

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2015, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, KILN LANE, ECCLESTON

PRESENT: Cllr Ashcroft (Chairman)
Cllrs Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, C Pearl, G Pearl, Sims and Skepper
J Anderson (Clerk)
5 residents

APOLOGIES

15.20 Cllrs Dawson, Kempself and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

15.21 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 15.28 – Planning Applications

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 MAY 2015

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

MATTERS ARISING

15.23 Item 15.09 Residents' Issues – Cllr Sims reported that she had spoken to the Royal Mail regarding mail reportedly being delivered to incorrect addresses in Millfields since the flats near Sainsbury's had been occupied. Royal Mail commented that the flats had their own individual postcodes and were accessed off Tatton Way not Millfields. Cllr Sims had reported back to the resident who raised the initial concern.

COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

15.24 Prior to the Parish Council meeting, Cllrs had spoken to 2 candidates that had applied to be co-opted as a Councillor to the Parish Council. During the Parish meeting a closed ballot was taken and it was **resolved that Joanne Broughton be co-opted as Councillor on Eccleston Parish Council.**

Cllr Broughton joined the meeting.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

15.25 None reported

POLICE REPORT

15.26 PCSOs Kevin Green and Ruth Clifton attended the meeting and presented current crime figures compared to the same period last year. PCSO Green commented that the figures were generally down on last year which was a reflection of residents reporting incidents promptly.

REPORTS

15.27 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – 2 June 2015, 7pm, Village Hall. Cllrs Ashcroft and Sims attended along with the Clerk. The following points were discussed:

- The Caretaker reported no problems except players banging mud from boots in the shower rooms. He had put up a notice asking players to clean their boots outside.
- The Secretary had contacted St Helens Council to take down posts as soon as possible
- Users reported no problems with pitches and thanked Bob for his hard work during the season
- Users also thank the Management Cttee for keeping pitch hire fees the same as last year
- As a result of a pitch not being reinstated to the rear of Broadway, because the ground was unsuitable, John Monsvoll, Bleak Hill Rovers would be contacting St Helens Council to have under 7s pitches marked in blue on 2 or 3 pitches at a cost to Bleak Hill Rovers
- John Monsvoll also reported that Bleak Hill Rovers would like to have small plastic containers placed near pitches to store goals and ropes for games. The containers would be sunk into concrete. Cllr Sims stated that the land was leased to Eccleston Parish Council and the lease stated that no structures could be erected on the land. Therefore the containers could not be put on the field. Cllr Sims asked the secretary to check the lease.

Smithy – June meeting had to be cancelled due to Parish Council business conducted before the Parish Meeting – report issued to all Councillors which included:

- International Blacksmith's Day
- Alarm call out
- Festival of British Archaeology
- School visit
- Heritage Open Days
- 2016 season

Lester Drive Community Meeting – AGM – Cllr Duncan attended the meeting at Lester Drive Centre on Friday 29 May 2015:

- Secretary resigning after 5 years but will stay on the committee
- Andrew Martlew will act as Secretary temporarily
- Users groups continue to do well
- They will receive a grant from Rainhill Rotary
- Require a new fire escape door
- Transition to CIA – deeds with St Helens Council
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's A/c £8,555.06 Building Fund £23,836.17

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15.28 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

57 The Avenue	Single storey rear extension projecting 6.4m from the rear, 3.7m high overall, and 2.4m to the eaves N/O
17 Wokefield Way	Erection of two storey side extension (with amended driveway) N/O
67 Ecclesfield Rd	Single storey side and rear extension N/O
44 The Avenue	Two storey side extension N/O

Ecc Lane Ends Rec Club	Erection of 4no 8m high columns, with 2x400 watt flood lights on each column, surrounding the green 1. Eccleston Parish Council is concerned that the siting of 4 columns with 2x400 watt floodlights would be to the rear of residential properties (on 3 sides) and could have an adverse affect on their privacy 2. Please consult with Street Lighting as to whether there are any new floodlights which cause minimal throw back of light to properties. 3. Parking arrangements for the club causes major problems now during the season, so any intensification of usage (if intended) would exacerbate the situation. Please advise what additional parking provision could be provided (if increased membership is one of the aims of the applicants). 4. If granted, please ensure that there is an automatic cut off device incorporated into any floodlighting scheme.
Land off St Helens Road 42 Pinfold Dr 17 Bleak Hill Rd	Creation of widened access on a classified road for a temporary period, to facilitate large scale cleaning of water main N/O Two storey rear extension N/O Erection of front dormer N/O

ST JAMES CHURCH GRANT

15.29 **Resolved that St James be awarded a grant of £250 for ongoing maintenance work in the Garden of Remembrance as budgeted.**

SCHOOLS' PRIZES

15.30 **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.**

LIVERPOOL ST HELENS RUGBY EVENT

15.31 A request had been received from Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club for financial assistance towards the cost of the Web Ellis World Cup event being held at the club on 28 July 2015. **It was resolved that the Parish Council could not set a precedent by contributing financially towards the event.** The Clerk would inform the event organiser.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

15.32 **Resolved that the Accounts for 2014/2015 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

15.33
Received: Village Hall £559 (including elections), RK PAYE £77.80, Smithy International Blacksmith's Day £1179.05 (+£95 being kept back as float), Windle phone £8.57, Nat West interest 0.83
Total Receipts **£1825.25**

Payments:

Golden Hygiene – hygiene services annual payment	295.20
Geo Wright Brewery – beer for IBD (last year)	93.37
St Helens Council – cleaning April	298.60
St Helens Council – commercial waste	284.16
Screen Positive – IBD banner	24.00
Best Security – annual maintenance of Smithy alarm	293.87
B & M Office Machines – photocopier hire	102.00
Southern Electric – electricity Mar-May	554.17
J Chamberlain – items for Blacksmith’s Day	256.87
United Utilities – water Apr/May	19.72
J Anderson – June includes travel and petty cash	1287.19
J Chamberlain – June	168.86
L Poole – June	418.05
V Griffiths – June	175.06
Geo Wrights Brewing Company – beer for IBD (this year)	253.20
Mark Constable – blacksmith for IBD	246.00
B D Milne – bee skep making demo for IBD	120.00
Paul Potter Garden Services – VH grounds maintenance June x 2	56.25
Total Payments	£4946.57

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 29 May 2015, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £30,045.06 and Capital Deposit Account £464.73

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of May 2015	£6.48
Approximate balance at the end of May 2015	£5.55

CORRESPONDENCE

15.34 **Resolved to note the following:**

- Email from Rainhill Civic Society** – suggesting an informal meeting between 2 or 3 of their members and any interested Eccleston residents – **Clerk to forward to interested residents**
- Email from Paul Potter** – rubbish dumped in the grounds. St Helens Council quoted £35 to take away – **contact St Helens Council to remove the rubbish**
- Quote from decorator** – for re-painting 4 sections in the hall. Forwarded to St Helens Council
- Email re: War Memorials forwarded from Rainhill Civic Society** – Civic Voice organising a project where volunteers would record the location and condition of local war memorials. Workshop in Manchester on 17 June – **passed to Cllr Duncan**
- St Helens Council** – invitation to the commemoration of Armed Forces Day Sat 27 June 2015, 11.40am – **Cllrs G and C Pearl to attend**

DATES OF MEETINGS

15.35 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 14 July 2015	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Our Lady’s
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Our Lady’s

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED

DATED