

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2011, at 7.30 pm in ST JAMES'S CHURCH HALL, St Helens Road, Eccleston Park

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Bain, Broughton, Duncan, Evans, Gray-Williams, C Pearl, & Skepper
CSO L Rowling
Mrs L Scott, Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Maloney, Sims and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

10.107 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 10.115 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 DECEMBER 2010

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

MATTERS ARISING

10.109 The Clerk reported that all the Parish Council deeds and documents had been retrieved from the NatWest Bank on Monday 10 January 2011 and passed over to Mr Francis Sephton from St Helens Council for safe keeping.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

10.110 There were no residents' issues to report.

POLICE REPORT

10.111 Laura Rowling reported crime statistics, comparing the whole of 2009 with 2010. Laura also reported on the success of the recent Road Safety talks at St Julies.

Councillor Broughton joined the Meeting

LESTER DRIVE CENTRE

10.112 The Clerk reported on an e-mail received from Christine Macro, Secretary of the Lester Drive Centre, enquiring whether we wished to abrogate our responsibility as "Custodian Trustee" of the Lester Drive Centre.

Resolved to inform Christine Macro that Eccleston Parish Council does not wish to relinquish the role of Custodian Trustee of the Lester Drive Centre.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

10.113 Councillor G Pearl made a further request for articles. These must be forwarded to the Clerk by the end of February, 2011.

REPORTS

10.114 **Resolved to note the following:**

Finance Sub-Committee Meeting - Councillors Bain, Duncan, Skepper and the Clerk met at the home of Councillor Duncan at 11.00 am on Monday 10 January 2011 in order to go through the Budget Proposals for 2011/12. Copies of the Proposals were given to all Councillors.

Resolved that we request a Precept of £49,979 for 2011/12 which results in a cost to residents of £12.30 – the same as last year.

Hall & Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting - A meeting of the Hall & Personnel Sub-Committee took place at 6.30 pm before the Parish Council Meeting when a Fire Risk Assessment was carried out using forms from the Legislative Fire Safety Officer, Mr John Ennis.

Resolved that Councillor G Pearl checks with a Fire Officer on methods of frequent testing of the Village Hall fire alarm

Discussions also took place on the increasing cost of electricity in the Village Hall. We are currently using extra heaters in the Education Room and Smithy.

Resolved that Councillor Bain contacts gas central heating engineer, Tony Atherton, to arrange for a full check on the heating system and recommendations for future use

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for January 2011. The following points were discussed:

- Display cases – 3 high-quality cases available free from Prescott Museum
- Smithy outer doors need attention
- Website – Blacksmith, David Freedman has offered to design a website for the Smithy
- Talk at St Luke's on 20 December 2010 - £20 donation given to Smithy funds

Resolved that we obtain the 3 cases from Prescott Museum – Vicky Hirons to arrange pick up

Resolved to engage a carpenter to examine the Smithy doors before re-opening in April

Resolved that Councillor Bain accompanies the Curators to visit David Freedman

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.115 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

4 Knutsford Close Tree works – N/O

34 Forest Grove Demolish conservatory and erect rear ext – N/O

ACCOUNTS

10.116 Received Village Hall Hire £200.00; R Kelsey PAYE Jan - £71.60; St Luke's £20.00

British Gas – January	78.00
Manweb – January	98.00
United Utilities – January payment	12.73
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J Chamberlain - Salary January	165.72
Purchases - Awards for All	435.05
V Hirons - Salary January	165.72
V Hirons - purchases – Awards for All	1001.74
V Hirons - Mileage – Awards for All	32.16
V Hirons - Purchases - Awards for All Reqsns 84, 85, 86 & Amazon	225.97
L Poole - Salary – January (Includes 0.20 missed last month)	402.90
L Scott – Salary January includes £4.80 travel expenses	1,141.82
L Scott – Petty Cash January	20.00

PAYE – Curators January (Cumulative £82.40 1 st month Period 4)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk January (Cumulative £284.40 1 st month Period 4)	284.40
PAYE – Caretaker (Cumulative £4.80 1 st month Period 4)	4.80
EPC NI contribution – Clerk January (Cumulative £121.01 1 st month Period 4)	121.01
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – January (£71.60 1 st month Period 4)	71.60
Liverpool University – Course Fees for J Yates, Smithy Volunteer	35.00
C Jones – Mileage Awards for All	40.32
J Yates – Mileage Awards for All	77.76
D Topping – Mileage Awards for All	12.96
P Potter – Mileage Awards for All	6.64
P Potter – Erection of 2 sheds, flagging area	240.00
A Rogers – Mileage Awards for All	28.80
Armentaria – Smithy artefacts	42.00
R Tyler – Sign and training volunteers	40.00
Jansen Display Ltd – Pinboard Awards for All	126.26
St Helens Council – Cleaning Oct/Nov	515.42
St Helens Council – Cleaning Dec	257.71
Willow Printing – 3,000 leaflets Awards for All	365.00
B&M Office Machines – Quarterly charge for copies (Increase of £2.25)	29.08
Balance brought forward December meeting £36,396.73 plus receipts this month	
£36,688.33	
Total Payments this month	
£6,185.72	
Approximate balance	
£30,502.61	

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk also reported that, as at 31 December 2010, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £25,186.32 and Capital Deposit Account £463.64.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of December 2010	£18.51
Approximate balance at the end of December 2010	7 . 3 6

CORRESPONDENCE

10.117 **Resolved to note the following:**

CVS Bulletin – downloaded from e-mail – **passed to Cllr Duncan**

British Legion – request for Poppy Party – **passed to Curators**

St Helens Council – 2010 Road Safety Plan - **noted**

DATES OF MEETINGS

10.118 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 8 February 11	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm.

SIGNED

DATED