

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
13 JULY 2010, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Duncan, Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney, C Pearl & Skepper
PC D Brown, Mrs L Scott, Clerk
APOLOGIES: Cllrs Broughton, Sims and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

10.36 Cllr Pearl declared an interest in Items 10.43 - Planning Applications and 10.44 - Chairman's Allowance. Cllr Evans declared an interest in 10.43 – Planning Applications.

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

MATTERS ARISING

10.38 10.34 – Correspondence – The Standards Committee vacancy was filled by a Rainhill Parish Councillor.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

10.39 The Chairman read out a letter from Mr Jones, 36 Villiers Crescent, regarding the plan at 40 Villiers Crescent.

Resolved that the Clerk sends a letter of acknowledgement informing Mr Jones that the Parish Council had responded to the application.

POLICE REPORT

10.40 Constable Brown gave the figures for June comparing them with those of the same period last year. Councillor Pearl then called for questions round the table and Constable Brown made a note of points raised by Councillors Gray-Williams and Skepper.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

10.41 The Clerk informed Councillors that as there had been no response from the Notice advertising Councillor D Evans's vacancy we were now able to co-opt.

REPORTS

10.42 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield Management Committee – A meeting of the Committee took place in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22 June 2010 when the following was discussed:

- Non payment by Villa Rainhill FC for damage caused to the Changing Rooms
- New digital electricity meter installed by Scottish Power
- Caretaker carried out small repairs and re-painting and graffiti removal
- Calder Builders to be asked to carry out annual survey of premises
- Request for friendly matches on Ecclesfield from non-user refused

- St Helens Council to be asked to re-instate an adult pitch after success of drainage work
- Under 10's teams to be asked to contribute £20 a team in future – St Helens charge full price

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for July 2010. The following points were discussed:

- Eccleston Trail event
- Friends Meeting House and St Helens Festival
- Kershaw Day Centre donation
- Volunteers
- New Exhibition
- Heritage Open Days
- Festival of Archaeology
- Flint find
- Merseyside Field Archaeology Unit
- Kiln discovery
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Resolved that the donation of £20 be deposited in the Bank and credited to the Smithy budget.

Liverpool Conference – Councillor Duncan reported that she and Councillor Skepper attended the Liverpool Conference for Protecting and Conserving War Memorials on 10 June 2010. Discussions included the role of the Trust, ownership, responsibility, conservation, available funding and contractors. A booklet was obtained showing the various stages to be followed in looking after a Memorial and where to go to for advice. Councillor Duncan suggests the Committee starts at the beginning again, using the advice given.

Resolved that Cllrs Duncan, Evans, Gray-Williams and Skepper meet at the home of Cllr Duncan on Tuesday 14 September at 11.00 am.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.43 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

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| 31 The Meads | 2 storey side & single storey rear ext - 31 is in a corner of a very tight turning head & properties are very close to each other - would these proposals have an overbearing effect on neighbouring properties? |
| Rear 11 Albany Av | Erection of 5-bed detached dwelling with detached double garage – see attached letter objecting to development |
| Wellington Hotel | Retrospective permission for advert consent for banner signs - Hotel is on a very busy prominent corner & all these signs could cause a distraction to motorists - additionally, this is a very residential area. Any signage needs to be discreet and in keeping with its surroundings - the signage indicated is NOT in keeping & should be removed. |
| 4 Gunning Close | 1 st floor side ext N/O |
| 4 Old Lane | Demolish single storey side ext & erect 2 storey side extns to both sides and single storey ext to rear – N/O |
| Ecc Fire Station | 2 storey building for 5 bedsits & shared areas, inc dining, kitchen, living room facilities - Please ensure that the privacy & amenity of Mill Bungalow is protected - plans indicate balconies to each bedsit. Would they intrude on privacy to residents in the bungalow? |
| 49 Gillars Green Dr | Temp change of use for 6 months to a site & welfare office during improvement works – N/O |
| Ecc Lane Ends Sch | Consent to display 2 free standing signs – N/O |

34 Millbrook Lane	2 storey rear & 2 storey side ext – N/O
1 Cecil Drive	Demolish ext/garage & erect 2 storey front/side/rear ext – Extent of proposals would create architectural imbalance to neighbouring properties
7 Gillars Lane	Rear single storey kitchen ext, conversion of stables & part of garage with pitched roof with dormers to annexe – Proposals quite extensive, as property is in green belt - does this comply with green belt policy?
De la Salle School	Consultation memo re re-development at De La Salle School – N/O
11 Hill School Rd	Retrospective application for raised timber decking area to rear - ? EPC
Rear 73 Portico La	Erection of one detached 2 storey dwelling - Over-development of site, creating hazardous access where there are already problems with parking. If proposals are granted, would set a dangerous precedent.
Scholes Lane Flds	Erect of free standing playbuilder sign – N/O
168 Kiln Lane	Change of use from off licence to ice cream parlour – N/O

CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

10.44 **Resolved that £250 Chairman's Allowance is paid to Councillor G Pearl for the year 2010/2011.**

ACCOUNTS

10.45 Received Village Hall £470.00; R Kelsey PAYE July/August £143.20; St Helens Council 2nd Precept instalment £24,959.00; Bank Interest £4.07; Kershaw Centre £20 to Smithy

British Gas - July	78.00
Manweb – July (down £51.00)	106.00
United Utilities - July payment	12.53
United Utilities – start of new payments after survey - July	48.00
United Utilities – actual June payment £10.26 more than reported	10.26
St Helens Council - July Rates	84.00
St Helens Council – Cleaning May	257.71
St Helens Council – Commercial waste – next 12 months' service	281.24
J Chamberlain - Salary July/August	331.44
J Chamberlain – Reqn 49 – purchases for Smithy	30.23
V Hirons - Salary July/August	331.44
English Heritage – Banners for Smithy	40.23
L Poole - Salary – July/August	805.60
L Pool – Extra duties – Polling Day	25.00
L Scott – Salary July includes £4.80 travel expenses	1142.02
L Scott – Petty Cash August	20.00
L Scott – Salary August includes £4.80 travel expenses	1141.82
PAYE – Curators July/August (Cumulative £164.80 1 st & 2 nd months Period 2)	164.80
PAYE – Clerk July/August (Cumulative £568.60 1 st & 2 nd months Period 2)	568.60
PAYE – Caretaker July/August (Cumulative £9.40 1 st & 2 nd months Period 2)	9.40
EPC NI contribution – Clerk July/August (Cumulative £242.02 1 st & 2 nd months Period 2)	242.02
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – July/August (£143.20 1 st & 2 nd months Period 2)	143.20
Councillor G Pearl – Chairman's Allowance	250.00
TTS – Smithy order - Invoice 2240200	23.44
B&M Office Machines – quarterly billing – copies Inv 131891	26.44
St Helens Historical Society Heritage Network Event – Smithy	7.00
Paul Potter – Village Hall Maintenance – 2 nd payment	150.00
ABM Alarms – Annual maintenance of Fire & Intruder alarms`	330.67
V Hirons – Requisitions 51, 52, 53 – Smithy purchases	70.42

Balance brought forward from June meeting £37,816.80 plus receipts this month	£63,413.07
Total Payments this month	£6,731.51
Approximate balance	£56,681.56

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 June 2010, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £51,135.93 and Capital Reserve Account £463.58. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for June 2010.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of June 2010	£12.62
Approximate balance at the end of June 2010	£13.43

ANNUAL RETURN – Councillor Bain met with the Clerk on Thursday 1 July 2010 in order to check through the Annual Return and supporting documents. This was sent to BDO Stoy Hayward the following day.

CARETAKER’S HOLIDAY

10.46 The Caretaker will be on holiday from Monday 9 August to Friday 20 August inclusive. Lisa has informed St Helens Council they will need a replacement cleaner and any user groups will be asked to set up and clear away afterwards. This only applies to one group at present.

DELEGATED POWERS OVER THE RECESS

10.47 **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

10.48 **Resolved to note the following:**

- Eccleston Mere School** – letter of thanks for Grant money
- CVS** – Poster and Information Wheel
- CVS** – Info re merging of Halton Voluntary Action & St Helens District CVS
- Local Life** – July/August copy for information – **now delivers to Eccleston Park**
- St Helens Council** – Coach Education Programmes – **passed to Bleak Hill Rovers FC**
- Bleak Hill School** – request for Chairman to award prizes at 9.15 am 23 July 2010
- Cllr Sims E-mail** – reminder re Police Priorities meeting at 6 pm on 19 July at Our Lady Help of Christians

DATES OF MEETINGS

10.49 **All Councillors were given a copy of the dates of meetings for the year September 2010 to July 2011.**

Tuesday 7 September	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 14 September	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

SIGNED

DATED