVS SUBSCRIPTION

07.109 **Resolved to renew the subscription with CVS at a cost of £10.00.**

## PARISH MAGAZINE

07.110 The Clerk reminded Councillors the articles for the next Annual Parish Council Magazine should be forwarded by the end of February 2008. Councillor Evans offered to check on the exact number of residential properties in the Eccleston Parish.

## REPORTS

.111 **Resolved to note the following:**

Finance Sub-Committee – The Finance Sub-Committee met in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm on Monday 7 January 2008 in order to determine the Budget for 2008-09. Cllrs Bain, Duncan, Evans, Gleave, Perry and the Clerk were present. Cllr Bain and the Clerk had worked on a provisional Budget beforehand and, after further discussions, it was decided to recommend to the Parish Council we apply to St Helens Council for a Precept of £47,601. This is based on 4,083 Band D properties and results in a charge of £11.66 per property – an increase of 3.6% over last year.

It was pointed out that £4,138.00 has been set aside as follows - £1,638 Kiln Lane (for the next 9 years); £1,000 a new Chain of Office (for the next 3 years); £1,500 Election Costs (for 4 years). The fee for hire of the Village Hall has been increased by one pound as from 1 April 2008.

**Resolved that a Precept of £47,601 be raised with St Helens Council.**

## **Cllr Gray-Williams left the meeting**

Smithy - See Curators' Report attached. The following points were discussed:

- Historic Group talk to take place at the Black Bull on 14 January 2008
- Purchase of Racking and Boxes
- Insurance cover for the transportation of artefacts
- Next Exhibition scheduled for 22 March 2008

St Benedict's Wood Group – Cllr Evans attended the AGM recently when the Group expressed their appreciation of our support. Photographs of the children carrying out tasks have been incorporated into a calendar and an article will be sent for the Parish Magazine.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

07.112 Resolved that the following observations be made:

## Delegated

<b>Land at Bobbies La</b>	Change of use for 12 months for contractors' compound – 7 portacabins & 2m high 'Heras' temporary fencing & vehicle access from Bobbies Lane - <b>There must not be any construction traffic accessing from the top end of Bobbies Lane</b>
<b>15 Hawthorn Drive</b>	Detached garage to side & 2m high timber fence – <b>N/O</b>
<b>17 Bleak Hill Road</b>	Rear conservatory & conversion of garage to habitable room- <b>N/O</b>
<b>41 Millbrook Lane</b>	Rear Conservatory – <b>N/O</b>
<b>57 Laurel Drive</b>	Side ext to dormer bungalow & internal alterations – <b>N/O</b>
<b>57 Springfield La</b>	2-storey and single storey front extns to form staircase enclosure with balcony above and porch/ cloakroom – <b>N/O</b>

## ACCOUNTS

07.113 Received Hall Hire £423; R Kelsey PAYE £64.02; Credit Cannon Hygiene £102.19; Petty Cash duplicated October £20.00; 0.20p adjustment United Utilities November Minutes

British Gas – January	40.00
Manweb – January	86.50
United Utilities – January	44.24
United Utilities – Direct Debit – January	12.23
St Helens Council - Rates – January	92.00
L Poole - Salary – January	370.83
L Poole – cleaning purchases – amendment to December figure	0.49
L Poole – purchase of toilet rolls for the Hall	16.04
L Scott – Salary January includes £7.20 travel expenses	£1,021.81
Petty Cash	20.00
J Chamberlain – Salary January	147.79
V Hirons – Salary January	147.79
PAYE – Curators January (£83.16 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 4)	83.16
PAYE – Clerk January (£286.22 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 4)	286.22
EPC NI contribution – Clerk January (£110.83 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 4)	110.83
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – January (£64.02 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 4)	64.02
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – correction to November Minutes	0.20
B&M Office Machines – 9/10 – 18/11/07 (missed reporting)	14.22
B&M Office Machines – 18/11 - 15/12/07 & Annual Support fee	25.73
Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account – Last ¼ contribution	757.50
St James Room Hire for Parish Meeting January	26.00
Balance brought forward December Meeting £34,138.65 + receipts	£34,748.06
Total Payments this month	3,387.56
<b>Approximate balance</b>	<b>£31,360.50</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 December 2007, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £22,951.49 Capital Reserve Account £462.59. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation and copies of bank statements for December 2007.

**PETTY CASH** - Expenditure for the month of December 2007 £17.73  
**Approximate** balance at the end of December 2007 £2.36

**Cllrs C & G Pearl left the meeting**

CORRESPONDENCE

.114 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Kirkby Council** – Latest developments - **noted**

**St Helens Council** – Request use of Hall for May 2008 elections – **this was accepted at a charge of £200.00 due to increases in running costs**

**St Helens Council** – Request for confirmation of proposals for Millwood Avenue – **agreed with the proviso that it will not affect the terms of our lease**

DATES OF MEETINGS

07.115 **Resolved to note the following**

Tues 12 February 08	6.30 pm	Art Competition Sub	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm.

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