

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 8 JULY, 2014 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone

PRESENT: Cllr Ashcroft (Deputy Chair)
Cllrs Almond, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, Skepper and Watmough
Mrs J Anderson (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

14.34 Cllrs Sims, C Pearl, G Pearl and Maloney

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

14.35 None

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 JUNE 2014

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

MATTERS ARISING

14.37 Clerk was asked to check with Windle Parish Council to see what their decision was regarding paying Bleak Hill Rovers a contribution towards pitch fees.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

14.38 Mrs Martlew raised the issue of parking along Kiln Lane and Millbrook Lane. Cars were parked with all wheels on the pavement one morning during a week day. Cllr Haw commented that St Helens Council were aware of the issues and PCSO K Green commented that the police get complaints regarding parking. He would give the issue some attention.

Mr Martlew commented that residents were still concerned over the possible closure of the pharmacy on Walmesley Road. Cllr Haw explained that Cllr Sims had written to NHS England supporting the Walmesley Road pharmacy and the pharmacy on the new development. Cllr Almond suggested the possibility of the Parish Council writing to NHS England on behalf of residents.

POLICE REPORT

14.39 PCSOs Kevin Green and Ruth Clifton attended the meeting. PCSO Green reported on crime figures compared to the same period last year. He reported that theft had increased from 5 to 11 this year which they were trying to keep an eye on.

REPORTS

14.40 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – 8 July 2014, 6.45 pm – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for July 2014. The following points were discussed:

- **Murder Most Foul** – exhibition now extended into corridor and Education Room replacing Memories of Ecclestone

- **Murder at the Smithy** – successful event with many requests to hold another murder mystery event. Curators plan to hold the event again in 2015
- **Festival of Archaeology** – event taking place 12-27 July. Items linked to forensic archaeology loaned from National Museums Liverpool. Also talk by Dr Andy Shuttleworth to take place on Thursday 10 July at 7pm. Request from Archaeology Unit at NML to display items from Rainford Roots project during Festival of Archaeology in 2015
- **Urgent Repair/Maintenance** – repair work needed to tiles and mortar at the threshold of the Smithy and also to the manhole cover in the patio area
- **Reminiscence Session** – Joanne visited Colliery Court in Haydock with items to encourage chat and recalling memories regarding household chores. They gave a donation of £10.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14.41 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

Hiltons Farm, Green Lane	Change of use from agricultural building to 1no dwelling Eccleston Parish Council would ask that any replacement dwelling is no larger than the existing dwelling and follows the existing footprint
132 Portico Ln	Demolition of single storey side extension and erection of a two storey side extension along with a single storey rear extension N/O
132 Portico Ln	Listed Building Consent: Alterations Demolition of single storey side WC extension and erection of a two storey side extension along with a single storey rear extension N/O
St James Church	Single storey side extension and formation of access ramp N/O – Withdrawn

VILLAGE HALL HEATING SYSTEM

14.42 The Clerk had requested quotes for the same specifications from all 3 companies. Still awaiting some quotes. The item was deferred until all quotes were obtained. A Hall and Personnel Sub Committee meeting would be arranged to discuss quotes. Delegated powers would be used during recess.

ACCOUNTS

14. 43 Received: Village Hall Hire £497 (inc elections), R Kelsey PAYE £76.20, 2nd half precept £26,911.50

Total Receipts £27484.70

Payments:

GPS Telecoms – clerk phone/internet May	31.18
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*
United Utilities – July	20.71
United Utilities – July	9.69
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI Apr-Jun	1510.22
V Griffiths – July	165.72
J Chamberlain – July	165.72

J Anderson – July includes travel and petty cash	1247.32
L Poole – July	407.50
Mark Harris – Murder Mystery Event – Smithy	350.00
J Chamberlain – items for Murder Mystery Event	141.08
Paul Potter Garden Services – June 2 visits	49.44
V Griffiths – Smithy leaflets	177.00
St Helens Council – cleaning May and June	558.60
Total Payments	£5034.18

* 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 and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

RECONCILIATION – The Clerk reported that, as at 25 June 2014, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £53248.50 and Capital Deposit Account £464.47.

PETTY CASH – Expenditure for the month of June 2014	£17.28
Approximate balance at the end of June 2014	£5.20

DELEGATED POWERS OVER RECESS

14.44 **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

14.45 **Resolved to note the following:**

Invitation from Mayor Cllr G Pearl to attend Mayor’s Parlour – Wednesday 9 July 2014, **6.30pm**
De La Salle School – Thank you for prize/merit award money
Eccleston Lane Ends School – Thank you for prize/merit award money
Eccleston Mere School – Thank you for prize/merit award money

DATES OF MEETINGS

14.46 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 2 September 2014	7.00pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 9 September 2014	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Meetings schedule for 2014/2015 was included with meeting documents

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

SIGNED

DATED