

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 11 MARCH, 2014, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

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

APOLOGIES

13.147 Councillors Almond, Gray-Williams, Maloney and Skepper

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

13.148 Councillor G Pearl Item 13.155 – Planning Applications

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 FEBRUARY 2014

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

MATTERS ARISING

13.150 There were no matters.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

13.151 None to report.

POLICE REPORT

13.152 Police were unable to attend the meeting. PCSO Kevin Green forwarded a report containing crime statistics comparing 7 February-7 March 2014 with the same period last year. The report also detailed the work of the police in trying to disperse groups of youths around the Walmesley Road area. Police issue anti-social behaviour warning letters to youths actively involved in the disruption.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

13.153 The magazine went to print and would be delivered to the Guides' representative by 21 March 2014 for delivery to residents.

REPORTS

13.154 **Resolved to note the following:**

Open Spaces – Cllr Sims and the Clerk met with St Helens Council and Lancashire Wildlife Trust at the Town Hall, 12 February 2014 at 2pm for a progress meeting of the work at Mill Brow and Mill Wood. Mike Roberts, Woodlands Officer stated that excellent work had been carried out by Wildlife Trust. Work still to be completed included: tree planting, treatment of rhododendron, bird boxes, wildflower seeding, bulb planting, stump treatment and chipping and tidy up. Signage and education activities were also to be completed. Local Nature Reserve status would be achieved during 2014/15. A possible promotional event would take place when all work completed

Ecclesfield – Tuesday 4 March 2014 at 7.00 pm in Eccleston Village Hall. Councillors Ashcroft, Broughton, Haw and Sims attended along with the Secretary and reported as follows:

- Caretaker reported that he had been recording the water temperature successfully. He was able to turn the hot water temperature down to be within the requirements. There had not been many games due to bad weather and there were no problems to report with the changing rooms. A scrambler bike had been spotted riding across the pitches but disappeared before he could get details

- Mere FC sent an email confirming that they could no longer play. Reasons being – insufficient players and problems obtaining fees from their players
- Bleak Hill Rovers reported that only a couple of pitches were flooding due to heavy rain. Their main concern was the amount of dog foul on the pitches
- A resident complaint had been received regarding dog foul on the field. Cllrs Sims and Haw to contact dog wardens and to include an article in their newsletter about toxocariasis. Secretary to reply to resident
- An email was received from a resident complaining about the amount of mud left on the pavement after children left the field. Boots were being banged onto the pavement before children get into cars. Bleak Hill Rovers to inform all coaches and put a note on their website. Secretary to reply to resident
- Pitch fees for 2014/15 were agreed
- Budget was agreed and accepted

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators’ Report for March 2014. The following points were discussed:

- Memories of Eccleston – 432 copies of the book to be printed. Exhibition will be on display at the launch of project on 20 March 2014
- Murder Most Foul – exhibition to run from 19 April to 14 September 2014
- International Blacksmith’s Day – 24 May 2014, 12-11pm, craftspeople booked
- Christ Church Women’s Fellowship – curators were invited to give a talk about the lives of Victorian women. Christ Church kindly donated £50 to Smithy fund
- Smithy Education Room – security risk if user groups offered the room for hire. Only to be used by Parish Council as necessary

Merseystravel – Cllr Watmough no longer attends these forums as she does not feel the meetings are very productive. Cllr Haw to forward the minutes to the Clerk for distribution and comments.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13.155 **Resolved to note the following:**

#### **Delegated**

<b>Prescot Cricket Club</b>	Resurfacing of existing cricket pitch with synthetic surface and laying out of new synthetic cricket pitch <b>N/O</b>
<b>23 Brookside Ave</b>	Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side extension with porch to front, along with pitched roof over existing side extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>24 Broadway</b>	Single storey side and rear extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>Hill View, Green Lane</b>	Resubmission of application P/2013/0576, conversion of bungalow to dormer bungalow, including complete removal of roof, raising of eaves level by 1m and increasing roof pitch, with an extended front porch <b>N/O</b>
<b>23A Central Ave</b>	Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order for felling of 4 no hollies, limb removal of 1 no holly, crown lifting to remaining trees along with felling of 2 no sycamores not covered by the order <b>Refer to St Helens Council arboriculturist</b>
<b>Old Mere View Farmhouse</b>	Single storey side and rear extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>46 Pinfold Dr</b>	Two storey front extension <b>Please ensure sufficient off-street parking</b>
<b>11 Albany Ave</b>	Outline application with some matters reserved for erection of 1no bungalow <b>1. The bungalow would create an architectural imbalance in the identified location 2. This is a well established residential area and these infill proposals would detract from that setting 3. Eccleston Lane Ends school is only metres away from the proposed site and the additional traffic that may result from these proposals would be totally unacceptable</b>
<b>1 The Avenue</b>	Single storey dining room extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>12 Long Meadow</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension <b>N/O</b>

ACCOUNTS

13.156 Received Village Hall Hire £440, RK PAYE £76.20  
**Total Receipts** **£516.20**

**Payments:**

Crawford Heating and Plumbing Services – repairs to boiler	205.00
GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – January	30.19
V Griffiths – display boards – Memories of Eccleston Project	442.80
Southern Electric – elec Nov-Jan	852.92
T Poole Electrical – replace tubes and starters in lights in Smithy office	55.00
J Chamberlain – expenses for Memories of Eccleston launch	70.80
United Utilities – March	9.40
United Utilities – March	24.38
Costco – Memories of Eccleston budget – items for launch	24.00
L Poole – March	407.50
J Anderson – March + travel	1216.08
V Griffiths – March	165.72
J Chamberlain – March	165.72
Paul Potter – grounds maintenance - January	49.44
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£3718.95</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 February 2014, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £18,175.99 and Capital Deposit Account £464.41.

**PETTY CASH** - Expenditure for the month of February 2014 £6.00  
**Approximate** balance at the end of February 2014 £32.93

CORRESPONDENCE

13.157 **Resolved to note the following:**

- Email from Curators** – thanking Parish Council for reinstating their original budget
- Grounds Maintenance Tender** – Clerk acquired second quote
- St Helens Council** – Request for work – Treatment of Japanese Knotweed – £50.12 + VAT April-Oct 14 – year 4 (budgeted for)
- Report on Village Hall crack monitoring** – recommendation that the cracks be monitored each year (will be on April agenda for discussion)

DATES OF MEETINGS

13.158 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 8 April 14	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 22 April 14	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....