

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
8 JANUARY 2013 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

PRESENT: Cllr C Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Haw, G Pearl & Skepper
Janet Anderson – Clerk

APOLOGIES

12.122 Cllrs Gray-Williams, Sims & Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

12.123 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 12.132 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

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

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

12.126 None reported

POLICE REPORT

12.127 No-one was available to attend from the Police but Crime Statistics were given to all Councillors. These compared the period 11 December 2012 to 7 January 2013 with the same period last year.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

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

RISK ASSESSMENT

12.129 Risk assessment carried out. **Resolved to approve and sign.**

REPORTS

12.130 **Resolved to note the following:**

Finance Committee – Cllrs C & G Pearl, Sims and the Clerk attended a meeting of the Finance Committee in order to discuss the Budget for next year. (Item 12.134)

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

- A Dickensian Christmas
- Ecclestone Ladies Guild

- All Our Stories
- Skills for the Future
- PRISM funding
- International Blacksmith's Day 2013
- Locks

VILLAGE HALL TREE WORK

12.131 Satisfactory references received. **Resolved to go ahead with work** to fell large tree near property; lift and thin trees over building and over footpath; cut back dead wood on diseased tree

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12.132 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

17 Gorsey Croft	Demolition of existing garage and construction of a detached outbuilding N/O
Mayfield Nursing Home	Two storey side extension concerns this may mean a reduction in off-street car parking which is already limited
Land East of 41 Central Ave	Removal of section of wall to create a temporary access onto Portico Lane N/O
Willowbrook	Refurbishment and extension of the existing In Patient Unit (IPU) N/O
15 Brooklands Rd	Two storey side extension N/O

ACCOUNTS

12.133 Received Village Hall Hire £515, Lottery grant £5,200 (All Our Stories: Memories of Eccleston)

Total Receipts	£5715.00
GPS Telecoms – Clerk's telephone	31.93
Best Security – Alarm battery	34.67
PHS Group plc – hygiene services quarterly bill	190.21
Paul Potter Garden Services – grounds maintenance	70.00
St Helens Council – cleaning Oct and Nov	539.59
J Chamberlain – January	165.72
V Griffiths – January	165.72
L Poole – January	407.50
J Anderson – January plus £20 petty cash	1209.73
PAYE – Curators January (Cumulative £82.40 1 st month Period 4)	(82.40)
PAYE – Clerk January (Cumulative £149.20 1 st month Period 4)	(149.20)
PAYE – Caretaker January (Cumulative £0.00 1 st month Period 4)	(0.00)
EPC NI contribution January – Clerk (Cumulative £110.04 1 st month Period 4)	(110.04)
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker December (Cumulative £76.20 1 st month Period 4)	(76.20)
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI	1586.79
United Utilities – December	8.93
United Utilities – December	25.96
St Helens Council – wasp nest	54.00
Total Payments	£4490.75

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 21 December 2012, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £26,357.53 (inc £5,200 lottery grant) and Capital Deposit Account £464.12.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of December 2012 £31.31
Approximate balance at the end of December 2012 £1.35

BUDGET FOR 2013/14

12.134 **The budget was approved and it was resolved that a Precept of £46,206 for 2013/14 be requested which results in a cost to residents of £12.24 – same as last year.**

CORRESPONDENCE

12.135 **Resolved to note the following:**

Email from Smithy visitor – thanking curators for the craft activities
MPFA – email cancelling meeting on Thursday 10 January 2013

DATES OF MEETINGS

12.136 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 12 February 2013	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Our Lady Help of Christians
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Our Lady Help of Christians

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

SIGNED

DATED