

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018
at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chairman)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Kempsey, C Pearl, Sims and Watmough
PCSO Green – Police
Janet Anderson – Clerk

APOLOGIES

17.135 Cllrs Gray-Williams, Haw and Skepper

Cllr Watmough apologised for not attending the previous meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

17.136 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 17.145 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 FEBRUARY 2018

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

MATTERS ARISING

17.138 None

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

17.139 Nothing to report.

POLICE REPORT

17.140 PCSO Green presented a copy of the latest crime figures compared to the same period last year. He reported a spate of thefts of purses in supermarkets but an arrest had been made.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

17.141 The magazine had gone to print and would be delivered to residents by 13 April 2018.

SMITHY ROOF

17.142 Two quotes had been received and **it was agreed that the Clerk should contact CS Roofing to arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.**

VILLAGE HALL NOTICEBOARD

17.143 Two prices had been obtained and **it was agreed that the Clerk order the board from Creative Solutions.**

REPORTS

17.144 Resolved to note the following:

Lester Drive Centre – Monday 12 March 2018. Cllr Duncan attended a meeting at the Lester Drive Centre and reported:

- There had been a meeting about the defibrillator but part of the equipment was not available
- It was hoped to hold another antiques day with Adam Partridge, date to be arranged
- Eccleston Winestore would hold a gin tasting in May
- Most of the chairs sent to be recovered had been done. It was hoped to get a grant to cover the cost
- Fire extinguishers had been serviced and certified
- Groups continued to progress
- There would be a plant sale on 6 and 7 May, 2-5pm
- Treasurer's A/c £18,881.85, Building Development £2,199.01 Deposit A/c £3,930.16

Ecclesfield – Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 7pm in Eccleston Village Hall. Councillors Ashcroft and Broughton attended along with the Secretary and reported as follows:

- Caretaker reported no more problems with fires being lit
- Car park chain not being replaced overnight. Agreed to buy new lock and keep locked during the day

At Parish Council meeting, Councillors held a lengthy discussion about how the car park could be available during the day but also maintaining its security in the evenings and overnight. No solution could be agreed therefore it was decided that it would remain closed during the day at present. Car parking would be monitored and the item would be on the next meeting of Parish Council in April

- Ecclesfield FC had not played many games since December because of bad weather and water logged pitches
- Secretary to enquire about the cost of moving 2 pitches round with remarking and replacement of goal posts
- Pitch fees for 2018/19 were agreed and remain the same – seniors £450, juniors £90 and U10s £30
- Budget was agreed and accepted

Smithy Working Party – 13 March 2018, 7pm– all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' report. The following points were discussed:

- Exhibition – the Curators had started work on new exhibition Visions of a Future World
- Mark Olly talk would take place on Tuesday 26 June 2018 in the form of a cheese and wine evening
- Heritage Open Days – Curators looking into the regulations with regard to holding a 'Comi-Con' with anyone wishing to have a table linked to the theme at the event being charged a fee
- Great Eccleston Bake Off – Curators once again approaching St Helens WI to judge the competition as part of Heritage Open Days. This year the Curators would introduce a new category – best decorated cake. Entrants being encouraged to design a cake with a science fiction theme
- Apple Day – confirmed as Saturday 22 September 2018. The person from Dunham Massey Apple Juice would bring an apple press as part of the event

- Office – Curators reported that by the time the internal work starts on the repair to the damp in the office, the Smithy would be open to the public and they would need advance notice of any work

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17.145 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

Land Knowles House Ave	Erection of 7no houses and 2no bungalows with associated landscaping, car parking and new access road N/O
146 Broadway	Single storey side extension along with the creation of hardstanding for additional parking to rear N/O
6 Brookside Ave	Single storey side extension Ensure sufficient off-street parking

ACCOUNTS

17.146 **Resolved to note the following:**

Received Village Hall Hire £594, RK PAYE £77.80, Windle – phone, copier, training £41.28, NatWest interest 1.14 and 0.02

Total Receipts	£714.24
Payments:	
GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – Jan	44.21
CF Corporate – photocopier lease	93.60
Southern Electric – electricity	1143.40
Golden Environmental Services – washroom hygiene service	295.20
Water Plus	10.93
Water Plus	26.61
J Anderson	1229.80
V Griffiths	168.86
J Chamberlain + expenses	188.86
T Poole	415.65
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	422.07
St Helens Council – cleaning March	322.20
Paul Potter – grounds maintenance March	20.84
Total Payments	£4382.23

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 February 2018, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,562.00, Reserve Account £20,490.50 and Capital Deposit Account £465.21.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of February 2018	£7.52
Approximate balance at the end of February 2018	£26.31

CORRESPONDENCE

17.147 **Resolved to note the following:**

New fire door would be fitted at the Village Hall on 23 March 2018

DATES OF MEETINGS

17.148 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 10 April 18	6.45 pm	Finance Sub	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 24 April 18	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

SIGNED DATED