

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
9 NOVEMBER 2010, at 7.30 pm in Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Bain, Broughton, Evans, Maloney, C Pearl, Sims & Watmough
Mrs L Scott, Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr Duncan, Gray-Williams & Skepper

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

10.79 Councillors G Pearl & Sims declared an interest in Item 10.90 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 OCTOBER 2010

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

MATTERS ARISING

10.81 10.73 – REPORTS – War Memorial – The Clerk reported that the War Memorials Trust requires an Expression of Interest form to be completed before information can be forwarded. Copies were given to the Sub-Committee.

Resolved that this be deferred until a War Memorial Sub-Committee can be convened.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

10.82 None to report.

POLICE REPORT

10.83 CSO Laura Rowling compared the figures from 1/1/09 – 9/11/09 with those of the corresponding period this year.

Cllr Broughton joined the meeting

Copies of the St Helens Neighbourhood Newsletter were given to Councillors. The Parking Initiative with schools is ongoing. Coffee mornings have been arranged in Eccleston Park pubs to enable Eccleston Park residents to discuss their issues.

Cllr Watmough joined the meeting

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.84 This year's service is at Christ Church, Eccleston on Sunday 14 November 2010 starting at 10.45 am and afterwards at the Eccleston War Memorial.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

10.85 This is to take place on Thursday 2 December 2010 at Eccleston Library at 11.00 am. Councillors are asked to bring mince pies and meet at 10.45 am at the Library.

SMITHY SECURITY LIGHT

10.86 ABM has inspected the site and submitted an estimate of £190.00 plus VAT with 1 year warranty on parts for a security light at the side of the Smithy Heritage Centre.

Resolved that the Clerk contacts ABM Alarms to check on the type of security light before placing an order. The money will be taken from Village Hall Maintenance budget.

VILLAGE HALL TREES

10.87 The Clerk reported that we are still waiting for a price and advice on the tree works. Once this has been received, it will be forwarded to the Open Space Sub-Committee for a decision.

REPORTS

10.88 **Resolved to note the following:**

Mill Brow Nature Reserve – Councillor Sims and the Clerk met with Eamonn Richie and Paul Hurst from Groundwork Merseyside and Rick Rogers from St Helens Council, on Friday 5 November at the Village Hall in order to discuss a way forward for the Nature Reserve. Rick explained that money is available from United Utilities for environmental improvements and a draft bid has been drawn up by Groundwork Merseyside on ours and their behalf for such things as:

- Extension of the existing boardwalk
- Improving the access
- Signage at the entrance
- Viewing area
- Woodland management
- Possible link with Mill Wood

Resolved to go ahead with the proposals made by Groundwork Merseyside without any amendments or additions. Groundwork is to be asked to keep the Parish Council informed at every stage. An article for the Annual Magazine is to be requested in order to inform residents.

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for November 2010. The following points were discussed:

- Christmas Event – Mayor and Lady Mayoress are to visit on 4 December at 1.30 pm
- Security Light – ABM Alarms have inspected the site
- Visit & Talk – St Luke's Church, Eccleston, has requested a visit in January 2011

A rota of volunteers for the 4/5 and 11/12 December events in the Smithy was set up.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.89 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

5 White Friars	Front bay window – N/O
10 Beech Ave	2-storey side ext – N/O
Grapes Hotel	Various advertisements – See attached letter of response
7 Acacia Grove	Single storey front porch ext – N/O
15 Wokefield Way	Single storey side ext with front porch – N/O
24 Brooklands Rd	Dormer to rear – N/O

ST JAMES CHURCH GRANT APPLICATION

10.90 Resolved to deal with this at the appropriate time, ie April 2011.

ACCOUNTS

10.91 Received Village Hall Hire £860.00; R Kelsey PAYE Nov - £71.60; HM Revenue & Customs VAT repayment £657.54; St Helens Council £84.00 Oct Rates*

British Gas – November	88.00
Manweb – November	106.00
United Utilities – November payment	12.73
United Utilities – November payment	24.75
St Helens Council – Cleaning September	257.71
J Chamberlain - Salary November	165.72
J Chamberlain – Requisitions 66 & 67	31.20
V Hirons - Salary November plus HLF Hours	1,565.13
V Hirons – Requisitions 62, 63, 64, 65 – Awards for All Grant	27.48
L Poole - Salary – November	402.70
L Poole – Bin bags	2.65
L Scott – Salary November includes £9.60 travel expenses	1146.62
L Scott – Salary understated in September	4.38
L Scott – Petty Cash November	20.00
L Scott – Easily Website upgrade	15.04
L Scott – Ink Cartridge – black September	9.99
L Scott – Colour & black cartridges	15.21
PAYE – Curators November (Cumulative £872.00 2 nd month Period 3)	436.00
PAYE – Clerk November (Cumulative £568.60 2 nd month Period 3)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker (Cumulative £9.40 2 nd month Period 3)	4.80
EPC NI contribution – Clerk November (Cumulative £242.02 2 nd month Period 3)	121.01
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – November (£143.20 2 nd month Period 3)	71.60
CFAF Ltd – Photocopier Lease	99.87
Royal British Legion – Wreath	50.00
D Topping – Smithy Volunteer Expenses (Grant money)	21.80
Balance brought forward October meeting £44,321.04 plus receipts this month	£45,994.18
Total Payments this month	£4,984.59
Approximate balance	£41,009.59

* No more rates until October 2011 – rebate from Government

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk also reported that, as at 29 October 2010, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £33,222.22 and Capital Deposit Account (new name) £463.64. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliations for October 2010, plus the Internal Auditor's Report for the 2nd quarter.

INTERNAL AUDIT – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council Accounts had been audited for the 2nd quarter of the Financial Year with nothing to report.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of October 2010 £12.03
Approximate balance at the end of October 2010 £13.60

CORRESPONDENCE

10.92 **Resolved to note the following:**

Merseytravel – Questionnaire on Equality & Diversity Monitor – **passed to Cllr Watmough**
Billinge Chapel End PC – Information re Parish Council Elections 2011 - **noted**
Paul Potter – Request to continue maintaining the Village Hall Grounds - **agreed**
CVS Voice – Winter 2010 publication – **passed to Cllr Broughton**
CVS Bulletin – downloaded Bulletin – **passed to Cllr Maloney**

DATES OF MEETINGS

10.93 **Resolved to note the following:**

Thursday 2 December 10	11.00 am	Tree Lighting	Eccleston Library
Tuesday 14 December 10	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

SIGNED

DATED