

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
10 JANUARY 2012 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Skepper (Chair)
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, C & G Pearl,
Watmough & Sims
Constable A Tomkinson, Mrs L Scott – Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr Maloney

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

11.105 Councillors G Pearl and T Sims declared an interest in Item 11.112 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

11.107 There were no matters to be brought to the Council's notice.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

11.108 Councillor Duncan requested information regarding posts that have been erected on St James Road. Councillor Sims volunteered to look into this.

POLICE REPORT

11.109 Constable Andy Tomkinson reported on the current Crime Statistics, copies of which were given to all Councillors. These compare 1 January 2010 to 8 December 2011.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

11.110 The Clerk reminded Councillors that articles for the next Magazine were needed.

REPORTS

11.111 **Resolved to note the following:**

Finance Committee – Cllrs Almond, Duncan, Skepper, Sims and the Clerk attended a meeting of the Finance Committee on 9 January 2012 at the home of Councillor Skepper in order to discuss the Budget for next year. Copies of the final budget were given to all Councillors.

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

- Gift of the Gods Exhibition
- Artist Tony Bishop
- Library Craft Workshop at Eccleston Library
- International Blacksmith Day

- Sponsorship permission
- Real Ale Evening

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11.112 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

Land Ecc Works	Variation of conditions to provide a more flexible approach to delivering highway works – N/O
9 Ingleholme Gns	Porch to front with hard standing to front garden – N/O
Evergreen,	Single storey front porch, single storey kitchen rear ext & 1 st floor addition
Howards Lane	above garage – N/O

SMARTWATER SCHEME – PROTECTION FOR WAR MEMORIALS

11.113 **Resolved that the Clerk makes enquiries with The War Memorial Trust regarding damage to surfaces. The War Memorial Committee is to set up a date for a meeting.**

ACCOUNTS

11.114 Received Village Hall Hire £441.00; R Kelsey PAYE £73.00; HM Revenue & Customs VAT repayment £453.90; NatWest Interest £3.86.

British Gas – January	150.00
Manweb – January – New levy	91.00
United Utilities – January payment	8.35
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J Chamberlain - Salary January including	165.72
V Griffiths - Salary January including	165.72
L Poole - Salary – January	407.30
L Poole – Toilet Rolls	19.20
L Scott - Salary January includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,141.82
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 January (Cumulative £0.20 1 st month Period 4)	0.20
EPC NI contribution January – Clerk (Cumulative £114.87 1 st month Period 4)	114.87
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker January (£73.00 1 st month Period 4)	73.00
St Helens Council – Cleaning December	269.80
Balance brought forward December meeting £27,018.04 plus receipts this month	£27,989.80
Total Payments December	£3,006.55
Approximate balance	£24,983.25

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 December 2011, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £22,962.68 and Capital Deposit Account £463.94. The Finance Committee has been issued with copies of the Bank Reconciliations.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of December 2011	£26.16
Approximate balance at the end of December 2011	£10.39

BUDGET FOR 2012/13

11.115 **Resolved that we request a Precept of £49,611 for 2012/13 which results in a cost to residents of £12.24 – 6 pence less than last year.**

CORRESPONDENCE

11.116 **Resolved to note the following:**

CPRE – Fieldwork Winter 2011 publication – **passed to Cllr Broughton**
Clerk – Notice of retirement – **letter from Clerk read out by Councillor Skepper**
Emily Hrycan, St Helens Council – email re War Memorials Trust – **Clerk to make enquiries**
St Helens Council – Notice of 2 elections to take place in the Village Hall – 3 May/15 November

DATES OF MEETINGS

11.117 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 14 February	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Our Lady Help of
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Christians

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED

DATED