

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2014 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, Skepper and Watmough
J Anderson (Clerk)
5 residents

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

14.74 Cllrs Almond and Maloney

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

14.75 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 14.83 Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2014

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

MATTERS ARISING

14.77 There were no matters arising.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

14.78 A resident raised the issue of Eccleston Mere being sold to Pheasant Equities. Cllr Sims informed the resident that the Parish Council were unaware that Eccleston Mere and Mill Dam were being sold at the time of the sale. Cllr Sims was informed by Alps Group that the sale had taken place. The resident felt it was dishonest of Pilkington's to act this way.

Cllr Sims would be meeting with Pheasant Equities the following week to discuss the sale of Eccleston Mere and Mill Dam. Cllr Sims reminded the meeting that the entire Mere site was in Green Belt.

POLICE REPORT

14.79 No-one from the Police was able to attend but PCSO Green provided crime figures and a report for the meeting. PCSO Green reported that there had been little criminal activity during Halloween and Bonfire night. Cllr Sims was working with the police regarding damage to a section of fencing to the side of Seven Stars pub.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

14.80 Eccleston Mere School, Eccleston Library and Rainford's Christmas Tree Land had confirmed. The Tree Lighting Ceremony would take place on Thursday 4 December 2014 at 11.00 am. The Mayor and Mayoress would be attending. Cllr Sims confirmed that the lights on the tree on St Helens Road would be lit the same day.

VILLAGE HALL DOORS

14.81 Two quotes had been obtained for new main doors, an emergency exit door and the door to external boiler room. The quotes were discussed and it was agreed to contact Calder Builders to replace the doors.

REPORTS

14.82 Resolved to note the following:

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

- Man's Best Friend – 2015 exhibition based on dogs. A request for any items relating to dogs was made
- Blacksmith's Day, 23 May 2015 – As this year is the Smithy's 20th anniversary the event would be more of a birthday celebration and invitations would include those that have been involved in the Smithy over the years. It was agreed to hold a Smithy Sub Cttee to discuss this further. A provisional date of Monday 8 December 2014 at 9.30am was agreed
- Corridor – Curators requested to put clip frames to display photographs and images along the corridor that links the Smithy with the Education Room. Cllrs agreed and the Curators would cost some frames
- Closed Season – Curators were using the time to check on loan boxes and assess what may need replacing. Also a price for a new printer would be obtained as the printer was no longer working

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14.83 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

54 Old Lane	Single storey rear extension N/O
Land at rear of 8-12 The Scholes	Erection of detached dwelling in proximity to listed building, to rear of 8-12 The Scholes Eccleston Parish Council object to the these proposals - which would have a detrimental effect on the setting of a listed building i.e. Scholes Hall
34 Pinfold Dr	Single storey side extension to form dining room with single storey extension to form porch and lounge N/O
Ecc Lane Ends Bowling Club	Erection of 4no 8m 100w floodlight columns <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The siting of any floodlights would be to the rear of residential properties (on 3 sides) and could have an adverse affect on their privacy2. Please consult with Street Lighting as to whether there are any new floodlights which cause minimal throw back of light to properties.3. Parking arrangements for the club causes major problems now during the season, so any intensification of usage (if intended) would exacerbate the situation. Please advise what additional parking provision could be provided (if increased membership is one of the aims of the applicants).4. If granted, please ensure that there is an automatic cut off device incorporated into any floodlighting scheme.
45 Millbrook Ln	Erection of summer house N/O
38 Lester Dr	Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of part two storey, part single storey side extension N/O
6 Nottingham Cl	Single storey rear extension along with first floor side extension N/O
51 Daresbury Rd	Flat to hipped roof on existing side extension N/O

ACCOUNTS

14.84

Received: Village Hall Hire £522; R Kelsey PAYE £76.20; Interest £0.06 and £5.80

TOTAL

£604.06

Payments:

Our Lady H of C – hall hire	20.00
Paul Potter Garden Services – 1 visit Oct	24.72
Ecclesfield Project – 2 nd half contribution	1749.50
H Anders – decoration of hall	2480.00
GPS Telecom – clerk phone	32.33
Total Gas and Power – gas – July-Sept	159.47
Calder Builders – roof and drains	403.20
Galaxy Blinds – Village Hall blinds	392.00
BT – Smithy phone	106.02
St Helens Council – cleaning Aug and Sept	558.60
B&M Office Machines – photocopier/copies	39.52
United Utilities – Water Nov	21.10
United Utilities – Water Nov	9.69
J Anderson – November – inc travel	1236.52
J Chamberlain – November	165.72
L Poole – November	407.50
V Griffiths – November	165.72
Total Payments	£7971.61

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 October 2014, the balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £29,860.08 and Capital Deposit Account £464.59.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of October 2014 £8.73
Approximate balance at the end of October 2014 £11.89

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

CORRESPONDENCE

14.85 **Resolved to note the following:**

Invoice from St Helens Council – repair work to walkway at Mill Brow Nature Reserve after a fire

Invitation from Windle Parish Council to Chairman and Councillors to attend Bleak Hill Tree Lighting. Friday 5 December, arrive 1.50pm

BT – as of 1 December 2014 line rental for Smithy’s phone going up £1 per month

GPS Telecoms – as of 1 December line rental for Clerk’s phone is going up 50p per month

DATES OF MEETINGS

14.86 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 2 December 2014	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Thursday 4 December 2014	11.00 am	Tree Lighting	Eccleston Library
Tuesday 9 December 2014	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED

DATED