

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 9 JULY, 2013 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, C Pearl, G Pearl, Skepper and
Watmough
Mrs J Anderson (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

13.39 Cllrs Gray-Williams, Haw and Maloney

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

13.40 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 13.48 – Planning Applications.
Councillor Almond declared an interest in Item 13.46 – CAMRA event

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 JUNE 2013

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

MATTERS ARISING

13.42 There were no matters to discuss.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

13.43 None to report.

POLICE REPORT

13.44 Con David Brown attended the meeting. He reported on crime figures compared to the same period last year.

EQUALITY POLICY

13.45 **Resolved to adopt the Equality Policy.**

PROPOSED SMITHY EVENT

13.46 Councillors stated their appreciation of the hard work and commitment the curators put into the Smithy and their keenness to raise funds for the up-keep of the Smithy. Much discussion took place and **it was decided that the emphasis of the event must be a family theme and the real ale event must be in conjunction with activities and games to include all the family.** Councillors to meet with CAMRA to discuss the format of the day. Councillors would like a list of proposed activities and events for the day to be presented to September Parish meeting. Clerk to inform Curators.

REPORTS

13.47 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – 9 July 2013, 6.45 pm – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for July 2013. The following points were discussed:

- **Festival of Archaeology** – event taking place 13-28 July. Items such as cross bow bolts loaned from Liverpool Museum
- **Memories of Eccleston** - 2 further sessions have taken place both being productive and well attended
- **Christ Church Fete** – Smithy to have a stall at the event on 13 July 2013
- **Moonlight Walk** – completed by Curators and Cllr Haw
- **Exhibitions 2014** – due to budget restrictions it is proposed by the curators to have one exhibition each year instead of 2. The exhibition will have different events attached throughout the year. Curators developing an idea of a crime and punishment exhibition for next year
- **Child of Hale** – Rachel Lyons, author of The Cautionary Tale of the Child of Hale, recently visited the Smithy. Joanne discussed with her the possibility of providing some children's sessions based around her book.
- **Japanese Knotweed** – reported that the weed has appeared at the side of the Smithy. Clerk to contact St Helens Council
- **Rainhill Rotary Club** – will be visiting the Smithy on the evening of 25 July 2013 to look at Images of War exhibition. Refreshments will be provided at their cost
- **Heritage Open Days** – 14 and 15 September 2013. Volunteers requested. Chair agreed to judge the cake baking competition
- **Beer Festival** – proposed beer festival – Item 13.46

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13.48 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

De La Salle	Request to remove condition 41 of planning application P/2010/0590 requesting a survey to show the radio interference caused by the new structures EPC totally object to the removal of the condition, but would ask that it be amended to require remedial measures to resolve any effects of interference to television or radio reception at nearby premises, which have been the subject of complaints from residents
138 Broadway	Single storey side extension to form garage N/O
6 Chapel Lane	Two storey rear, both side extensions, erection of detached pool house Concerns that the front side extensions may create an architectural imbalance
Land Opp Central Ave	Modification of condition 1 on approval P/2012/0911 to extend timescale until July 2014 N/O
28 Park Ave	Single storey side and rear extension N/O
Willowbrook Hospice	Refurbishment of existing in patient unit and new annex variation of condition 3 to amend external design of new annex N/O
16 Whitebeam Gds	First floor side extension N/O

ACCOUNTS

13. 49

Received: Village Hall Hire £641, R Kelsey PAYE £76.20, 2nd half precept £23,103

Total Receipts **£23820.20**

Payments:

United Utilities – June	9.40
United Utilities – Water June	25.96
J Anderson – Laptop and scanner for Smithy (Memories of Ecc grant)	639.97
GPS Telecoms – clerk phone/internet May	29.60
Nigel Jones International Blacksmith’s Day Demonstration	80.00
Eccleston Lane Ends School Merit Award	40.00*
Eccleston Mere Primary School Merit Award	40.00*
Bleak Hill Primary School Merit Award	40.00*
De La Salle School Merit Award	40.00*
St Julie School Merit Award	40.00*
P Gregson International Blacksmith’s Day Demonstration + travel exp	182.96
St Helens Council – cleaning May	276.50
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI Apr-Jun	1458.45
PHS Group – hygiene services	208.99
J Schorah International Blacksmith’s Day Demonstration	250.00
Mr & Mrs Chamberlain – Memories of Eccleston Project	133.76
L Poole – July	407.50
V Griffiths – July	165.72
J Chamberlain – July	165.72
J Anderson – July includes travel and petty cash	1228.77
Total Payments	£5463.30

* Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 & 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants & will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 June 2013, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £45,635.05 and Capital Deposit Account £464.23.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of June 2013	£16.00
Approximate balance at the end of June 2013	£9.82

DELEGATED POWERS

13.50 **Resolved that the Chairman Cllr Sims, Deputy Chairman Cllr Ashcroft, in conjunction with the Clerk, be authorised to act on the Parish Council’s behalf over the August recess.**

CORRESPONDENCE

13.51 **Resolved to note the following:**

Vinyl Signs – quote for adding name of Chairman £36 inc VAT

St Helens Council – letter explaining a notice to surrender the lease would need to be advertised for 2 weeks and Parish Council need to consider any objections. St Helens Council to arrange publication of the notices and will meet reasonable costs and fees incurred. Clerk replied to confirm arrangements.

Notice of Disposal of Open Space – received from St Helens Council – Clerk to confirm

Email from Came Insurance – confirming that occasional hirers of the hall are covered by insurance to use the outside garden area

Email from Waterside Football Club – request to use a pitch on Ecclesfield – Clerk to refer to Ecclesfield Management Committee

De La Salle – Thank you for grant money

Eccleston Lane Ends – Thank you for grant money

DATES OF MEETINGS

13.52 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 3 September 2013	7.00pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 10 September 2013	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Our Lady's H of C
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Our Lady's H of C

Meetings schedule for 2013/2014 was included with meeting documents

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

SIGNED

DATED