

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2008, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Perry (Chair)  
Cllrs Duncan, Evans, Maloney, C & G Pearl, Sims & Skepper  
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bain, Gleave & Gray-Williams

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

08.23 Cllrs Duncan, G Pearl & Sims declared an interest in the Planning Applications.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 MAY 2008**

08.24 Please note that Minute 08.18 Planning Applications should have noted that Cllr G Pearl declared an interest and left the room before discussions.

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

08.25 08.11 – Residents' Issues – Councillor Sims reported that a letter had been sent to McCarthy Stone by John Broomhead, outlining the problem with rabbits and informing them that a rabbit-proof fence needs to be erected.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

.26 None reported

**POLICE REPORT**

08.27 No police representation at the meeting.

**ART COMPETITION**

08.28 The Clerk reminded Councillors that judging is to take place at the Library on 11 June at 5.00 p.m. - Presentation in the Village Hall on Thursday 19 June at 6.30 p.m.

**OPEN SPACES BOUNDARIES**

08.29 Angela Sanderson has informed Cllr Sims that we could be in breach of our lease if we do not re-instate the boundaries. John Broomhead has given the Clerk an approximate costing for replacing the hedges.

**Resolved that a decision to proceed is deferred until the Henbury Court rabbit problem has been resolved. After that a letter could be sent to the residents whose gardens surround Kiln Lane Open Space.**

## SMITHY COVER 5/6 JULY 2008

- 08.30 **Resolved that Cllr Evans opens and closes the Smithy on Saturday 5 July whilst Cllr Skepper is on duty. Cllrs Duncan and Perry have volunteered to be present on Sunday 6 July and the Clerk is to ask Cllr Bain to open and close.**

## INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL

- 08.31 **Resolved to renew the insurance policy with Zurich Municipal at a cost of £2,928.81, which includes Ecclesfield portion of £293.17. This is re-claimed from Ecclesfield.**

## REPORTS

- .32 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – The Clerk reported on the Monday 2 June 2008 meeting of the Ecclesfield Management Committee. The main points for discussions were:

- Ecclesfield Trophy given to Bleak Hill Rovers commemorating 30 years on Ecclesfield – Cllr Bain to present this at the award ceremony on 18 June 2008
- Changing Room Car Park – it was decided to leave letters explaining the reasons behind the change of lock on the chain, in Eccleston Library. Cllr Bain is to hand deliver letters to shopkeepers informing them that the original lock will be re-installed and the situation will be monitored over the summer
- Survey of premises over the summer by Calder Builders
- Repairs to fascia boards needed and re-hanging of outer doors
- Pitch Fees
- Poor condition of posts and sockets
- Loss of 7-Stars team due to closure
- Loss of one of Millfields Juniors team due to closure

Hall & Personnel – The points for discussion were as follows:

- Village Hall Painting – Specification sent by Cllr Bain was revised after a tour of the building took place
- The Clerk has 2 prospective painters in addition to Calder Builders
- Cllr Perry and the Clerk have catalogues for cupboards, the Clerk is to get an up-to-date price from the Desk Centre as a comparison
- Risk Assessment carried out using the model from Local Councils' Governance & Accountability Guidance
- Fire Risk Assessment will be carried out by Cllr Perry and the Clerk using the model provided by the Fire Department

Smithy Working Party – All Councillors were given a copy of the June Curator's Report. The main points for discussion were:

- New alarm for Smithy, Storeroom and Education Room
- Leaflets – Draft shown to Councillors and 500 to be ordered from Willow Printing
- St Helens Festival Cover – see earlier item
- York Museums Trust – survey being carried out of attendance at Museums
- Sign – Vicky has a quote of £65 – details to be given to the Clerk to order

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08.33 Councillors Duncan, G Pearl and Sims left the room

**Resolved that the following observations be made:**

### Delegated

<b>113 Old Lane</b>	New Shop front – <b>N/O</b>
<b>8 Buckthorn Gns</b>	Demolish conservatory & erect new conservatory to rear, ext to garage to front incorporating porch – <b>N/O</b>
<b>161 St Helens Rd</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> floor side ext - <b>Ensure construction vehicles do not obstruct access to driveways &amp; that work does not continue after 1.00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays</b>
<b>8 Portico Avenue</b>	2-storey rear ext (re-submission) - <b>Ensure construction vehicles do not obstruct access to driveways, particularly in turning circle &amp; work does not continue after 1.00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays</b>
<b>15 Davy Close</b>	Single storey rear conservatory – <b>N/O</b>
<b>87 Millbrook Lane (Co-op late shop)</b>	Consent to display adverts – <b>N/O</b>
<b>23 Cranston Close</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> floor front & side ext – <b>N/O</b>
<b>129 Portico Lane</b>	Single storey front ext, 4 dormers to front, dropped kerb onto Portico Lane & boundary wall – <b>N/O</b>
<b>21 Swisspine Gns</b>	Single storey pitched roof rear ext – <b>N/O</b>

## ACCOUNTS

08.34 Received Hall Hire £521.00; R Kelsey PAYE June £65.00; £293.17 Ecclesfield Insurance Premium for 2008/09

British Gas – June	88.00
Manweb – June (July increases to £81.50)	37.50
United Utilities – June	64.73
United Utilities – Direct Debit for Surface water/drainage – June	15.39
St Helens Council - Rates	95.00
L Poole - Salary – June	384.08
L Scott – Salary June includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,081.43
L Scott – Petty Cash June	20.00
J Chamberlain – Salary June	156.04
J Chamberlain – Exhibition purchases Reqn 21	89.80
V Hirons – Salary June	156.04
PAYE – Curators June (Cumulative £234.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 1)	78.00
PAYE – Clerk June (Cumulative £803.80 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 1)	268.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk June (Cumulative £340.53 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 1)	113.51
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – June (£195.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 1)	65.00
Post Office Ltd – NI/PAYE 1 <sup>st</sup> ¼ all staff – already notified monthly	1,573.33
Mr P Potter – bark for flower beds & work to grounds	150.00
Acorn Services – May War Memorial Tidy up	70.50
Griffin Environmental Services – May	50.91
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Merseyside Police Constabulary – fee for Police response Smithy alarm system	45.00
Art Competition Winners – 3 prizes	80.00

Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account – 2 <sup>nd</sup> ¼ contribution	582.50
Zurich Municipal – insurance cover for 2008/09 (up £390.29)	2,928.81
Balance brought forward May Meeting £40,276.03 + receipts this month	£41,170.84
Total Payments this month	6,686.79
<b>Approximate balance</b>	<b>£34,484.05</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 May 2008, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £28,443.53 and Capital Reserve Account £462.82.

Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation together with copies of the bank statements for May 2008.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of May 2008	£17.78
<b>Approximate</b> - balance at the end of May 2008	£2.66

CORRESPONDENCE

.35 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Christ Church** – request for contribution to maintenance of churchyard – **Clerk to reply this will be put on the September Agenda**

**Mayor’s Officer** – invitation for Chairman/Guest to National Veterans Day – Friday 27 June – **Cllrs Duncan, Maloney and Perry to attend**

**CPRE** – Fieldwork publication June 2008 – **passed to Cllr Perry**

DATES OF MEETINGS

08.36 **Resolved to note the following**

Tues 8 July 2008	6.30 pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	St James

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....