

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY,
14 JUNE, 2011 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

PRESENT: Cllr Skepper (Chair)
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, Maloney,
C & G Pearl and Sims
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

11.25 Councillors G Pearl & Sims declared an interest in Item 11.31 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 MAY 2011

11.26 **It was reported that Councillor G Pearl's name was left off the list of those present. Resolved that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

MATTERS ARISING

11.27 There were no matters to discuss.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

11.28 There were no residents' issues to report.

POLICE REPORT

11.29 There was no-one available to represent the Police but a Crime Report was e-mailed, copied and given to all Councillors.

REPORTS

11.30 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield Management Committee – Cllrs Ashcroft and Broughton attended a meeting of the Management Committee on Tuesday 7 July 2011. Matters discussed were as follows:

- New Committee Members
- Removal of Cllr Ashcroft from Committee due to Council commitments
- Scrap Metal dealer on car park
- Rubbish left on the field by young people
- Ecclesfield insurance down £43.53

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for June 2011, together with Pricing Schedule for Visits, etc and newspaper publicity. The following points were discussed:

- School Visits
- Loan Boxes & charges
- Fire Door
- Eating Utensils
- New Volunteer
- Press Coverage

- Poppy Party collection - £25.86 given to Clerk

Resolved to accept the charges proposed by Joanne Chamberlain for the use of Loan Boxes, Talks and Visits.

Planning Training – Councillors Ashcroft, Sims, Skepper and the Clerk attended a training session at St Helens Town Hall on Friday 10 June 11 when an overview was given on St Helens Council Planning System by Mark Dickens, Head of Regeneration, Jonathan Noad, Development Plans Manager and Stuart Barnes, Development Control Manager. Jonathan has promised to forward additional information to help with Parish Council responses once the SPD amendments have been completed. Copies of the slide topics are available from the Clerk if required.

St Helens Link Dignity in Care Task Group – Councillor Maloney attended a meeting on 4 May 2011 at the CVS Offices, Tontine House, at 10.30 am. After the introduction by Helen Saarma, the following was discussed:

- Mainstream Domiciliary Care Providers
- Summary of Expressions of Concern
- Domiciliary Spot Checks

St Helens Link (Local Involvement Network) on Dementia – Councillor Duncan attended a meeting on 25 May 2011 which was attended by Carers and Patients. Questions were raised on the availability of care and how to access it. Most people felt that there should be a central co-ordinator as there are so many agencies involved in the care of dementia and Alzheimer's patients. There is also a 5 Borough initiative.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11.31 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

13 Brookside Ave	Amendment to previous application (P/2009/0650) for the erection of 2-storey side & rear extension – waiting for further information
28 The Spires	1 st floor bedroom ext – N/O
1 Long Meadow	Rear Conservatory – N/O
Evergreen	Single storey rear ext, removal of front canopy & installation of 2 bay windows with porch, alterations to roof at front & existing window door openings – N/O
Howards Lane	
12 Springbrook Cl	Single storey side ext – N/O
Pine Tree Farm	Single storey side ext & dormer to front – waiting for information
2 West Close	2-storey side ext & conversion of garage to habitable room – N/O
12 Pike House Rd	Resubmission of P/2011/0169 for a ground floor side ext & change of existing garage to residential – N/O
57 Springfield La	2-storey front ext – N/O
Walmesley Rd	Vodafone pre-consultation for siting of base station – EPC strongly object as these proposals are right at the centre of extremely busy pedestrian area, close to very well used public library, particularly close to an open space where hundreds of children play organised football matches & informal ball games on a daily basis.
142 St James Rd	Single storey rear ext – N/O

VILLAGE HALL PAVING

11.32 Calder Builders has been asked to re-pave the whole of the side pathway.

VILLAGE HALL CLOCK

11.33 **Resolved to go ahead with the proposed repairs to the clock at a cost of £360.00.**

VILLAGE HALL GATES

11.34 The Curators have requested costings for replacing the car park gates and installing a gate on the pedestrian entrance, from David Freedman, Blacksmith. A meeting to explore possible grant applications has been arranged in July with Karen Rylance, St Helens Council.

SCHOOLS' PRIZES

11.35 **Resolved to award £50 to each of the 5 Schools – De la Salle, St Julie, Bleak Hill, Eccleston Lane Ends and Eccleston Mere to be used for pupil prizes.**

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

11.36 **Resolved that the Accounts for 2010/2011 be agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Audit Annual Governance Statement was also agreed and signed.**

ACCOUNTS

11.37 Received Village Hall Hire £870.00 (includes £300 Polling Day), R Kelsey June PAYE £73.00; Ecclesfield Insurance £262.66; Queens Park School Visit 60.00.

British Gas – June	42.00
Manweb – June	167.00
United Utilities – June payment	3.45
United Utilities – undercharged April	4.90
United Utilities – June payment	24.75
J Chamberlain - Salary June	165.72
J Chamberlain – Purchases for Wildlife Grant and Smithy	143.11
J Chamberlain – purchases, Smithy and Wildlife Grant	90.24
V Hirons - Salary June	165.72
L Poole - Salary – June	402.90
L Poole – election duties	25.00
L Poole – purchase of toilet rolls for Village Hall	16.20
L Scott - Salary June includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,144.22
L Scott – Petty Cash June	20.00
L Scott – 2 ink cartridges from Amazon for Clerk’s computer	15.99
PAYE – Curators June (Cumulative £247.20 3 rd month Period 1)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk June (Cumulative £852.80 3 rd month Period 1)	284.40
PAYE – Caretaker (Cumulative £0.60 3 rd month Period 1)	0.20
EPC NI contribution – Clerk June (Cumulative £344.61 3 rd month Period 1)	114.87
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker (£219.00 3 rd month Period 1)	73.00
Inland Revenue NI & PAYE Period 1 – already reported monthly	(1,664.21)
St Helens Council – Cleaning Inv 12405909 – April	269.80
St Helens Council – Trade Waste Inv 12406741 – Apr 11 – Mar 12	257.43
Came Insurance – Parish Council insurance until end of September 2012	2,593.52
Schools’ prizes – De la Salle, Bleak Hill, St Julie, Eccleston Lane Ends & Mere	250.00*
COSTCO subscription – same as last year – includes VAT	38.40
Paul Potter – garden maintenance and plants – April	280.00
Paul Potter – garden maintenance – May	60.00

Paul Potter – garden maintenance June	140.00
Mr P Gregson – Wheelwrighting demonstration on Blacksmiths’ Day	150.00
Mr W R Ellis – Blacksmithing demonstration on Blacksmiths’ Day	250.00
Balance brought forward May meeting £36,570.84 plus receipts this month	£37,836.50
Total Payments this month	£7,215.81
Approximate balance	£30,620.69

*** 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 27 May 2011, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £29,791.66 and Capital Deposit Account £463.76. The Finance Committee has been issued with copies of the Bank Reconciliations.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of May 2011	£24.73
Approximate balance at the end of May 2011	-£1.79

CORRESPONDENCE

11.38 **Resolved to note the following:**

- CPRE** – Countryside Voice Spring 2011 – **passed to Cllr Broughton**
- Merseytravel** – Agenda June and Mins March
- St Helens Council** – March Ward Committee Minutes
- St Helens Council** – Invitation to attend Armed Forces Day on 25 June 2011 at 12 noon – **Councillors Skepper and Maloney to attend**

DATES OF MEETINGS

11.39 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 12 July 11	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	St James

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED

DATED