MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2010, at 7.30 pm in ST JAMES'S CHURCH HALL, St Helens Road, Eccleston Park

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)

Cllrs Broughton, Duncan, S Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney, C Pearl, Sims &

Watmough

Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bain, D Evans, Skepper, CSO L Rowling

COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION - WEST WARD

09.126 Ruth Watmough was co-opted as a Parish Councillor on West Ward. Cllr Pearl and Parish Councillors welcomed Ruth to the Parish Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09.127 Cllr G Pearl declared at interest in 09.134 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 FEBRUARY 2010

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

MATTERS ARISING

09.129 09.120 – PAT TESTING. The test has been completed with 3 failures being reported. Both cabinets in the Education Room and the kitchen urn need attention.

Resolved to arrange for an electrician to inspect the 3 items and report back.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

09.130 There were no reported Residents' issues.

POLICE REPORT

09.131 The Police were unable to send a representative to the meeting due to staff shortages. Lisa Skidmore e-mailed a report showing the crime figures for the last month. These were copied and given to Parish Councillors.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE FORMAT

O9.132 The Clerk reported that the Magazine was now in the process of being printed. She stated that we had received information from the compiler of Local Life which will be delivered in the Eccleston area every 6 weeks. This may be a way of informing residents of the work of the Parish Council in future. They require 300 words for each edition.

Resolved to defer this item until next month and request a copy of the publication.

REPORTS

09.133 Resolved to note the following:

<u>Ecclesfield Management Committee</u> - a meeting of the Ecclesfield Management Committee was held on Tuesday 2 March in the Village Hall when the following items were discussed:

- Youth Opportunities grant
- Problems with doors being left open
- Bleak Hill representative liaising with St Helens re pitch marking
- Copies of Budget for 2010/2011 given to Councillors
- Late payment of pitch fees by one club
- Next meeting date changed to Thursday 3 June 2010

<u>Smithy Working Party</u> – Councillors were given copies of the Curators' Report for March 2010. Apologies were received from Joanne Chamberlain, Vicky Hirons and Rose Tyler. In their absence, Councillors discussed the following:

- Forthcoming Exhibitions
- Awards for All Purchases
- Lack of Annual Magazine article
- CRB check for V Hirons
- Failure of PAT test on Education Room cabinets

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09.134 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

4 Middlehurst Cl Demolish conservatory & erect single storey rear ext – N/O

Woodland 32 Erection of 2 detached dwellings & 1 detached bungalow – Object to loss 32 & 48 Park Ave of woodland area & protected trees. Design bland & does not fit with

properties in the area plus over-development of site

26 Old Lane Rear Conservatory – **N/O**

Clay Lane Farm Replacement stone slates to front slope of roof - N/O

Methodist Church Re-submission of plan for demolition of church & erection of 7

residential houses - Public meeting arranged 15 March 2010

Mere View Farm Ext to house to form garden room, enlarged bedroom window & balcony

alterations - N/O

6 Orchard Close 2-storey side ext, front porch & single storey rear ext - ? architectural

imbalance & overbearing effect on neighbouring properties plus concern over additional vehicle traffic in very small cul-de-sac

CPRE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

09.135 Resolved to renew the CPRE Membership for the year 2010/2011.

MILL BROW GROUNDS MAINTENANCE RENEWAL

09.136 Resolved to renew the contract with St Helens Council for the year 2010/2011.

Cllr Broughton joined the meeting

ACCOUNTS

09.137 Received Hall Hire £470.00; R Kelsey PAYE £68.20.

British Gas – March	188.00			
Manweb – March	157.00			
United Utilities – March	13.60			
St Helens Council – Cleaning February	255.20			
J Chamberlain – Salary March – includes Victorian Christmas fee	380.88			
V Hirons – Salary March – includes Victorian Christmas fee	380.88			
J Chamberlain – Mileage to pick up items for exhibit	26.32			
L Poole - Salary – March	395.42			
L Poole – Reimbursement for Telephone Calls for the year	75.00			
L Scott – Salary March includes £7.20 travel expenses	1111.20			
PAYE – Curators March (Cumulative £490 3 rd month Period 4)				
PAYE – Clerk March (Cumulative £828 2 nd month period 4)	276.00			
EPC NI contribution – Clerk March (Cumulative £347.13 3 rd month period 4)	115.71			
Inland Revenue – last ¹ / ₄ PAYE/NI – already reported monthly	(1,880.81)			
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – March (£204.60 3 rd month period 4)	68.20			
B&M - extra copies Invoice 125709 (Changed to quarterly billing) 16/12/09 – 15/3/10	26.44			
CPRE – Subscription renewal	29.00			
St Helens District CVS – PAT testing – 21 items in the Village Hall	31.50			
PHS – 3 months' services in Village Hall – Invoice 55813055	152.75			
St James PCC – Hire of Hall for March Parish Council Meeting	28.00			

Balance brought forward from February meeting £37,444.29 plus receipts this month£37,982.49 Total Payments this month Approximate balance £34,081.39

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 26 February 2010, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £25,293.20 and Capital Reserve Account £463.40. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for February 2010.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of February 2010	£22.90
Approximate balance at the end of February 2010	£9.51

CORRESPONDENCE

09.138 Resolved to note the following:

St Helens Council – Local Development Framework Consultation on CD

United Utilities – Charging methods to remain same ie rateable value - meter size not site area

St Helens Council – Information of how to access the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

St Helens Council – Minutes of January Ward Committee Meeting

DATES OF MEETINGS

09.139 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tues 13 April	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tues 27 April	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.04 pm.

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DATED			