

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY
10 JANUARY 2017 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

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

APOLOGIES

16.105 Cllrs Gray-Williams, Kempself and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

16.106 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 16.114 – Planning Applications

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 DECEMBER 2016

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

MATTERS ARISING

16.108 Ref 16.95 – Clerk had received a reply from Mr Houghton, St Helens Council explaining that the traffic signs that were in place at both ends of New Road to indicate Access Only restriction were clear and illuminated except for one that he would arrange to be repaired.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

16.109 One resident informed the meeting that Eccleston Old People's Welfare Committee should be referred to as The Lester Drive Centre.

POLICE REPORT

16.110 Crime figures had been requested but not received.

REPORTS

16.111 **Resolved to note the following:**

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

- A History of Lancashire in 70 Objects Project – the Curators were asked to submit an artefact. Four items were on the website for the public to decide which one to submit
- Website – Vicky had updated the website. The web hosting would need renewing from the Smithy budget
- Grant – Museum Development North West had asked if they could take some photographs of the work that had been carried out using the grant money. Extra photographs would be taken at no extra charge for the Smithy to use as promotional material as long as the photographer was credited
- The Clerk had received an email from MDNW requesting a final report on the grant work in order to receive the final payment of the grant. The Curators and Clerk would supply the relevant information
- Vicky reported that the new doors would be ready to be installed shortly.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

16.112 The Chair requested articles from Councillors for the next magazine to be sent to the Clerk by 10 February 2017. Guides had confirmed they would deliver the magazine again this year.

RISK ASSESSMENT

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16.114 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

9 Church Lane	Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to reduce and thin canopy of 1no willow Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer
16 Oak Tree Rd	Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to reduce and thin 1no oak tree Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer
26 Brooklands Rd	Installation of a canopy over side entrance N/O
Eccleston Lane Ends	Single storey classroom extension N/O

ACCOUNTS

16.115 Received: Village Hall hire £583, RK PAYE £97.80, Windle PC phone/copier £35.87, Interest 0.01p and 0.59p, refund from B&M Office Machines for payment taken in error in Nov £90.

Total Receipts **£807.27**

Payments

GPS Telecoms – Clerk’s telephone Nov	35.54
Christ Church, Eccleston – churchyard grant	650.00*
Screen Positive – Smithy banner	24.00
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI (Oct-Dec)	1449.00
St Helens Council – cleaning – Sept, Oct and Nov	942.90
Easily Ltd – domain name renewal – 1 year	29.99
United Utilities – January	10.37
United Utilities – January	26.46
L Poole – January	415.65
J Chamberlain – January	168.86
V Griffiths – January	168.86
J Anderson – January + petty cash	1230.15
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	413.45
Paul Potter Garden Services – VH grounds maintenance – January	20.84
Total Payments	£5586.07

* Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections S214 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries.

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 December 2016, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £34,420.84 and Capital Deposit Account £465.10.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of December 2016	£20.45
Approximate balance at the end of December 2016	£7.17

CORRESPONDENCE

16.116 **Resolved to note the following:**

Letter from St Helens Council – Calculation of tax base, 3827 Band D equiv properties (3811 last year)

Letter St Helens Council – invitation to Holocaust Memorial Service on Friday 27 January 2017 at Town Hall at 10am

Eccleston Library – invitation to Holocaust Memorial Day event on Friday 27 January at 4pm in the library

Village Hall Grounds Maintenance – £500 same as last year for 18 visits

St Helens Council – request to use the Village Hall for Combined Authority Mayoral Elections on Thursday 4 May 2017 (evening user group would be informed).

DATES OF MEETINGS

16.117 **Resolved to note the following:**

Finance Meeting (budget) – Wednesday 18 January 2017, 10.00am, Village Hall

Tuesday 14 February 2017	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

SIGNED

DATED