

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
14 JULY 2009 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Duncan, S Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney, C Pearl, Sims and
Skepper
PC A Tomkinson
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Broughton, D Evans, Perry

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09.36 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in 09.43 Planning Applications and 09.44 Chairman's Allowance

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 JUNE 2009

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

MATTERS ARISING

9.38 09.24 – Art Competition. Cllr Sims reported that the 3 winning entries were now being displayed in the De la Salle Art Exhibition.

09.25 – Residents' Issues – Cllr S Evans reported the incident brought up by Cllr Skepper last month to the Teenage Pregnancy Unit. The Clerk also reported it to the Police.

09.29 – Reports – Ecclesfield – A further site visit has been made by John Boden, Peter Wilson (Environment Agency), Dave Cook & Peter Swift (Farmers) to Ecclesfield re the brook. Mr Wilson is going to discuss possible solutions with his managers.

09.32 – J Stead Pension – Merseyside Pension Fund has notified the Clerk that we will not now be charged with J Stead's pension payments.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

9.39 Councillor Sims reported on an e-mail request from the Police for a litter bin on Daresbury Field (Clarke's Crescent) after litter had been set alight. Bins and a bench were originally put on the open space but both had been vandalised and had to be removed. There have not been any complaints from residents and PC Tomkinson suggested the area could be given extra attention.

WALMESLEY ROAD PARKING

09.40 Letters from the Parish Council and St Helens District Council regarding parking problems at Walmesley Road shops were hand delivered by the Clerk to all shopkeepers last month. The padlocked chain to the Changing Room car park is accessible to all shopkeepers and the Caretaker of the Changing Rooms is monitoring the situation. St Helens District Council will be making a Traffic Regulation Order which will allow

them to enforce a 2 hour maximum stay by imposing a penalty of £50 on those vehicles which stay on the car park in excess of 2 hours.

POLICE REPORT

9.41 PC Tomkinson reported that the current crime figures showed that incidents were down over last year with twice as many arrests. Burglaries show a slight increase with a noticeable increase in the possession of controlled drugs. Theft from motor vehicles has increased. All the rest have decreased. Anti social behaviours is the same as last year with 24 reports and the police have carried out extra police patrols on Friday and Saturday nights recently as part of 2 operations which will carry on during the summer holidays.

Cllr Maloney reported incidents of speeding vehicles down Gillars Green Drive and enquired whether there would be signs posted in the area for the summer. Cllr Sims suggested this could be taken to next week's Ward Committee Meeting.

Cllr Bain reported that traffic is still speeding down Kiln Lane. PC Tomkinson suggested a further speed check could be carried out in the near future.

REPORTS

09.42 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – All Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for July from which the following was discussed:

- Grant funding application
- Alice in Wonderland Exhibition & St Helens Show
- Medieval Merriment – request for help

Resolved that all proceeds from future one-off events arranged by the Curators will be credited to the Smithy Budget. A rota of helpers for Heritage Weekend will be set up at the September meeting of the Parish Council

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09.43 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

Rushen Elm Gr	Demolition of existing dwelling & erection of 3 dwellings with associated landscaping & parking – See response letter re Consultation attached.
216 St Helens Rd	Single storey side ext - Please ensure/condition that this additional non-habitable store room is NOT for business purposes - location of property on a very busy main road & in a highly populated residential area, directly opposite bungalows
10 Pikes Bridge Fold	Works to tree covered by TPO – Refer to Trees & Woodlands Officer
11 Gunning Ave	Single storey rear conservatory – N/O
Christ Church	Works to protected trees – Refer to Trees & Woodlands Officer
49 Mosslands	Works to trees covered by TPO – Refer to Trees & Woodlands Officer
17 Villiers Cres	Single Storey side & rear ext – N/O

76 Rainhill Rd Demolish rear ext & erect single storey flat roof rear ext – N/O

CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

09.44 **Resolved that £250 Chairman's Allowance is paid to Councillor G Pearl for the year 2009/2010.**

ACCOUNTS

09.45 Received Hall Hire £395.00; St Helens Council Election £200.00; Costco - return of guillotine £11.46; St Helens Council 2nd half of Precept £24,274.50; R Kelsey PAYE July £68.20

British Gas – July	34.00
Manweb – July	102.50
United Utilities – July	48.88
United Utilities – July	13.60
St Helens Council – Rates	100.00
St Helens Council – Cleaning April & May	249.77*
J Chamberlain – Salary July	160.88
J Chamberlain – Rqns 35/6	96.16
P Potter – Plants V Hall, Herbs Smithy	29.98
V Hirons – Salary July	160.88
L Poole - Salary – July	395.42
L Scott – Salary July includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,111.20
L Scott – Petty Cash July and August	30.00
PAYE – Curators July (Cumulative £80 1 st month Period 2)	80.00
PAYE – Clerk July (Cumulative £276 1 st month Period 2)	276.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk July (Cumulative £115.71 1 st month Period 2)	115.71
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – July (£68.20 1 st month Period 2)	68.20
B&M – extra copies Invoice 112262 – 8/5/09 - 3/6/09	8.63
B&M – extra copies Invoice 114224 – 3/6/09 – 8/7/09	8.63
PHS – 3 months' sanitation charges – Invoice 54801921 July – Sept 2009	149.50
St James's PCC– Hire of hall for consultation meeting	28.00
Cllr G Pearl – Chairman's Allowance for 2009/10	250.00
Specialised Glass Cutting Ltd – 2 pieces of glass for new Honours Boards	195.50
ABM Security – Intruder Alarm Check	74.75
ABM Security – Fire Alarm Check	248.88
R Tyler – Talk	30.00
Balance brought forward June meeting £31,520.67 receipts this month	£56,469.83
Total Payments this month	£4,067.07
Approximate balance	£52,402.76

* New agreement to be signed £2,606.30 plus VAT for April 2009 – March 2010 (Up £63.57)

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 June 2009, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £44,727.61 and Capital Reserve Account £463.34. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for June 2009 together with a copy of the Internal Auditor's Report for the first quarter.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of June 2009 £7.87
Approximate balance at the end of June 2009 £11.61

DELEGATED POWERS OVER THE RECESS

09.46 **Resolved that the Chairman Cllr G Pearl, Vice Chairman Cllr Skepper, in conjunction with the Clerk, be authorised to act on the Parish Council's behalf over the August recess.**

CORRESPONDENCE

09.47 **Resolved to note the following:**

Co-operative Community Group – Invitation to meeting at Bold Miners Centre on 22 June 2009 – **emailed to Cllrs G Pearl and Skepper**

De la Salle – Thank you for the money for School prizes

St Helens Council – Ward Committee Agenda and Mins from June – **passed to Cllr Skepper**

St Helens Council – Standards Committee Annual Report – **copies given to all Councillors**

EMERGENCY ITEM

09.48 The Clerk stated that Paul Potter had reported a diseased tree in the Village Hall grounds. David Bielawski from St Helens Council had visited the site to make an inspection and given advice on its treatment. This has been passed on to Paul Potter.

Resolved that the Clerk contacts David Bielawski regarding safety issues and for a price for St Helens Council carrying out the treatment.

DATES OF MEETINGS

09.49 **Resolved to note the following**

Tue 1 September 09	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tue 8 September 09	6.45 pm	Smithy WP	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	St James

Meetings dates for the year starting with September 2009 were given to all Councillors.

The Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

SIGNED

DATED