

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY
8 NOVEMBER 2016 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Kempell, C Pearl, Sims and
Watmough
J Anderson (Clerk)
4 residents

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

16.79 Cllrs Haw, Dawson and Skepper

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

16.80 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 16.88 Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 OCTOBER 2016

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

MATTERS ARISING

16.82 Cllr Kempell informed the meeting that the service on Remembrance Sunday at St Julies Church would be at 9.40am. Cllr Pearl requested Councillors arrive at 9.25am.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

16.83 Two residents of New Road, Eccleston Park, attended the meeting and raised the issue of the increased number of vehicles using New Road as a cut through, especially during the recent road works on St Helens Road. One resident read out a statement which detailed the problems and requested clarification of the rules for Access Only roads. It was reported that one sign was obscured by a tree. Cllr Ashcroft explained that if motorists failed to conform to traffic signs then a fixed penalty would be enforced. Cllr Sims asked the Clerk to contact St Helens Council to find out what should be displayed to inform motorists of an Access Only road. The Parish Council would keep the residents informed.

A resident thanked Councillors for delivering a letter regarding a recent police incident in Brooklands Road. The resident reported that neighbours appreciated being kept informed.

It was reported that a bollard from the side of the hairdressers in Walmesley Road had been damaged and was leaning up against the wall. Councillors would look into this.

POLICE REPORT

16.84 No one was available from the Police to attend the meeting. PCSO Green had sent the latest crime figures which were discussed.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

16.85 Councillors attending the 9.40am service at St Julies Church were requested to arrive at 9.25am. A wreath laying service would take place at the war memorial at 11.00am.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

16.86 The Christmas tree lighting ceremony would take place on Thursday 1 December 2016 at 11.00 am at Eccleston Library. It was reported that St Julies School, the Library and Rainford's had all confirmed. Refreshments were requested (mince pies). Cllr Sims had arranged for the lights on the Christmas tree on St Helens Road to be turned on the same day.

REPORTS

16.87 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy – 8 November 2016, 7.00pm. Eccleston Village Hall All Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' report and the following points were discussed:

- Wine and cheese talk – Curators to arrange the talk with the theme of Cabinets of Curiosities
- Blacksmith's Day 2017 – plans underway with a new face, Phil Howard, clog maker based in Salford
- Apple Collection – huge success and will be included in programme of events for 2017 as a family day
- Halloween – Cabinets of Curiosities exhibition lends itself to a Halloween event as the out of season event
- Murder Mystery – event to be held whilst the Halloween exhibition was running
- Grant – the new Smithy doors were almost ready this would leave just the pointing to be completed

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16.88 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

5 Long Meadow	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension along with railings to upper patio and associated works N/O
9 Daresbury Rd	Single storey rear extension N/O
6 The Spires	Single story front extension along with widening of existing access N/O
65 Daresbury Rd	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension N/O
154 Broadway	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension along with alterations to existing roof over garage and porch N/O
21 Foxwoods	Erection of two storey side and rear extension N/O
7 Clarkes Crescent	Conversion of existing garage to habitable room, with double fronted driveway N/O

ACCOUNTS

16.89 **Resolved to note the following:**

Received: Village Hall Hire £378; R Kelsey PAYE £77.80; Interest £1.90 and £0.04; Windle phone/copier £36.73

TOTAL **£494.47**

GPS Telecom – clerk phone - Sept	38.63
Paul Potter – archery set for Smithy HOD	17.47
Total Gas and Power – gas – July-Sept	115.80
BT – Smithy phone	134.71
B&M Office Machines – photocopier/copies	46.80
United Utilities – Water Nov	10.37
United Utilities – Water Nov	26.46
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	413.45

L Poole – November	415.65
V Griffiths – November	168.86
J Chamberlain – November	168.86
J Anderson – November	1210.35
Paul Potter Garden Services – 1 visit Nov	20.84
Neil Signs Ltd – Ecclesfield car park sign – closing time	66.00
Total Payments	£2854.25

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 October 2016 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £37,548.82 and Capital Deposit Account £465.07.

PETTY CASH – Expenditure for the month of October 2016	£17.87
Approximate balance at the end of October 2016	£11.42

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

CORRESPONDENCE

16.90 **Resolved to note the following:**

Invitation from Windle Parish Council to Chairman and guest to attend Bleak Hill Tree Lighting on Friday 2 December 2016, arrive 1.50pm and also the Christmas Reception on 20 December 2016 at 8.30pm

Email St Helens Council – confirming that there would be no need for a license to hold 4 stalls at the proposed Table Top Smithy charity event

Email from a resident regarding a police incident near the Carmelite. Clerk forwarded the email Cllr Sims had received from Insp Elaine Collins, Merseyside Police.

DATES OF MEETINGS

16.91 **Resolved to note the following:**

Thursday 1 December 2016	11.00 am	Tree Lighting	Eccleston Library
Tuesday 6 December 2016	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 13 December 2016	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Smithy Meeting Parish Council	Our Lady's Our Lady's

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

SIGNED

DATED