

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2018 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chairman)  
Cllrs Ashcroft, Duncan, C Pearl, Sims, Skepper and Watmough  
Janet Anderson – Clerk

**APOLOGIES**

17.105 Cllrs Broughton, Gray-Williams, Haw and Kempell

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

17.106 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 17.117 – Planning Applications

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 DECEMBER 2017**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

17.108 Ref 17.94 – Cllr Sims informed the meeting that the Highways Department at St Helens Council had said that it was not feasible to change the junction of New Road and Burrows Lane to try to deter motorists using the road as a cut through.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

17.109 Residents of Henbury Court had reported to Cllr Skepper that a tree in the grounds of Ecclestone Village Hall touches one of the windows of Henbury Court when blown in high winds. **It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for it to be cut back or removed.**

**POLICE REPORT**

17.110 PCSOs McManus and Green attended the meeting and reported crime figures that were favourable compared to the same period last year. Councillors were pleased that according to the figures crime in the Ecclestone area was dropping. Cllr Sims suggested that a notice be put on the Council noticeboard in the library informing residents.

**REPORTS**

17.111 **Resolved to note the following:**

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

- Accreditation – Collections Development Policy would be ratified at Parish Council and the security review had taken place which would be reported to the Assessor
- Loan boxes – these had been checked to ensure all objects were present and in good order
- Sci-fi exhibition – the curators arranging a cheese and wine evening and had invited Mark Olly to talk on science fiction to begin the exhibition
- Pointing – the Curators would be making a concerted effort to raise funds to help towards the pointing of the Smithy. They would create something to display outside to show the amount required and where the amount was up to.

## SMITHY COLLECTIONS POLICY

17.112 The Smithy Collections Policy was reviewed and ratified.

## ST JAMES CHURCH GRANT

17.113 **Resolved that St James be awarded a grant of £250 for ongoing maintenance work in the Garden of Remembrance as budgeted.**

## GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

17.114 **The Clerk was asked to obtain references and check insurance cover in order to offer the work.**

## ANNUAL MAGAZINE

17.115 The Chair requested articles from Councillors for the next magazine to be sent to the Clerk by 9 February 2018.

## RISK ASSESSMENT

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

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17.117 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

<b>47 Forest Grove</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension along with a raised patio area <b>N/O</b>
<b>5 Fairholme Ave</b>	Part two storey and part first floor side extension along with widened vehicular access <b>Ensure sufficient off street parking</b>
<b>13 Church Lane</b>	Replacement dwelling <b>No objection in principle to a replacement dwelling, but need to be assured that there would be no loss to sufficient off street parking and would request that this be conditioned</b>

## ACCOUNTS

17.118

Received Village Hall Hire £798, RK PAYE £97.80, Windle PC phone/copier £36.02 Interest 0.02p and £1.13,

**Total Receipts** **£932.97**

GPS Telecoms – Clerk’s telephone Nov	36.07
HMRC – PAYE & NI (Oct-Dec)	1505.30
Water Plus – January	10.91
Water Plus – January	26.61
J Chamberlain – January	168.86
V Griffiths – January	168.86
L Poole – January	393.65
J Anderson – January + petty cash	1260.60
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	422.07

St Helens Council – cleaning Jan + Japanese knotweed treatment	386.96
Paul Potter Garden Services – VH ground maintenance – January	20.84
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£4400.73</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 29 December 2017, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £27,938.90 and Capital Deposit Account £465.17.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of December 2017	£12.89
<b>Approximate</b> balance at the end of December 2017	£12.76

CORRESPONDENCE

17.119 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Letter from St Helens Council** – Calculation of tax base, 3859 band D equivalent properties (up 32 on last year)

DATES OF MEETINGS

17.120 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Finance Meeting (budget) – Wednesday 31 January 2018, 10.00am, Village Hall**

Tuesday 13 February 2018	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....