

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2008, at 7.30 pm in St James's Church Hall, Eccleston Park**

PRESENT: Cllr Perry (Chair)  
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Duncan, Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney,  
C & G Pearl, Sims & Skepper  
Mr Will Daunt – Headteacher De La Salle, Laura Taylor – Police Representative  
1 Resident & Mrs L Scott – Clerk

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

08.84 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in the Planning Applications, Item 08.94.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2008**

8.85 08.82 - **Cllr Gleave's resignation** – the letter of resignation from Cllr Gleave was omitted from Correspondence.  
**Resolved that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record**

**MATTERS ARISING**

8.86 None that were not covered on the Agenda.

**PARTNERSHIP WITH DE LA SALLE SCHOOL**

8.87 Mr Will Daunt, Headteacher from De la Salle School gave a brief outline of the School's history, its present and future aims and place in the Eccleston community. Cllr Sims made an appeal for open dialogue between all schools in the area with the aim of sharing knowledge and resources. Mr Daunt suggested a visit by Fred Leather, from the Art Department, at the next meeting would be beneficial with a view to collaborating in an Art Competition. Councillors felt that the Parish Council's two main resources – Smithy Heritage Centre and Nature Reserve – could also be utilised.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

08.88 Millbrook Lane/21 Long Meadow - overhanging trees from the Nature Reserve  
**Resolved to ask Mike Roberts to re-assess the area & provide costings for all immediate work needed. He is to be asked to go ahead with the tree thinning & pathway restoration now as quoted for.**

Ms G Robinson, 66 Millbrook Lane – water logged garden. **Resolved to provide Ms Robinson with Frank Gallagher's latest report.**

Kiln Lane Hedges – **Resolved to ask John Boden to carry out a site visit and provide costings for all the hedges to be re-instated.**

**POLICE REPORT**

08.89 Laura Taylor reported that it had been a busy month in Eccleston with 2 thefts of motor vehicles; 2 thefts from motor vehicles; 6 burglaries with 2 arrests; an increase in calls reporting criminal damage and youths causing annoyance. It was also stated that Eccleston was quiet in comparison with other areas. There have been 2 serious

incidents – drugs seized at the home of a youth Police were in the process of apprehending and a serious assault in Millbrook Lane.

The Youth Service is investigating the possible use of a shop in Gillars Green Drive. Cllr Sims confirmed that this request is being followed through.

### WEST WARD VACANCY

8.90 The Clerk confirmed that the vacancy in West Ward, as a result of Cllr Gleave's resignation, has been advertised and the 14 days' notice will end on 12 November. If the vacancy is unchallenged, the Parish Council is then able to co-opt.

### WARD COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

08.91 **Resolved that the Councillors present at Ward Committee meetings will be able to report back to the Parish Council at the earliest possible time after the meeting has taken place on matters concerning the Parish of Ecclestone.**

Cllr Sims reported on the last Ward Committee Meeting held on 28 October 2008. The following is an outline of the discussions that took place:

- Additional drainage work on Kiln Lane is being costed for the next meeting
- Cultural Awards 2008
- Christmas Tree - St Helens Road
- Bulb planting going ahead
- Pedestrian barriers at Nottingham Close adjacent to Black Horse Public House
- Dog and waste bins - St Benedicts Court

Cllr Sims is compiling a list of Listed Properties in Ecclestone and requested suggestions from Councillors of properties that might be worthy of the award.

### TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

08.92 This is due to take place on Thursday 4 December 2008 at 11.00 am in Ecclestone Library. Bleak Hill School has consented to provide the entertainment and the Library Staff have agreed to assist with decorations and refreshments.

### REPORTS

08.93 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party - All Councillors received a copy of the Curators' Report for November. The following points were discussed:

- Forward Plan - to be signed off prior to Accreditation submission
- Emergency Planning items - cost approximately £70.00
- Security - Curators to be present when work being carried out in the Smithy rooms
- Scouts - working towards Community Badge in the Village Hall grounds
- Programme of Events - completed for 2009
- International Blacksmith Day - a first for this country, on 23 May 2009

**Resolved that the Curators purchase the necessary Emergency Planning items.**

## Cllr Gray-Williams and the Resident left the Meeting

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08.94 Resolved that the following observations be made:

#### Delegated

- 56 Houghtons La** Erection of detached house ) – **same response as P/2004/1236**  
**56 Houghtons La** Erection of 2 detached houses ) – **see attached copy letter**  
**14 Hilary Close** Front porch incorporating pitched roof over garage – **N/O**  
**3 Gillars Green Cottages** Demolish porch & erect 2-storey front & single storey side ext to form dwelling. Erect double garage to side (2 Plans) - cannot **support erection of new dwelling in green belt, but recognise that replacement of an existing dwelling is permitted under GB 6A with strict proviso: new dwelling is not materially larger than the dwelling it replaces, & design & materials are appropriate to its setting.**  
**22 Ledbury Close** Demolish conservatory & erect 2-storey rear & 2-storey front ext – **N/O**  
**11 Oak Tree Rd** Retrospective app to retain rear conservatory - **Application description misleading - application is for a single storey dining room ext, not for retention of glass conservatory - please ensure that the description of any proposals actually match supplied plans. No observations on the single storey brick extension.**  
**1 Bobbies Lane** Part 2-storey & part single storey front ext, 2-storey side ext & detached triple rear garage – **N/O**  
**9 Cecil Drive** 2-storey side ext & single storey front/rear ext - **Feel this will have an overbearing effect on No 7 due to its size & will create a tunnelling effect to the side of the property**

### ACCOUNTS

08.95 Received Hall Hire £480.00; R Kelsey PAYE November £65.00; British Gas drop in payment September £58.00; HM Customs VAT refund £311.36

St Helens Council - Rates November	95.00
British Gas – November	30.00
Manweb – November	81.50
United Utilities – adjustment from October Direct Debit payment	2.10
United Utilities – November	53.01
United Utilities – Direct Debit for Surface water/drainage – November	15.39
J Chamberlain – Salary November	156.04
J Chamberlain – Req 26 – Travel & batteries	5.77
J Chamberlain – adjustment to figure given in September Minutes	1.48
V Hirons – Salary November	156.04
L Poole - Salary – November	384.08
L Scott – Salary November includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,079.23
L Scott – Petty Cash November	20.00
L Scott – Purchase of Anti Virus renewal for computer	30.25
PAYE – Curators November (Cumulative £156.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 3)	78.00
PAYE – Clerk November (Cumulative £535.60 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 3)	267.80
EPC NI contribution – Clerk November (Cumulative £227.02 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 3)	113.51
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – November (£130.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> month Period 3)	65.00
Griffin Environmental Services – November	50.91

Hoyles Fire & Safety – Extinguisher and signs	519.58
Harrison Roofing – replacement for lead stolen from Village Hall roof	680.00
Harry Anders – re-painting storeroom and corridor after water leakage	275.00
B&M Office Machines – Copies 4/10/08-14/11/08 Inv 101589	15.64
St Helens CVS Subs renewal – July	30.00
Stanley Gate Nursery – October Clean up at the War Memorial	70.50
BDO Stoy Hayward – Audit 2007/2008	470.00
YPO – metal cupboard for Village Hall	170.08
NW Federation of Museums – Meeting Fee for J Chamberlain (2/12/08)	20.00
Cllr S Evans – Wreath from British Legion for Remembrance Sunday	40.00
CFAF LTD – Photocopier Lease	110.05
Nat West Charges (these have been refunded)	6.50

Balance brought forward October Meeting £40,349.63 + receipts this month	£41,263.99
Total Payments this month	5,092.46
<b>Approximate balance</b>	<b>£ 36,171.53</b>

**ANNUAL RETURN (Audit)** – The audit has been successfully concluded with no matters to bring to our attention.

**Resolved to approve and accept the Annual Audit Return for the year 2007/2008, the accounts notice having been posted for a period in excess of 2 weeks.**

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 31 October 2008, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £26,685.50 and Capital Reserve Account £463.05. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation, together with copies of the bank statements for October 2008.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of October 2008	£36.32
<b>Approximate balance at the end of October 2008</b>	<b>£10.57</b>

CORRESPONDENCE

08.96 **Resolved to note the following**

**St Helens Council** – Statement of 2007-2008 Accounts - **Noted**

**Communities & Local Gov** – Consultation re Code of Conduct - **Noted**

**CPRE** – Anti litter Campaign – **passed to Cllr Perry**

**Mersey Basin Trust** – Source – issue Autumn/Winter – **passed to Cllr Broughton**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8.97 **Resolved to note the following**

Mon 1 December 08	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Thursday 4 December 08	11.00 am	Tree Lighting	Eccleston Library
Tues 9 December 08	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....