

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015 at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH HALL, Portico Lane, Eccleston Park

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

Before the meeting Cllr Geoff Pearl announced that Cllr Mrs Margaretta Maloney had sadly passed away at the age of 90. Cllr Pearl paid tribute to Rita's hard work and dedication to the work of the Parish Council. Rita had been Chairman of the Parish Council and a Parish Councillor for many years. She had been very active in the work of the Parish until recent years.

A minute's silence was held in honour of Cllr Maloney.

APOLOGIES

14.100 Cllrs Gray-Williams and Sims

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

14.101 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 14.109 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

14.103 Cllr Almond enquired whether St Helens Council had made a planning decision on Mayfield Nursing Home. The Clerk informed the meeting that a decision had not been made.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

14.104 None reported

POLICE REPORT

14.105 PCSOs Green and Angel attended the meeting. PCSO Green compared crime statistics for the period 13 December 2014 to 13 January 2015 to the same period last year. He commented that the figures had increased. Burglaries in particular had increased. Cllr Almond asked if there was any trend. PCSO Green replied that the burglaries were mainly during the daytime and 2 people had recently been arrested that were responsible for the majority of burglaries in the area.

REPORTS

14.106 **Resolved to note the following:**

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

- Rainford Archaeological Finds Exhibition 12-27 July

- Picture Frames – Vicky purchased
- Murder Mystery Event – tickets on sale
- Website – hosting renewed
- Valentine Exhibition – objects had been selected and would be installed shortly

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

14.107 The Chair requested articles from Councillors for the next magazine to be sent to the Clerk by 13 February 2015. Guides would deliver the magazine this year.

RISK ASSESSMENT

14.108 The annual risk assessment was carried out by the Councillors and Clerk. **Resolved to approve and sign.**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14.109 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

- 15 Swisspine Gdns** Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two storey rear extension along with installation of first floor side window **N/O**
- 15 Barrowfield Rd** Demolition of existing detached garage, and erection of single storey side front and rear extension **N/O**
- St Benedicts Wood** Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order, to fell 2no poplar trees **Refer to trees and woodlands officer**
- 23 Ledbury Close** Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension **N/O**

ACCOUNTS

14.110

Received: Village Hall Hire £404, RK PAYE £96.20, Windle PC phone/copier £36.87, Interest 0.02p and £1.07

Total Receipts	£538.16
St Helens Council – cleaning – Oct and Nov	558.60
St Helens Council – knotweed treatment (4th yr of 4 yr treatment)	60.14
Calder Builders – Village Hall, new doors	1578.00
GPS Telecoms – Clerk’s telephone Nov	30.73
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI	1484.62
United Utilities – December	9.69
J Anderson – January	1227.32
L Poole – January	407.50
J Chamberlain – January	165.72
V Griffiths – January plus expenses paid out	339.11
Our Lady Help of Christians – hall hire	20.00
Paul Potter Garden Services – VH ground maintenance – January	24.72
Total Payments	£5906.15

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 December 2014, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £24,474.46 and Capital Deposit Account £464.63.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of December 2014 £3.50
Approximate balance at the end of December 2014 £22.03

CORRESPONDENCE

14.111 **Resolved to note the following:**

Letter from St Helens Council – Calculation of tax base, 3801 Band D equiv properties (3793 last year)

St Helens Council – request to use hall for local and parish elections, 7 May 2015 from 6.30am to 10.30pm

Email regarding removing plants and putting gravel at the side of the Smithy

Notice from SLCC introducing new pay scales for Clerks

Invitation from the Atkinson Museum (Southport) – to celebrate its opening Thurs 12 Feb 6-8pm

Email from a firm of solicitors interested in using hall – stating not in a position at present to hire hall

Email from electrician – lights in VH toilets not working

DATES OF MEETINGS

14.112 **Resolved to note the following:**

Monday 26 January 2015	10.00am	Finance Sub (Budget)	Village Hall
Tuesday 10 February 2015	6.45pm 7.30pm	Smithy Meeting Parish Council	Village Hall Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED

DATED