

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2010, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Duncan, D & S Evans, C Pearl and Skepper
CSO L Rowling
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Gray-Williams, Maloney & Sims

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09.101 Cllr G Pearl declared at interest in 09.108 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 DECEMBER 2009

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

MATTERS ARISING

09.103 No matters brought up from the last Minutes.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

09.104 Correspondence has been received from 2 Ecclestone residents – see 09.108
Councillor Broughton brought Residents' concerns re parking – see 09.105

Cllr Broughton joined the meeting

POLICE REPORT

09.105 CSO Laura Rowling read out the annual statistics comparing crimes in the period January 2008 to January 2009. In addition she reported that the arrest of 2 males has resulted in a sharp decrease in burglaries in the area. Inspector Tim Kelly has been re-assigned and replaced by Inspector Deborah Rayment. Councillors have invited Inspector Rayment to accompany Laura to the next Parish Council Meeting.

Councillor Pearl invited questions. Councillor Broughton reported that she had witnessed misuse of a disabled parking space at Walmesley Road on Christmas Eve when a disabled resident had been unable to park due to a motorist using the space. Laura offered to monitor the situation.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

09.106 The Clerk reminded Councillors that articles were required by the end of February 2010.

REPORTS

09.107 Resolved to note the following:

Smithy Working Party – There was no Smithy Working Party Meeting this month due to the substitution of a Finance Meeting – see 09.109 for report. Councillor G Pearl read out the Curators' Report for January – this will be given to Councillors before the February meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09.108 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

20 Ackers Lane Replacement of flat roof over garage with pitched – N/O
3 Bleak Hill Rd 2 storey side & rear ext – N/O
17 Villiers Cres 1ST floor ext over existing side ext – N/O
Scholes Field Provision of children's play area within open space area - N/O

The Clerk read out copies of 2 letters residents have sent to St Helens Council objecting to the proposed installation of a pumping station in close proximity to their properties.

Resolved that the Clerk writes to the residents in acknowledgement stating their concerns had been noted and passed to the Planning Officer.

2010/2011 BUDGET MEETING

09.109 The Finance Committee met in the Village Hall on Monday 12 January 2010 prior to the Parish Council Meeting in order to discuss the proposed budget for 2010/2011. Copies of the final budget will be given to Councillors before the February meeting.

Resolved to accept the budget proposed by Councillor Bain and to request a Precept of £49,918 - £12.30 per household – an increase of 36 pence.

Resolved to pay the Curators the entire fee generated by the Victorian Christmas event in appreciation of their hard work and promotion of the Smithy Heritage Centre.

ACCOUNTS

09.110 **Received Hall Hire £210.00; United Utilities overpayment £97.76 – being reassessed; R Kelsey £68.20 PAYE January; City of Liverpool £11.00 War Memorial**

British Gas – January	188.00
Manweb – January- increase of £1.50	104.00
United Utilities – January	13.60
St Helens Council – Cleaning November	249.77
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J Chamberlain – Salary January	160.88

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V Hirons – Salary January	160.88
L Poole - Salary – January	395.42
L Scott – Salary January includes £9.60 travel expenses	1113.60
L Scott – De-icing salt £24.99, memory stick £12.99, web hosting renewal £19.96	57.94
L Scott – Computer & Bag (including VAT)	522.48
L Scott – Petty Cash January	20.00
PAYE – Curators January (Cumulative £80 1 st month Period 4)	80.00
PAYE – Clerk January (Cumulative £276 1 st month period 4)	276.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk January (Cumulative £115.71 1 st month period 4)	115.71
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – January (£68.20 1 st month period 4)	66.20
St James PCC – Hire of Hall for Parish Council Meeting December	28.00
B&M - extra copies Invoice 122575	8.63
Vinylite – 20 pence not reported December	0.20
Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account – Last quarter payment	827.50
Balance brought forward from December £34,778.52 plus receipts this month	£35,165.48
Total Payments this month	£4,642.48
Approximate balance	£30,523.00

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 31 December 2009, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £22,063.25 and Capital Reserve Account £463.40. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for December 2009.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of December 2009	£9.36
Approximate balance at the end of December 2009	£2.91

CORRESPONDENCE

09.111 **Resolved to note the following:**

St Helens Council – Road Safety Plan 2009 – passed to Councillor Skepper Jonathan Holder – request for room for band – to be referred to Councillor Sims

DATES OF MEETINGS

09.112 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tues 9 February 10	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

SIGNED

DATED