

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2011, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Duncan, Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney, C Pearl & Sims
CSO L Rowling, Mrs L Scott, Clerk
1 Resident

APOLOGIES: Cllr Ashcroft, Skepper and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

10.133 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 10.139 – Village Hall Charges and Councillors Pearl and Sims in Item 10.142 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 FEBRUARY 2011

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

MATTERS ARISING

10.135 10.126 – Annual Magazine – This has now gone to print and an Ecclestone Park gentleman has agreed to deliver this to residents of Ecclestone and Ecclestone Park.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

10.136 There were no residents' issues to report.

Councillor Broughton joined the meeting

POLICE REPORT

10.137 Laura Rowling compared the crime figures from 1 January to 7 March 2010 with this year so far. She further commented that the Rural Watch initiative had attracted great interest and positive feedback. The Schools Road Safety and Parking initiative is still ongoing.

Councillor Pearl invited questions from Councillors.

MILLWOOD AVENUE REQUEST

10.138 **Resolved that permission be given to Helena Housing to hold fitness sessions with children on Millwood Avenue on 4 April 2011 but suggest Saleswood Avenue open space might be a better option.**

VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

10.139 **Resolved that charges for hire of the Village Hall are increased by £1 for both one-off and regular users – one-offs on 1 April 2011 and regulars 1 June 2011 and allowing pre-bookings to stand at the original cost.**

A meeting of the Hall & Personnel Committee has been set for Tuesday 5 April at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall.

CARETAKER'S HOLIDAY

10.140 Noted that Lisa Poole has requested 25 July – 8 August 2011 off for holidays.

REPORTS

10.141 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – Cllrs Broughton and Sims attended a meeting on Tuesday 1 March 2011 in Eccleston Village Hall when the following was discussed:

- Changing Room Car Park – being used on Saturdays and Sundays by shoppers and shopkeepers. Notices have been posted prohibiting this at weekends
- Spar still leaving plastic crates outside the shop at night
- More graffiti has been sprayed on the side wall – to be removed when the weather improves
- Drainage is working well despite the wet weather
- Teams well behind on matches due to bad winter
- Changes are coming up (maybe 2018) re sizes of pitches for under age players
- Car being parked blocking entry to field by emergency vehicles – notice to be posted
- Eligible for United Utilities concessionary scheme – lower water payments next year

Councillor Sims reported that there has been adverse reaction to the notices from a resident. This matter will be discussed once again at the next Ecclesfield Meeting.

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for March 2011. The following points were discussed:

- Outdoor display cabinet (notice board)
- Smithy outer doors
- List of Locally Important Buildings – Cllr Sims offered to enquire how the list is accessed
- Volunteer payment – December cheque not been cashed
- Loan Boxes

Local Development Framework – Meeting held in St Helens Town Hall on Tuesday 22 February 2011 attended by Councillors Ashcroft, Skepper and Watmough, to discuss changes to the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Document. Incorporated in the discussions were:

- Development Plans
- Spatial Strategies
- Policies and Procedures
- Submission to Secretary of State in May 2011
- Document available for inspection

Clerks' Meeting – The Clerk attended a meeting at St Helens Town Hall on Friday 4 March 2011 when the following discussions took place:

- Public Sector Mapping Agreement
- Parish Council Elections – Estimated charge £6,348.35 if all wards contested
- Localism Bill - Abolition of Standards Regime
- Private Members' Bill – Recall of Elected Representative.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.142 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

Wellington Hotel 168 Kiln Lane	2 non-illuminated fascia signs – N/O Application to vary condition 2 of 2010/0628 to allow alterations to opening times - Police consulted – EPC no objection in principle, but a 12 month temporary permission could be considered, to monitor the situation.
2 The Woodlands	Single storey side & rear extension with new pitched roof over existing garage – N/O
12 Pike House Rd	Conversion of garage to habitable room & single storey side/rear ext - ? sufficient off street parking
5 Pike Place	Demolish rear kitchen ext & erect single storey side/rear ext - ? sufficient off street parking

ACCOUNTS

10.143 Received Village Hall Hire £795.00, R Kelsey PAYE £71.60, Smithy Grant £5,700.00

British Gas – March	78.00
Manweb – March	163.00
United Utilities – March payment	12.73*
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J Chamberlain - Salary March	165.72
J Chamberlain – Requisition 87 – purchases for Smithy	44.06
V Hirons - Salary March	165.72
L Poole - Salary – March	402.90
L Poole – Contribution to phone calls on behalf of Parish Council	75.00
L Scott – Salary March includes £4.80 travel expenses	1141.82
L Scott – Petty Cash	10.00
PAYE – Curators March (Cumulative £247.20 3 rd month Period 4)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk March (Cumulative £853.00 3 rd month Period 4)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker (Cumulative £14.00 3 rd month Period 4)	4.60
EPC NI contribution – Clerk March (Cumulative £363.03 3 rd month Period 4)	121.01
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – March (£214.80 3 rd month Period 4)	71.60
CPRE – Subscription renewal – same charge as last year	29.00
Halton & St Helens VCA (formerly CVS) – subscription renewal – same	30.00
PHS – Sanitary Services in the Village Hall	171.51
Willow Printing – St George’s Day leaflets for Smithy	87.00
Ecclesfield Changing Facility – last contribution towards running costs	915.00
Balance brought forward February meeting £27,966.23 plus receipts this month	£28,837.83
Total Payments this month	£4,080.02
Approximate balance	£24,757.81

* United Utilities has informed us that we are eligible for the Concessionary Scheme which will reduce one of our payments to £100.30 a year.

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk also reported that, as at 28 February 2011, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £22,309.83 and Capital Deposit Account £463.64.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of February 2011
Approximate balance at the end of February 2011

£31.35
-£7.58

CORRESPONDENCE

10.144 **Resolved to note the following:**

St Helens Council – Core Strategy Development Planning Documents on CD ROM
CPRE - Subs renewal £29.00 – **Resolved to renew**
Halton & District VCA – formerly CVS – subs renewal £30.00 – **Resolved to renew**
United Utilities - April 2011 we are eligible for concessionary scheme - see Accounts
St Helens Council – Mill Brow maintenance renewal £308.55 - **Resolved to inform St Helens Council we will not require grounds maintenance on Mill Brow this year due to work being carried out by Groundwork**

DATES OF MEETINGS

10.145 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 12 April 11	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	St James
Tuesday 26 April 11	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	St James

Councillor G Pearl gave a vote of thanks to Councillors David Bain and Shirley Evans who are both standing down at the end of April after many years of service to the Parish Council. They were presented with Book Tokens from Councillors and Clerk to commemorate their time in office.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

SIGNED

DATED