

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 11 JUNE, 2013 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chairman)
Cllrs Almond, Broughton, Gray-Williams, Haw, C Pearl, G Pearl and Watmough
Mrs J Anderson (Clerk)
PCSOs Laura Rowling and Danny Allcock

APOLOGIES

13.25 Cllr Ashcroft, Duncan, Maloney and Skepper

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

13.26 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 13.32 – Planning Applications.

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

MATTERS ARISING

13.28 There were no matters to discuss.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

13.29 There were no residents' issues to report.

POLICE REPORT

13.30 PCSOs Laura Rowling and Danny Allcock attended the meeting and compared crime statistics for 13 May to 10 June with same period last year. PCSO Rowling reported the arrest of 3 males after burglaries around Eccleston. It was reported that several residents had called the police reporting drug use and dealing around Ansdell Drive Open Space. Police were acting on information.

REPORTS

13.31 Resolved to note the following:

Ecclesfield – 4 June 2013, 7pm, Village Hall. Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton and Sims attended along with the Clerk. The following points were discussed:

- no major problems reported by Caretaker
- Mike Horton, Mere FC, resigned. Ray Mullins has taken over responsibilities for Mere
- John Monsvoll, Bleak Hill Rovers presented a letter requesting that one pitch be re-instated behind houses on Broadway. The item was noted but no decision could be taken. Enquiries being made regarding the proximity to houses that pitches can be according to the lease. A meeting to be arranged between Cllr Sims, the Clerk and Gary Stevens, St Helens Council.
- request from Liverpool St Helens to use a pitch for next season. Item was deferred until the above meeting has taken place.
- complaint from the library about girls using the library facilities to get changed. Bleak Hill Rovers has reminded teams they cannot use the library
- after receiving an email from a concerned resident that there were no signs prohibiting the playing of golf on Ecclesfield it was agreed to investigate and cost the signs

Smithy Heritage Sub – 7 June 2013, 9am, Village Hall. Cllrs Ashcroft, Sims and Skepper attended along with Curators and Clerk. The following points were discussed:

- damp in the office, Clerk to obtain a quote
- CAMRA have approached the curators with regard to using the hall to hold a beer festival. A meeting to be arranged with CAMRA representatives
- archaeological issues – Joanne put together a file of information regarding an archaeological watch on proposed work at Christ Church by UU. Cllr Sims to look at and discuss with planning dept
- children’s Saturday morning garden club – Cllr Sims and Clerk to look into the implications regarding insurance on Parish land and working with children. Cllr Sims had since been in touch with St Helens Council and was advised that a risk assessment would have to be carried out on the outside area; the area would have to be secured; protective clothing would have to be provided and the Parish Council would be liable during activities. It would also mean the Village Hall would have to be hired by the organiser for a session so that there could be access to toilets and kitchen.
- IBD event, successful event and curators wish to thank everyone involved. Cllr Sims thanked Joanne and Vicky for all their hard work. Photographs to go on website as well as a link to the Memories of Eccleston website.

Finance Sub Ctte – 11 June 2013, 6.30pm, Village Hall. Cllrs Sims, Almond, G Pearl and Haw attended along with the Clerk. The current budget position was monitored. Both expenditure and income were discussed including action to be taken for hall users’ arrears.

Smithy – 11 June 2013, 6.45pm Village Hall. The following points were discussed:

- International Blacksmith’s Day – very successful event
- Real Ale Event – CAMRA wish to hold an event at the Village Hall
- Memories of Eccleston Project – 2 more session to be held
- Skills for the Future Funding – not expected to be rewarded the funding
- St Helens Heritage Network Exhibition – annual exhibition at which there will be a Smithy stand
- Festival of British Archaeology Event – items on loan from National Museums Liverpool
- Archaeological Watch – Cllr Sims passed a copy of desk-based assessment of land at Christ Church to Curators. It was carried out for United Utilities. Copy on file with Clerk
- Office Plastering – Clerk to get quote for work but not until end of season when items from the office can be decanted into the Education Room
- Willowbrook Moonlight Walk – curators and Cllr Haw participating
- Heritage Open Days – 14 and 15 September
- Hall Users – request that users today after use and report any accidents in the Accident Report Book located in the kitchen as blood was found on the kitchen floor and on the kitchen roll
- Red Skies – Curators created a replica “Images of War” exhibition for St George’s Hall during the production of Red Skies

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13.32 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

17 Crocketts Walk	Demolition of existing detached garage & single storey rear extension and erection of single storey side & rear extension N/O
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Clay Lane Farm	Replacement of 17 window frames and replacement of french doors with window N/O
58 Gorsey Croft	Conversion of garage to habitable room, with extension to rear and to front porch N/O
4 Daresbury Rd	Demolition of existing garage at side and kitchen to rear and erection of single storey side and rear extension to form garage and enlarged kitchen N/O
131 Kiln Lane	Conversion of garage to a habitable room with first floor side extension above N/O

SCHOOLS' PRIZES

- 13.33 Resolved to award £40 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

- 13.34 Resolved that the Accounts for 2012/2013 be agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Audit Annual Governance Statement was also agreed and signed.

INTERNAL AUDIT – Mr A Scott has carried out his quarterly Audit and completed and signed the Annual Internal Audit Report for the External Audit – ie Section 4.

SMITHY/CLERK TELEPHONES

- 13.35 Resolved to purchase new telephone for the Smithy Heritage Centre. Cllr G Pearl was to provide a telephone for the Clerk's use.

ACCOUNTS

- 13.36 Received: Village Hall £405, RK PAYE £76.20, Loan box – Lever House School £15, Smithy International Blacksmith's Day/Beer Festival £1836.27 (inc float)

Total Receipts	£2332.47
Payments:	
J Chamberlain – event expenses	33.48
J Anderson – float for Smithy Event (change – retd, inc in IBD takings)	200.00
Southern Electric – electricity Feb-Apr	310.62
Christ Church – grant	650.00*
A Gavin – cider for Smithy event	155.00
United Utilities – Surface water charges May	9.40
United Utilities – Water May	25.96
M Gibbons – St Helens Heritage Network Exhibition	7.00
Paul Potter – Grnds Maintenance 2 in May, 1 June + travel to S/port	91.34
Best Security – annual service	277.48
L Poole – June + exp for Village Hall	424.29
V Griffiths – June	165.72
J Chamberlain – June plus expenses	268.50
J Anderson – June includes travel and petty cash	1256.77
Total Payments	£3875.56

* 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 29 May 2013, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,521.00, Reserve Account £28,704.98 and Capital Deposit Account £464.23.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of May 2013	£18.79
Approximate balance at the end of May 2013	£5.82

CORRESPONDENCE

13.37 Resolved to note the following:

- Invitation from Bleak Hill School for Chairman to attend prize giving Monday 24 June
- Further email from resident regarding putting rugby posts elsewhere in Ecclestone
- Costco renewal – not in budget to renew this year
- Email from Caretaker – party group using outside area even though they were told not to
- Invitation to Armed Forces Day – Sat 29 June, arrive 11.35am
- Email from Helena Partnerships – regarding a faded sign at side of Knowles House Ave

DATES OF MEETINGS

13.38 Resolved to note the following:

Tuesday 9 July 13	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED

DATED