

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

PRESENT: Cllr C Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, G Pearl, Sims and Watmough
Mrs J Anderson – Clerk

APOLOGIES

12.151 Councillors Almond, Ashcroft and Skepper

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

12.152 Councillors G Pearl and Sims declared an interest in Item 12.160 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

12.154 There were no matters.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

12.155 None to report.

POLICE REPORT

12.156 Police Officer Andy Tomkinson attended the meeting and discussed the crime statistics distributed to all Parish Councillors. The statistics compare favourably with the same period last year. Cllr Sims commented on the hard work of the police particularly in the Eccleston area.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

12.157 The magazine went to print and should be delivered to the Guides representative by 25 March 2013 for delivery to residents by 9 April 2013.

REPORTS

12.158 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – Held Tuesday 5 March 2013 at 7.00 pm in Eccleston Village Hall. Councillors Ashcroft and Broughton attended along with the Clerk and reported as follows:

- The Caretaker reported that a scrambler bike had been seen on the field and he had reported to police. Also papers had been burned near the changing rooms. He reported to Spar and they were contacting their head office
- Mere FC reported that due to bad weather they had not played any games between November and February, although they played last weekend and pitches were good except for hollows where water had been lying.
- Bleak Hill reported that from September Junior leagues will have to play 5-a-side not 7-a-side and pitches will have to be dual marked. Costs were discussed with the Chair explaining budgets

had been set and no extra funds would be available. **Cllr Sims to contact St Helens Council to confirm arrangements**

- Changing rooms in good condition and serviceable
- Both clubs will play mid-week fixtures to complete all games by the end of the season
- Pitch fees for 2013/14 were agreed
- Budget for 2013/14 was agreed and accepted

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for March 2013. The following points were discussed:

- Broadband issues delaying some of the curators' work
- Funding bid
- Roof repairs
- Images of War
- Pilkington Family Trust
- Memories of Eccleston
- Tea urn
- Security measures
- Request for help for International Blacksmith's Day on 25 May 2013

LINKS Cllr Duncan attended a Coffee Morning at Peter Street on 5 March 2013. The following were discussed:

- ROTA St Helens – explanation of the out of hours GP service
- NHS 111 – will replace NHS Direct
- Medical Aids and Equipment – can be returned by calling 0151 430 2323, Sarah and Lynsey
- Liverpool Care Pathway – raised many questions. People very unhappy about how it is implemented. Hoped to have a further meeting to discuss this. Copy of Liverpool Care Pathway being sent to Cllr Duncan

Chrysalis Care Centre – Women Supporting Women Cllrs Duncan and Skepper attended the meeting at Peter Street on 7 March 2013. They provide counselling courses and volunteering opportunities. Certificates were presented to all who had won awards. Several women told their stories which were very moving. Col Martin Amlôt OBE gave a talk and presented certificates.

SMITHY CHARGES

12.159 **Resolved that the following charges be introduced for the Smithy:** craft activities 50p each; loan boxes £5 per week; talks/school/group visits £30. A separate record of this income will be kept that allows Curators to claim any travel expenses that would have previously come out of the Smithy budget.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12.160 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

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| De La Salle | Application to vary condition 31 of previously approved planning application P/2010/0590 to extend working hours to 08.00 - 17.00 on Saturdays and Sundays for a temporary period N/O |
| Eccleston Mere | Two storey extension to provide 6 additional classrooms, group room and WC facilities Supported with suggested improvements regarding highways layout to alleviate parking problems |
| 15 Crocketts Walk | Part single storey part two storey side extension with porch to the front and a first floor addition above the existing kitchen at the rear N/O |

De La Salle Variation of conditions 1 & 3 of application P/2012/0715 (retention of plant and erection of plant screen) to amend the location and height of the plant screen (not affecting the area above the plant room) and the time scales for installation **N/O**

Land adj to 45 Millbrook Lane Erection of a detached dwelling with detached single garage **N/O**

16 Brookfield Rd Two storey side and rear extension **Ensure sufficient off street parking and also feel it is overbearing to the neighbour**

ACCOUNTS

12.161

Received: Village Hall Hire £507, RK PAYE £76.20

Total Receipts **£583.20**

Payments:

GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – Jan	34.76
Tommy Poole Electricals – security lights	136.00
Paul Potter – Grounds maintenance - January	70.00
Southern Electric – Elec Nov-Jan	747.64
United Utilities – February	8.93
United Utilities – February	25.96
Paul Potter – Grounds maintenance - Feb	70.00
L Poole – March	407.50
J Anderson – March + travel	1182.73
V Griffiths – March	165.72
J Chamberlain – March + expenses	242.54
V Griffiths – replacement chq for January salary (chq stopped at bank) reported in January accounts	(165.72)
Total Payments	£3091.78

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 25 February 2013, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £19,690.96 and Capital Deposit Account £464.18.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of February 2013	£6.00
Approximate balance at the end of February 2013	£21.35

CORRESPONDENCE

12.162 **Resolved to note the following:**

Quotes for roof repairs

Revised tender for grounds maintenance

St Helens Council – Treatment of Japanese Knotweed –£48.90 for April-Oct 2013

CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) – Request for subscription renewal **Clerk to reply – not renewing subscription**

Email from Rosemary Tyler – congratulating staff on Museum Accreditation

Police Newsletter – March 2013

Email from Paul Potter – dog litter bags being thrown into the Village Hall bushes

MPFA – next meeting 14 March, Liverpool Cricket Club 6pm

Quote for windows in the Smithy – **refer to Hall and Personnel Sub Ctte**

DATES OF MEETINGS

12.163 **Resolved to note the following:**

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

Tuesday 23 April 13	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
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The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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DATED