

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY
14 MARCH 2017 at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH HALL,
Portico Lane, Eccleston Park**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chairman)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Kempell, C Pearl and Sims
Janet Anderson – Clerk

APOLOGIES

16.132 Cllrs Haw, Skepper and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

16.133 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 16.142 – Planning Applications.

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

MATTERS ARISING

16.135 None

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

16.136 Nothing to report.

POLICE REPORT

16.137 Crime figures had been sent by PCSO Green along with detailed guidance on how to keep homes and property safe. Cllr Sims had raised concerns that messages left on the voicemail for Eccleston local police were not being dealt with as she had recently left 2 messages and no one had returned her call. She asked for a letter to be sent to the Area Commander for St Helens for an update on the situation. **It was agreed the Clerk would send the letter.**

COUNCILLOR VACATION OF OFFICE

16.138 Electoral Services had confirmed co-option could take place as a result of Andrew Dawson ceasing to be a member. Councillors should pass on active member suggestions to the Chairman.

ECCLESFIELD CAR PARK

16.139 The manager at Beyond the Fringe had agreed to open the car park daily as Whistles Tea Room was unable to and had returned the key.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

16.140 The magazine had gone to print and would be delivered to UK Leaflet Distribution for delivery to residents by 14 April 2017.

REPORTS

16.141 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 7.00 pm in Eccleston Village Hall. Councillors Ashcroft, Broughton and Sims attended along with the Secretary and reported as follows:

- Caretaker reported no problems with the changing facility except concerns for the security of the car park
- Bleak Hill Rovers' request for 2 new pitches behind houses in Broadway had been rejected because of the close proximity to the houses
- Ecclesfield FC had not played any games since December because of bad weather and water logged pitches.
- Lengthy discussion took place regarding new pitches and drains. Resolved that Cllr Sims would look at the situation with the outflow pipes into the brook. Also a site visit would be arranged to look at the layout of the pitches
- Pitch fees for 2017/18 were agreed. An increase of £10 for open age, £5 for both juniors and U10s
- Budget was agreed and accepted

Lester Drive Centre – Tuesday 7 March 2017. Cllrs Duncan and Skepper attended a meeting at the Lester Drive Centre and reported:

- Groups continue to do well
- No further progress with the garage but was secure
- Various donations had been received
- Treasurer's A/c £6474.99, Deposit A/c £5779.56

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

- Cabinets of Curiosity – wine and cheese evening with a talk from Mark Olly on 25 April 2017
- Small Capital Grant Scheme Project – all work had now been completed and end of project report submitted
- Hall Users – Curators not aware of all groups using the hall and felt some groups were not aware that the Smithy would be opening shortly. Clerk to discuss with the Caretaker and a small board be placed in the hall with all groups currently using the hall
- A History of Lancashire in 70 Objects – the Smithy's metal rocking horse had been chosen to be included in the project
- Social Media – Councillors were asked to tag the Smithy in any posts on Twitter or Facebook that were made so that the post would be visible to all followers and the Curators could respond
- Any Other Business – the alarm had been reset after problems with the PIR in the Education Room
- Loan boxes had been used by schools over the closed season and Curators would go into schools if required to cover various topics

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16.142 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

281 St Helens Rd	Demolition of existing timber shed, and the erection of a single storey rear and side extension along with a detached garage N/O
107 St Helens Rd	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval P/2015/0517 for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale N/O
66 Springfield Ln	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2no 5 bedroom dwellings Eccleston Parish Council is concerned about the overdevelopment of the site
1 Millfields	Proposed first floor side extension N/O
6 Scholes Park	Single storey side extension N/O

ACCOUNTS

16.143

Received Village Hall Hire £441, RK PAYE £77.80, HMRC £109.32, Windle – phone £9.37, NatWest interest 0.01 and 0.27, Rainhill Rotary Smithy donation £500

Total Receipts **£1137.77**

Payments:

Southern Electric – Elec Nov-Jan	1094.01
St Helens Council – cleaning December-March	1257.17
T Poole Electrical – Village Hall lights and door	65.00
Golden Environmental Services – washroom hygiene service	295.20
P Gregson – new Smithy doors (grant money)	2400.00
Our Lady Help of Christians – hall hire	20.00
J Chamberlain – March	168.86
V Griffiths – March	168.86
L Poole – March	415.65
J Anderson – March + PC	1247.54
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	413.45
GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – Feb	36.86
United Utilities	37.46
United Utilities	10.41
Paul Potter – Grounds maintenance March plus clearing of gutters	70.84
Total Payments	£7701.31

RECONCILIATION – The Clerk reported that, as at 28 February 2017, the Balance in the Current Account was £7,030.00, Reserve Account £25,712.18 and Capital Deposit Account £465.11.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of February 2017 £13.74
Approximate balance at the end of February 2016 £19.82

CORRESPONDENCE

16.144 **Resolved to note the following:**

Email from Cllr Sims after a site visit to Ecclesfield to look at drainage with St Helens Council Officer John Boden. He did not feel that cleaning the drains would make any difference to the flooding on the field. Also, any new pitches adjacent to the brook would flood the same as the existing pitches.

Email from resident regarding restricted vision caused by parked cars at the junction of Alder Hey Road and Kiln Lane. Also the reply from Highways, St Helens Council stating that the junction would remain on their database for a possible traffic regulation order in the future along with the suggestion to report any incidents to the police. Resident had been informed of the reply.

DATES OF MEETINGS

16.145 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 11 April 17	6.30 pm	Finance Sub	Village Hall
	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 25 April 17	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Our Lady’s

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

SIGNED DATED