

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
9 JUNE 2009 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09.22 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in 09.30 Planning Applications and 09.32 Pension,
Mr J Stead

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

MATTERS ARISING

09.24 09.03 – Matters Arising – Smithy Report - The Clerk received an email from Paul Fraser Webb requesting that we formally inform the MLA of our appointment of a Curatorial Advisor – this has been done.

09.12 – Residents' Issues – John Boden informed the Clerk that some of newly planted hedges have been vandalised and pulled out. John has e-mailed a map.

Resolved to send a letter to residents asking for co-operation in combating vandalism on the open space – Cllrs Bain and Skepper offered to deliver these.

Mill Brow Nature Reserve – The site has been inspected by Peter Bishop who recommends that the debris be left to rot down as the removal would be expensive since chipping machines cannot access the site. Peter reported that there is no evidence of misuse at the moment.

09.14 – Art Competition – Cllr G Pearl awarded prizes to the 3 winners on 23 May during the International Blacksmith's Day celebration.

09.16 – Kiln Lane Waste Bin – Alternative quote given of £50 for plastic post bin, including fitting but not for providing posts.

Resolved to ask Brian Johnson's department to install a concrete bin – cost £250.

09.17 – Smithy Report – Storage – Cllr Sims met with Audrey Gaffney & Vicky to discuss additional storage – e-mail received with details.

Resolved to authorise the Curators to install a temporary metal storage facility.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

9.25 Cllr Skepper, who is a resident of Henbury Court, reported an incident of anti social behaviour on Kiln Lane Open Space last Saturday when the police were called out and responded immediately. This also coincided with a report Joanne Chamberlain made when the following day she and Paul Potter, the Gardener, found a red waste bin from the Co-op store had been upturned in the Village Hall grounds. Glass bottles had also been scattered around the premises.

Resolved that the Clerk reports this to the police at Ecclestone Box.

POLICE REPORT

9.26 Sgt Bradley had informed the Clerk it was not possible to send a representative to this month's meeting.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ST HELENS SHOW

09.27 **Resolved that councillors would attend at hourly intervals. Cllrs S Evans, C & G Pearl and Skepper gave specific times. Cllr Sims offered to participate during the day and Cllrs Bain and D Evans to check commitments.**

SCHOOL PRIZES

9.28 Resolved to award the 5 Eccleston Schools £50.00 each for School Prizes.

REPORTS

09.29 Development Services Consultation – Cllr G Pearl and the Clerk attended the consultation at the Town Hall on Friday 22 May 2009 when the following information was presented:

- **Jonathan Noad** – St Helens Development Plans Manager talked about Planning Policy – New Core Strategy published May 2009. Clerks have a copy on disc if anyone would like to view this. Consultation process is on line or in libraries until 8 July 2009. Adoption due 2010.
- **Allen Camm** - Planning Portal - talked about on line consultations – almost 40% on line now and will be completely within the next 5 years. The programme for accurate measuring of plans is available now on a .pdf file. Will need Computer, Projector and Broadband to become equipped. Grants are available from Awards for All.
- **Roy Benyon** talked us quickly through the process of 'Facilitating Excellence'. A hard copy is available from the Clerk.

Ecclesfield Management Committee – The Clerk attended a meeting on Tuesday 2 June 2009 when the following was discussed:

- Installation of 2 new fans
- Ecclesfield drainage problem update – site visit of John Boden and Cllr Broughton
- Chain lock changed on Ecclesfield car park – e-mail from Planet Kids received
- Graffiti to the front of the building
- Re-alignment of pitches by Jon Monsvoll and John Boden

A suggestion was made that a key could be issued to the nursery but that we wait until Windle Parish Council has discussed the problem

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for June 2009. The following points were discussed:

- St Helens Show and cover – see Smithy Minutes for details
- Outside Storage
- Bric-a-Brac Sale
- Talks Programme

Resolved that the Curators make enquiries regarding a storage container for the Smithy, the cost of which to be included in the Awards for All grant application

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09.30 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

- 24 Prestbury Dr** Single storey rear ext – N/O
24 Brooklands Rd 2-storey side ext, detached garage & new vehicular access for creation of new dwelling - **same response as last time – see letter attached**
- 28 Central Ave** Demolish dwelling & erect new - ? **sufficient off street parking**
De la Salle Schl Erect multi use games area with 5m perimeter fence – N/O
66 Ecclesfield Rd Erection of 2-storey side ext -? **off-street parking & effect on neighbouring properties**

APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/09

9.31 All Councillors were given a copy of Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement.

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts present fairly the financial position of the Council and its receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2009. Cllr G Pearl signed the Accounts Book and Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.

PENSION – MR J STEAD

09.32 The Clerk informed Councillors that a letter had been received from Merseyside Pension Fund claiming £24.82 per month per year pension increases on behalf of Mr J Stead who had been Clerk to the Parish Council from 1967 – 1976.

Resolved that the Clerk seeks advice from St Helens Council.

ACCOUNTS

09.33 Received Hall Hire £430.00; Filing On Line Incentive - HM Revenue £75; Craft Fare Stallholders £35.00; Ecclesfield Caretaker PAYE £68.20; Ecclesfield Insurance £307.83

British Gas – June	34.00
Manweb – June	102.50
United Utilities – June	48.99
United Utilities – June (increase of £4.89)	13.60
St Helens Council – Rates	100.00
St Helens Council – Commercial Waste removal	281.77
J Chamberlain – Salary June	160.88
J Chamberlain – Reqn 31 – Items for Smithy Celebration Evening	90.42
J Chamberlain – Reqn 32 – Items for International Blacksmith Day	44.18
V Hiron – Salary June	160.88
V Hiron – Req 33 – Banner for International Blacksmith Day	30.00
V Hiron – Req 34 – Banner advertising Exhibitions	30.00
L Poole - Salary – June	395.42
L Poole – Extra Duties for European Elections	25.00
A Flatters – Blacksmith Expenses – International Blacksmith Day	30.00
Willow Printing – 250 leaflets for the Smithy	71.00
L Scott – Salary June includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,111.20
L Scott – Petty Cash June	20.00

L Scott – purchase of guillotine for office use	11.46
PAYE – Curators June (Cumulative £240 3 rd month Period 1)	80.00
PAYE – Clerk June (Cumulative £828 3 rd month Period 1)	276.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk June (Cumulative £347.13 3 rd month Period 1)	115.71
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – June (£204.60 3 rd month Period 1)	68.20
B&M – extra copies Invoice 110969	8.63
Art Competition Prizes	150.00
School Prizes	250.00
PHS – 3 months’ sanitation charges – Invoice 54757020 April-June 2009	149.50
Costco membership renewal	36.80
Zurich Insurance renewal (Up £153.12 incs £67.64 cover Smithy new equipment & Ecfld)	3,081.93
P Potter – Grounds maintenance and plants (£39.80)	179.80
Post Office – PAYE & NI Period 1 – already notified and deducted monthly	(1,619.73)
Balance brought forward from May meeting £37,762.51 + receipts this month	£38,693.54
Total Payments this month	£7,157.87
Approximate balance	£31,520.67

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 31 March 2009, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £25,754.14 and Capital Reserve Account £463.28. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for March 2009, together with the Internal Auditor’s final report to end March 2009.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of May 2009	£20.52
Approximate balance at the end of May 2009	-0.52

CORRESPONDENCE

09.34 Resolved to note the following:

- St Helens Council** – Ward Committee minutes 24/3/09 – **passed to Cllr Skepper**
- CVS** – Contact – Cllr Duncan has a copy – **copy given to Cllr Maloney**
- St Helens Council** – Invitation to Armed Forces Day celebration on 27 June 2009 – **Cllrs C & G Pearl and Maloney to attend**
- Mother Teresa – Carmelite Monastery** – Thank you card for Annual Magazine
- CPRE** - Fieldwork publication – June 09 – **passed to Cllr Perry**
- St Helens Council** – Core Strategy on disc – **passed to Cllr Skepper**

DATES OF MEETINGS

9.35 Resolved to note the following:

Tues 14 July 09	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

SIGNED

DATED