

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2013 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, C Pearl & G Pearl
Janet Anderson (Clerk)

APOLOGIES

13.87 Cllrs Almond, Skepper & Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

13.88 Councillor G Pearl – 13.98 Planning.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 OCTOBER 2013

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

MATTERS ARISING

13.90 Item 13.78 Structural Survey – Cllr Sims had contacted Urban Regeneration regarding them supplying a list of job priorities at the Smithy building. She was awaiting a reply.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

13.91 A resident reported to Cllr Haw the increase in dog fouling on the pavements around Daresbury Road and Clarkes Crescent. Cllr Sims reported that stencils had been put on pavements some time ago. Cllr Haw dealing with the issue.

POLICE REPORT

13.92 No one from the Police attended and no crime statistics supplied. Councillors reported a large number of youths around Walmesley Road shopping area and car park. It had been reported to the police who were trying to identify the youths and contact their parents.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

13.93 Bleak Hill School, Eccleston Library and Rainford's responded favourably. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Thursday 5 December 2013 at 11.00 am.

REPORTS

13.94 **Resolved to note the following:**

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

- Memories of Eccleston – deadline for entries passed and curators now transcribing interviews and compiling information to form the book and exhibition.
- Office Re-plastering – enormous volume of material moved out of office into Museum and Education Room in order to obtain quotes
- Smithy Sub Cttee – held to discuss Smithy matters including insurance, general communication, job descriptions and contracts. Curators found the meeting very useful.
- Smithy Alarm – curators reported the alarm being set off by accident on Sunday 13 October. Several concerns raised such as key holders and monitoring system.
- Hall Users – Curators passed various concerns over the use of the hall eg rubbish being put in the recycle containers. Clerk now purchased a bin for the kitchen. Lights being left on and heating system being changed. Clerk reported that the light in the ladies' toilet had now been repaired.

VILLAGE HALL SANITATION

13.95 **Resolved** to change contractor for hygiene services.

SMITHY OFFICE REPAIRS

13.96 **Resolved** to arrange for builder to clear loose paint, fill cracks and paint wall and ceiling.

VILLAGE HALL GUTTERS

13.97 **Resolved** to arrange for the gutters to be repaired.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13.98 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

5 Kiln Close	Demolition of domestic garage followed by new build habitable rooms to form 'Granny Flat' type accommodation N/O
19 Rushen	Alterations to ground floor; changes to front elevation to include a porch canopy. Alterations to window & door on front elevation; adjoining of garage to main house, altering side, inclusion of rear garden terraces. New dormer to east elevation, new balcony at first floor, garden wall over 2m in height Eccleston Parish Council are very concerned at any departures to the permission given which may intrude on the privacy of neighbouring properties and especially a balcony which overlooks the primary school play areas
1 Whitebeam Gds	First floor rear extension above existing rear extension N/O
129 Portico Lane	Single storey side extension to front side of property and garage conversion / new roof to the rear N/O
23A Central Ave	Two storey side extension N/O
41 Brookside Ave	Single storey side and rear extension N/O

ACCOUNTS

13.99

Received Village Hall Hire £793; R Kelsey PAYE £76.20, Smithy Heritage Weekend £189.50
HM Rev & Cust 2nd ¼ payment £523.02 Interest £5.40 **TOTAL £1587.12**

P Gregson – travel from Southport on Heritage Weekend	14.72
P Potter – collecting and returning museum items for Heritage Weekend	35.20
United Utilities – Water Oct	9.40
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CFAF Ltd – photocopier lease	102.00
GPS Telecom – Clerk phone	42.14
BT – Smithy phone	103.43
B&M Office Machines – photocopier/copies	35.93
Ecclesfield Project – 2 nd half contribution	1749.50
L Poole – November	407.50
J Anderson – November – inc travel and kitchen items	1225.56
J Chamberlain – November	165.72
V Griffiths – November	165.72
Paul Potter Garden Services – 1 visit Oct and Nov	49.44
L Poole – Village Hall items	5.93
Total Payments October	£4153.48

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 October 2013, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £31,409.73 and Capital Deposit Account £464.35.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of October 2013 £21.17
Approximate balance at the end of October 2013 £9.05

INTERNAL AUDIT – The Accounts have been internally audited for the second quarter with nothing to report.

COUNCILLOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

13.100 **Resolved that a 6 month leave of absence be granted for Cllr Margaretta Maloney whilst incapacitated.**

CORRESPONDENCE

13.101 **Resolved to note the following:**

Total Gas and Power – current agreement ending

Invitation from Windle Parish Council to Chairman and Councillors to attend Bleak Hill Tree Lighting. Friday 6 December, arrive 1.50pm **Cllrs Sims, Duncan and Haw to attend**

Letter from Post Office – modernising Walmesley Road Post Office closing 30 November at 12.30pm and re-opening 12 December at 1pm. **Noted**

DATES OF MEETINGS

13.102 **Resolved to note the following:**

Friday 15 November 2013	10.00am	Hall and Personnel	Village Hall
Tuesday 3 December 2013	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Thursday 5 December 2013	11.00 am	Tree Lighting	Eccleston Library
Friday 6 December 2013	10.00am	Finance	Village Hall
Tuesday 10 December 2013	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Our Lady’s Help of Christians
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Our Lady’s Help of Christians
Friday 24 January 2014	10.00am	Finance	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED

DATED