

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 10 MARCH, 2015, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)  
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Haw and Gray-Williams  
Janet Anderson – Clerk  
4 residents

**APOLOGIES**

14.125 Cllrs Almond, C Pearl, G Pearl, Skepper and Watmough

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

14.126 None declared

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 FEBRUARY 2015**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

14.128 Cllr Sims confirmed that the nuns had left the Carmelite Monastery.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

14.129 A resident enquired about the tree preservation orders. Cllr Sims explained that all the trees would be assessed to see if they were dead, diseased or dangerous then preservation orders would be applied for. Cllr Sims added that nothing had been received by Planning at St Helens Council regarding the site at the close of that day. The resident enquired about the security of the area. Cllr Sims replied that she was not aware of the security arrangements but that it would come under Building Control at St Helens Town Hall and that it would be kept secure for safety reasons. One resident had been in touch with a legal firm in London who reported that it would be early to mid summer before there would be any developments. Cllr Sims reassured residents that nothing would happen without anyone knowing.

A resident commented that the under-surface that had been laid on Acacia Grove was too high. Cllr Sims replied that the road would be inspected by St Helens Council before the contractors finish the work.

A discussion took place regarding safety measures whilst crossing Walmesley Road as residents felt that it was becoming increasingly dangerous to cross.

A resident commented on the recycling boxes and bags that were going missing along Millbrook Lane after being emptied. The resident felt that the bin operatives did not replace them in front of the correct houses and some elderly residents were unable to retrieve theirs. Cllr Sims informed the resident that St Helens Council offered a scheme entitled Bin Assist for elderly residents where the operatives would collect the bins, boxes and bags from the resident's property and replace them when empty. The resident would have to re-order new recycling containers as theirs were now missing.

**POLICE REPORT**

14.130 Police were unable to attend the meeting. PCSO Kevin Green forwarded a report containing crime statistics comparing 10 February-10 March 2015 with the same period last year. Most categories were down on last year except for theft from a motor vehicle which had increased from 1 last year to 5 this year.

## ANNUAL MAGAZINE

14.131 The magazine had gone to print and would be delivered to the Guides' representative by 27 March 2015 for delivery to residents at least one week before the Annual Parish Meeting on 28 April 2015.

## REPORTS

14.132 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for March 2015. The following points were discussed:

- Vintage Valentine – exhibition had been a great success
- Murder Mystery – 'Immaculate Deception' held on 14 February 2015 was a very successful evening
- Dogs Trust – Curators liaising with Dogs Trust for suggestions for their up-coming exhibition in September with the possibility of someone making their own dog biscuits and selling them to raise funds for the charity
- International Blacksmith's Day – 23 May 2015, 12-11pm, a farrier and Puzzle the horse booked for the event as well as other craftspeople

Ecclesfield – Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 7.00 pm in Eccleston Village Hall. Councillors Ashcroft and Broughton attended along with the Secretary and reported as follows:

- Caretaker reported no problems with the changing facility. He reported that he had spoken to the owners of a scrambler bike riding across the pitches. They told him the police had said they could ride the bike on there. He reported it to the Secretary who reported it to Inspector Collins. The bike had not been spotted since.
- Bob had problems with locks on the changing room doors so changed the locks. Also the key broke in the lock on the car park chain. He replaced this and gave a spare key to the Secretary.
- Bob also mentioned that the away changing room door had been left open after a game. He would mention it to the other teams that were not at the meeting.
- Mike Horton, Ecclesfield FC reported that they were happy with the facilities and had no problems although they were not playing a lot of games at the moment because of a lack of fixtures and teams in their league. He had been pleased with the training the Cllr Haw arranged for the use of the defibrillator.
- Cllr Broughton reported that a resident had mentioned that players were banging mud off their boots on Walmesley Road. Teams were asked to mention this to their players.
- Pitch fees for 2015/16 were agreed and would remain the same
- The budget was agreed and accepted

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14.133 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

**8 Nicholl Rd**                      Single storey rear extension N/O

### Decisions

**60 Fairholme Ave**              Granted 24/2/15

**23 Ledbury Close**              Granted 24/2/15

**2 Inglehome Gdns**              Granted 5/3/15

## ACCOUNTS

14.134

Received Village Hall Hire £494, RK PAYE £76.20, Smithy Murder Mystery £635, Windle – phone £9.08, NatWest interest 0.88

**Total Receipts**

**£1215.16**

**Payments:**

GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – Jan	32.69
B & M Office Machines – copier rental	102.00
Southern Electric – elec Nov-Jan	554.17
J Chamberlain – expenses for Murder Mystery event	174.73
PHS Group – hygiene services – Village Hall	133.31
J Chamberlain – March	165.72
J Anderson – March and travel	1256.11
V Griffiths – March	165.72
L Poole – March	407.50
Paul Potter – grounds maintenance – March	24.72
Suregrow Garden Centre – limestone gravel – VH	19.90
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£3036.57</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 27 February 2015, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £16367.36 and Capital Deposit Account £464.67.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of February 2015	£8.86
<b>Approximate</b> balance at the end of February 2015	£21.10

COUNCILLOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

14.135 **Resolved that 6 months’ leave of absence be granted for Cllr Ruth Watmough due to ill health.**

CORRESPONDENCE

14.136 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Email from Rainhill Civic Society** – invitation to attend one of their meetings to have an informal chat and meet members – **invitation to be extended to residents who had shown an interest**  
**Resident in contact with Cllr Haw** regarding land at Mill Brow – **letter to be sent to resident explaining that the land is owned by the Parish Council and could not be sold**  
**Angela Sanderson, St Helens Council** – Clerks’ election briefing Tues 24 March 2015 at 2pm - **Clerk to attend**

DATES OF MEETINGS

14.137 **Resolved to note the following:**

<b>Tuesday 14 April 15</b>	<b>6.45 pm</b>	<b>Smithy Meeting</b>	<b>Our Lady’s</b>
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>Our Lady’s</b>
Tuesday 28 April 15	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....