

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2015 at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH HALL, Portico Lane, Eccleston Park**

Minutes Taken By Cllr Kempzell

PRESENT: Cllr Ashcroft (Chair)  
Cllrs Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, Kempzell, C Pearl, G Pearl, Sims and Skepper

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

15.78 Cllrs Dawson and Watmough, J Anderson (Clerk)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

15.79 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 15.88 Planning Applications.

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

MATTERS ARISING

15.81 Cllr Sims reported that she had spoken to a resident regarding the granting of planning permission at the pump house on St Helens Road, Eccleston Park and the air raid shelter. She reminded him that opportunities for objections had been highlighted by the distribution of leaflets to potentially affected houses and in *Focus* magazine. She and the Parish Council had each raised objections, but the resident did not when the opportunity had arisen, so no further action could be taken, as there were insufficient objections.

The Parish Council was represented at St James Church on Sunday 8 November 2015 at 10.30am with prayers and wreath laying afterwards at Eccleston War Memorial.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

15.82 None

POLICE REPORT

15.83 No one attended to represent the Police. **Resolved that the Clerk should write to Julie Cooke, St Helens Area Commissioner requesting that a report be provided when a representative could not attend.**

COUNCILLOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

15.84 **Resolved that Cllr Watmough's leave of absence be extended for 6 months because of her illness.**

## SMITHY POINTING

15.85 Last month's Finance Sub Committee agreed to propose that the pointing be paid by the Parish Council at a total cost of £6,500. Money could be taken from the following budgets: £500 from Minor Repairs; £2,500 from Redecoration/Village Hall Maintenance; £2,000 from Emergency Repairs. Another £1,500 would be from Smithy Income, as £1,000 needs to be paid as the Parish Council's 10% contribution to the grant. This will leave the Smithy with £950 to pay for Blacksmith's day in 2016. It was not clear at the meeting if the Parish Council had to pay a total of £6,500 or 10% of that sum. Clarification would be sought and a decision made at the December Parish Council meeting.

## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

15.86 The Tree Lighting Ceremony would take place on Thursday 3 December 2015 at 11.00 am at Eccleston Library. Eccleston Lane Ends School, the Library and Rainford's have all confirmed. Refreshments were requested please (mince pies).

## REPORTS

15.87 **Resolved to note the following:**

Lester Drive – 30 October 2015 Cllr Duncan attended a meeting of the Old People's Welfare Committee and reported

- There was a visit from Anne Marie Lawrenson of St Helens VCA. She would help to facilitate the changeover to charitable status such as dealing with the foundation model and trustees declaration. It had been decided to call it Lester Drive Centre.
- Meanwhile, the groups were doing well. The new décor and carpet look splendid.
- It had been decided to ban smoking alternatives as people were complaining of coughing etc.
- The pub night was a great success. The final balance was not yet available.
- Treasurer's Report - Treasurer's A/c £9,104.91, Building Fund £24,502.41, Deposit A/c £3924.00

Smithy – 10 November 2015, 6.45pm. Our Lady's Hall All Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' report and the discussion was noted in the Smithy Minutes

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15.88 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1 Broadway</b>                   | Erection of a two storey side extension, along with 2no dormers and replacement porch, as well as demolition of existing garage <b>N/O</b> |
| <b>Former Methodist Church Site</b> | Redesign of plots 1 and 3 on approval P/2012/0195 <b>N/O</b>   |
| <b>6 Ackers Lane</b>                | Re Modelling of detached bungalow together with extensions to the sides and rear <b>N/O</b>  |

## ACCOUNTS

15.89 **Resolved to note the following:**

Received: Village Hall Hire £404; R Kelsey PAYE £77.80; Interest £1.95 and £0.02; HMRC £317.28; Windle phone/copier £29.39

**TOTAL**

**£830.44**

## Payments

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| United Utilities – Water Oct                                    | 9.86            |
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| GPS Telecom – clerk phone                                       | 43.42           |
| BT – Smithy phone   | 127.44          |
| Total Gas and Power – gas – July-Sept                           | 137.85          |
| B&M Office Machines – photocopier/copies                        | 43.46           |
| J Anderson – November   | 1259.79         |
| J Chamberlain – November  | 168.86          |
| L Poole – November  | 416.05          |
| V Griffiths – November  | 175.06          |
| Tommy Poole Electrical – new security light above entrance door | 65.00           |
| Paul Potter Garden Services – 1 visit Nov                       | 18.75           |
| Our Lady H of C – hall hire                                     | 20.00           |
| <b>Total Payments</b>   | <b>£2520.22</b> |

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 October 2015, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £32,280.80 and Capital Deposit Account £464.83.

**PETTY CASH** - Expenditure for the month of October 2015 £15.67  
**Approximate** balance at the end of October 2015 £9.78

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

15.90 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Invitation from Windle Parish Council** to Chairman and guest to attend Bleak Hill Tree Lighting on Friday 4 December, arrive 1.50pm. **Cllr Ashcroft and Cllr Skepper to attend.**  
Also the Christmas Reception on 15 December 2015 at 8.30pm **Cllr Ashcroft and Cllr Haw to attend.**

## DATES OF MEETINGS

15.91 **Resolved to note the following:**

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|--------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday 1 December 2015  | 7.00 pm  | Ecclesfield    | Village Hall      |
| Thursday 3 December 2015 | 11.00 am | Tree Lighting  | Eccleston Library |
| Tuesday 8 December 2015  | 6.45 pm  | Smithy Meeting | Village Hall      |
|                          | 7.30 pm  | Parish Council | Village Hall      |

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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DATED .....