

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 10 JUNE 2014, at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH HALL, Portico Lane, Eccleston Park, Prescot

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chairman)
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Haw, C Pearl, G Pearl, Skepper and
Watmough
J Anderson (Clerk)
4 residents

APOLOGIES

14.20 Cllrs Gray-Williams and Maloney

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

14.21 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 14.27 – Planning Applications and Item 14.28 – Village Hall Heating System

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

MATTERS ARISING

14.23 Councillor Duncan was in attendance and no longer required a leave of absence.

It was agreed that Councillor G Pearl be taken off Planning Sub Committee – conflict of interest as he is on the Planning Committee of St Helens Borough Council.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

14.24 Mike Clinton, Health Improvement Team, Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust gave details of Fresh Start Weight Management and the Health Trainer service they are promoting in Eccleston.

Clerk had been in contact with St Helens Council and they reported that the bollards outside the shops on Kiln Lane belong to the shops.

One resident asked if it would be possible to have a sign at the end of Bobbies Lane explaining the road is unsuitable for vehicles. Cllr Sims explained that the road is unadopted and it was the residents' responsibility. Cllr Sims would look into the issue.

POLICE REPORT

14.25 No-one available to attend the meeting. Sgt Barcroft sent the following information:
- A new PCSO Ruth Clifton had been posted to the West Park Ward. However, the PCSO's at Eccleston namely Julia McManus, Kevin Green and Ruth cover Eccleston and West Park between them. This ensures that issues are picked up whenever the staff are on duty.
- Foxwood estate continues to be problematic in terms of ASB and use of drugs.

REPORTS

14.26 **Resolved to note the following:**

Hall and Personnel Sub – 27 May 2014, 1.30pm, Village Hall. Cllrs Sims, Skepper and G Pearl attended. The following points were discussed:

- collection of bulky rubbish from Smithy
- baby changing table in accessible toilet – **to be discussed further after the new heating system and redecoration had been completed**
- Prince's Trust meeting on Thursday 29 May 2014 at 1pm
- cleaning after Smithy events

Prince's Trust – 29 May 2014, 1pm, Village Hall. Cllr Sims and the Clerk met with 3 young people from Prince's Trust to see if they would consider the Village Hall as one of their projects. This would include painting the hall, toilets and kitchen as well as tiling the kitchen. They asked various questions and it was decided the Clerk would contact them when the change of boiler and related works had been completed

The Village Hall was not selected by the June team but will be considered as a project for September

Ecclesfield – 3 June 2014, 7pm, Village Hall. Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton and Haw attended along with the Clerk. The following points were discussed:

- no problems reported by Caretaker except unofficial games being played whilst posts were still up. Secretary had contacted St Helens Council to take down posts urgently
- users reported no problems with pitches and thanked Bob for his hard work during the season
- Bleak Hill Rovers requested a set of posts be left up so they could play matches against an U14s team visiting from France on 14 and 15 June. It was agreed that the posts could not be left up as the pitches needed to rest and it may cause further damage to the pitches. Cllr Ashcroft suggested that possibly a contribution of £25 be paid to Bleak Hill Rovers towards the cost of having to use pitches at Ruskin Drive. Cllrs would refer to their Parish Councils and report back. **It was decided not to contribute towards the cost of a pitch so that a precedent is not set.**
- Cllr Haw had secured a donation of £500 from Rainhill Rotary Club to purchase a defibrillator to be located in One Stop Shop on Walmesley Road. Training to be offered free of charge and it would serve the teams and the local community
- Ecclesfield FC made an application to play next season – it was agreed

Smithy – 10 June 2014, 6.45pm, Our Lady's. The following points were discussed:

- Security Certificate – essential if a museum wishes to borrow from other establishments. Curators have completed the form UKRG and have been informed that the Smithy has been cleared again. A copy has been sent to the Clerk
- Festival of British Archaeology Event – a selection of bone finds from local excavations will be borrowed from NML to illustrate forensic information. Dr Andrew Shuttleworth of University of Liverpool giving a talk at the Smithy on 10 July, 7pm about forensic archaeology
- Thursday Group – Curators giving talk and private viewing of Smithy including tea and coffee on 12 June 2014
- Heritage Network Group – Curators taking part. Event at Central Library for the first time
- Murder at the Smithy – event taking place on 28 June 2014 at 6pm
- Loan Boxes – very popular at the moment
- Smithy 20th Anniversary – next year's exhibition will be 'Man's Best Friend' with a dog theme
- International Blacksmith's Day – very successful event raising £1154.35. Cllr Sims congratulated the Curators and thanked them for their hard work

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14.27 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

- 35 Mill Brow** Erection of 1no dwelling
Eccleston Parish Council totally opposes the erection of 1no dwelling on land adjacent to 35 Mill Brow for the following reasons:
1. The green space is very much a steep gradient up to the bank of Mill Dam - and as such we are extremely concerned about the stability of this banking, both during any construction and in the future.
 2. The green space is considered to be of significant amenity value in that location and should be safeguarded.
 3. The proposed location of any dwelling would greatly be overbearing to No. 35 Mill Brow and would certainly have a seriously adverse effect on existing good environments.
 4. The proposed pedestrian access off Mill Brow would be at the narrowest point of Mill Brow and when vehicles are approaching from certain points, the feature sandstone wall (which again is supporting the banking) bellies out and visibility is extremely restricted. This is a major concern considering that fact that there is a large secondary school within 100 metres of the land in the proposals.
 5. The domestic properties on both Mill Brow and Holly Close do not have any front vehicular access, and as such all access via the narrow cul-de-sac to the rear - the additional traffic that these proposals would produce just adds to their restricted access.
- 5 Millfields** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1no new dwelling N/O
- Catchdale Moss House** Change of use from agricultural shed to 8 stables, along with a new tack room and manege N/O
- Eccleston Mere School** Repositioning of an existing CCTV column and camera N/O
- Eccleston Lane Ends School** Replacement of windows and doors, and erection of canopy N/O
- 71 Alder Hey Rd** Two storey side extension **Please ensure that there is sufficient off street parking**

VILLAGE HALL HEATING SYSTEM

14.28 **Resolved to ask each company to quote for the same specifications. Clerk to contact each company.**

SCHOOLS' PRIZES

14.29 **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

14.30 **Resolved that the Accounts for 2013/2014 be agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Audit Annual Governance Statement was also agreed and signed.**

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

ACCOUNTS

14. 31

Received: Village Hall £509.00, RK PAYE £76.20, HM Rev & Cust £483.27, Smithy International Blacksmith's Day £1154.35 (plus £55 float kept back), loan boxes £40

Total Receipts **£2262.82**

Payments:

PHS Group – hygiene services	144.00
GPS Telecoms – clerk phone	33.35
J Chamberlain – items for Blacksmith's Day	350.57
Geo Wright Brewery – beer for IBD	248.40
Mark Constable – blacksmith for IBD	200.00
Paula Keary – pole lathe demonstration for IBD	150.00
Andrew Martlew – items for cake making for IBD	10.18
St Helens Council – cleaning April	279.30
B & M Office Machines – photocopier hire	85.00
Southern Electric – electricity Feb-Apr	534.88
United Utilities – water June	20.71
United Utilities – water June	9.69
L Poole – June	408.10
J Anderson – June includes travel	1234.72
J Chamberlain – June	165.72
V Griffiths – June	165.72
Our Lady Help of Christians – donation for use of hall	20.00
Total Payments	£4060.34

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 23 May 2014, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £28,811.41 and Capital Deposit Account £464.47

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of May 2014	£9.36
Approximate balance at the end of May 2013	£22.48

CORRESPONDENCE

14.32 **Resolved to note the following:**

Email – Prince's Trust – not selected for June team but they will consider us for September team

Email – St Helens Council – passing the organisation of Armed Forces Day to TS Scimitar, Sea Cadet Unit

Invitation from Bleak Hill School for Chairman to attend prize giving Tuesday 8 July, 9.15am

Email – Armed Forces Day – Saturday 28 June 2014, 11.40am for 11.50am start

DATES OF MEETINGS

14.33 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 8 July 14	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

SIGNED

DATED