

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Portico Lane, Prescot

PRESENT: Cllr Skepper (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Sims

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Almond, C & G Pearl, Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

11.79 Councillor Sims – 11.86 Planning.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 OCTOBER 2011

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

MATTERS ARISING

11.81 Utility Brokers – our current contracts will not run out until March and June 2012. They will re-negotiate nearer the time

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

11.82 Residents at numbers 4 and 6 Crocketts Walk have responded to the letters sent by the Clerk by stating that the damaged fences referred to do not belong to them. This was reported to Brian Johnson who had forwarded the information to the Parish Council and he has written letters of apology to the home owners. Further letters have now been sent to the residents at 2, 8 and 12. Mr & Mrs Hunter at no 8 have replied stating that their fencing is in such a bad state due to vandals.

POLICE REPORT

11.83 No-one from the Police attended.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

11.84 Eccleston Lane Ends School, Library and Mrs Rainford have responded favourably. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Thursday 1 December 2011 at 11.00 am.

REPORTS

11.85 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for November 2011. The following points were discussed:

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Clerk's Meeting – The Clerk attended a meeting at St Helens Town Hall on Friday 28 October 2011 when the following points were discussed:

- Presentation on Sport England grants for Parish Councils & Sports Clubs
- Parish Council Elections 2011 – full breakdown of charges given

- Boundary Commission for England – St Helens area will not change at present
- Individual Electoral Registration Consultation – proposed to change from householder registration to individuals registering within the household
- Councillor Improvement Fund – was Ward Committee
- Localism Bill – Abolition of the Standards Regime – full steam ahead
- Any other Business – Billing Clerk requested Planning to provide short training session for Clerks
- Next Meeting – probably February some time

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11.86 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

Walmesley Rd	Installation of 2.5 m high telegraph pole etc – see attached letter for response
1 Brookfield Ave	2-storey side & single storey rear ext – N/O
14 Ansdell Dr	2-store side ext & single storey addition to the rear (resubmission of application P/2011/0654) – N/O
13 Ellerslie Ave	1 st floor side ext – N/O
Scholes Hall	Extension of time limit on approval P/2008/0790 - erection of two dwellings.
Scholes Hall	Extension of time limit on approval P/2008/0873 - listed building consent for the erection of 2 dwellings with private parking and gardens within curtilage of Scholes Hall - Object to the proposal to erect 2 detached dwellings on land within the curtilage of Scholes Hall – this would have a detrimental effect on the Hall, a Grade II Listed Building - and on the monument in front of the Hall

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION CHARGES

11.87 Prior notification that Eccleston’s charges for the 2011 Parish Elections May 2011 will be £4,931.04. This is for 2 contested wards out of 3 for Eccleston.

ACCOUNTS

11.88 Received Village Hall Hire £452.00; R Kelsey PAYE £73.00; HM Revenue & Customs VAT refund £706.62; £10.00 Smithy Craft Tables; £5.24 overpayment Smithy grant articles

British Gas – November	150.00
Manweb – November	167.00
United Utilities – November payment	8.35
United Utilities – November payment	32.77
J Chamberlain - Salary November	165.72
J Chamberlain – Arrears in National Insurance from previous tax year	152.12
Suregrow Garden Centre – Hard core for Wildlife Garden	45.00
V Griffiths - Salary November	165.72
V Griffiths – Arrears in National Insurance from previous tax year	152.24
L Poole - Salary – November	407.30
L Scott - Salary November includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,144.22
L Scott – Petty Cash November	20.00
L Scott – Purchase of Ink Cartridges – 3 extended life	53.53
PAYE – Curators November (Cumulative £164.80 2 nd month Period 3)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk November (Cumulative £568.60 2 nd month Period 3)	284.40
PAYE – Caretaker November (Cumulative £0.40 2 nd month Period 3)	0.20
EPC NI contribution November – Clerk (Cumulative £229.74 2 nd month Period 3)	114.87

PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker November (£146.00 2 nd month Period 3)	73.00
BT – Clerk	116.12
BT – Smithy	137.62
RBL Poppy Appeal	50.00
St Helens Council – cleaning September	269.80
Our Lady Help of Christians – Room hire	20.00
CFAF Ltd – Photocopier lease	102.00
Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account – 2 nd half contribution to running costs	1,732.00
Balance brought forward October meeting £40,251.06 plus receipts this month	£41,497.92
Total Payments November	£5,646.37
Approximate balance	£35,851.55

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 31 November 2011, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £34,043.65 and Capital Deposit Account £463.88. The Finance Committee has been issued with copies of the Bank Reconciliations.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of October 2011	£28.41
Approximate balance at the end of October 2011	-£3.45

INTERNAL AUDIT – The Accounts have been internally audited for the second quarter with nothing to report. Members of the Finance Committee have been issued with a copy of the Auditor’s Report.

CORRESPONDENCE

11.89 **Resolved to note the following:**

- CPRE – Lancashire Voice sent electronically – **hard copy given to Cllr Broughton**
- Groundwork Merseyside – Emailed update of work PR work to date
- Mr W Hines – Crocketts Walk resident re fencing
- Mr M Mather – Crocketts Walk resident re fencing
- St Helens Council – Information re untidy land north of 7 Stars Inn – site visit planned
- Mr & Mrs Hunter – re vandalised fencing
- Knowsley Council – **Notification of LDF Consultees of Call for Housing Sites**

DATES OF MEETINGS

11.90 **Resolved to note the following:**

Thursday 1 December 11	11.00 am	Tree Lighting	Eccleston Library
Tuesday 6 December 11	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 13 December 11	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

SIGNED

DATED