

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
13 OCTOBER, 2009, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Maloney, C Pearl & Skepper
PCSTO L Rowling, PC D Moore
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Broughton, D & S Evans & Sims

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

9.64 Cllr G Pearl declared at interest in 09.72 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 SEPTEMBER 2009

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

MATTERS ARISING

09.66 09.40 – Walmesley Road – Mr Clintworth has been given a key to the chain on Ecclesfield car park and the caretaker is monitoring the situation.

RESIDENTS ISSUES

09.67 Request for play equipment on Ecclesfield by Mr J Hall – Brian Johnson has been asked to provide a quote for equipment. Mr Hall did not attend the meeting.

POLICE REPORT

9.68 CSO Laura Rowling gave comparison figures for the period 28 July to 9 October for the Ecclestone area. She also updated Councillors on some of the police operations in progress at the moment.

Cllr G Pearl called for questions and the Clerk gave details of the Tree Lighting Ceremony – both officers hope to attend and escort the Ecclestone Mere children to the library.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

09.69 **Resolved that Councillors will attend the 9.45 am service at St Julie's Church on Sunday 8 November 2009 and afterwards at the Ecclestone War Memorial. Cllr Maloney is to attend the ceremony at the Cenotaph in the Town Centre.**

TREE LIGHTING

09.70 **Resolved to hold this at Ecclestone Library on Thursday 3 December 2009 at 10.45 am for 11.00 am. Councillors to provide mince pies. Ecclestone Mere School has promised to provide the entertainment.**

REPORTS

09.71 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – All Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for October from which the following was discussed:

- Successful visit by Bleak Hill School
- Awards for All re-submission
- Victorian Christmas, Town Hall – Curators will be paid £700 and the Parish Council £550
- Hallowe'en Exhibition and Craft Fair – 31 October 2009
- Volunteers to serve tea etc at the Craft Fair

Resolved that the £550 Management Fee for the Curators' participation in the Victorian Christmas be deposited into the Smithy budget.

St Helens Link Meeting – Cllr Maloney reported on the meeting held at 1.30 pm on 22 September 2009 at the United Reformed Church, St Helens. The following presentations were given:

- St Helens Council Adult Social Care and Health on Shaping the Future of Care Together
- Green Paper for Vulnerable People of all age groups, care and support needs radical reform – Mike Wyatt
- Link (Local Involvement Network) on involving local people, hearing ideas for change and taking action - Emma Rodriguez

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9.72 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

46 Gorsey Croft	Demolish conservatory & erect single storey pitched roof rear ext – N/O
7 Brookfield Ave	2 storey ext to side - ? sufficient off street parking for at least 2 cars
11 Gunning Ave	Resubmission – erection of rear conservatory - N/O
15 Swisspine Gns	Retain tarmaced area in front garden - N/O
49 Gillars Gn Dr	Temp change of use for 12 months from shop to office - N/O
15 Pikes Brdg Fold	Works to trees protected by TPO – Refer to Trees & Woodlands Officer
Rushen, Elm Grv	Appeal dismissed
66 Ecclesfield Rd	Appeal dismissed
13 Higham Ave	2 storey side ext & single rear ext & loft conversion - ? off-street parking
50 Foxwood	Demolish porch & erect 2 storey front/side ext & single rear ext – N/O
10 Forest Grove	1 st floor front & side ext with porch infill – N/O
32 Bleak Hill Rd	Resubmission of P/2009/0642 incorporating changes to roof & rear projection – same response as P/2009/0642
8 Churchill Gns	Single storey ext to front & side elevation – N/O

ACCOUNTS

09.73 Received Hall Hire £445; Zurich Claim (Lightning Strike) £621.49; NatWest Interest £4.80; HM Customs VAT refund £486.66;

British Gas – October (increased from £34)	188.00
British Gas – September increase	154.00
Manweb – October	102.50
United Utilities – October (new rate down £48.88)	48.88
United Utilities – October	27.20
St Helens Council – Rates	200.00
J Chamberlain – Salary October	160.88
J Chamberlain – Requisition 39 Complimentary gift for A Martlew	6.50
V Hirons – Salary October	160.88
V Hirons – Reqsns 40-42	85.43
L Poole - Salary – October	395.42
L Poole – large pack of toilet rolls	12.52
L Scott – Salary October includes £19.20 travel expenses (Chain – Liverpool)	1,120.80
L Scott – Petty Cash October	20.00
PAYE – Curators October (Cumulative £80.00 1 st month Period 3)	80.00
PAYE – Clerk October (Cumulative £276.00 1st month period 3)	276.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk October (Cumulative £115.71 1st month period 3)	115.71
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – October (£68.20 1st month period 3)	68.20
B&M – extra copies Invoice 116870	8.63
B&M – extra copies Invoice 118557	8.63
CFAF – Photocopier Lease	97.75
BT – Clerk’s Phone & Internet – April-July	131.75
BT – Smithy Phone & Internet – April-July	115.99
BT – Clerk’s Phone & Internet – July-Oct	129.77
BT – Smithy Phone & Internet – July-Oct	118.03
Ensign Flag Company – Chain mounting	258.75
PHS Duty of Care Waste Transfer – invoice 55180424	59.80
PHS – 3 months’ sanitation costs – invoice 55119396	149.50
St Helens Council – Waste Bin on Kiln Lane	294.76
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP – Annual Audit includes VAT	488.75
P Potter – Insecticide and power washer for diseased tree	54.50
T Poole – replacement lights and fittings	329.00
NatWest – Voucher charge	6.50
Balance brought forward from September meeting £45,168.44 plus receipts this month	£46,726.39
Total Payments this month	£5,475.03
Approximate balance	£41,251.36

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 September 2009, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £32,073.93 and Capital Reserve Account £463.40. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for September 2009.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of September 2009	£20.14
Approximate balance at the end of September 2009	£12.45

ACCOUNTS & AUDIT – The Audit has been concluded with no matters to be brought to our attention. A copy of the Accounts and Notice were posted on the Village Hall notice board on Monday 28 September 2009.

Resolved to accept the Audit for 2008/09.

CORRESPONDENCE

09.74 **Resolved to note the following:**

St Helens CVS – Consultation Paper ‘Shared VCS Network Hub Project’ – **passed to Cllr Duncan**
NHS – Halton & St Helens withdrawal of Umbrella Body Service for CRB disclosures

St James PCC – Request for financial assistance. **Resolved to inform St James their grant application will be considered when the budget is set in December 2009.**

Paul Potter – Request for renewal of gardening contract - **Resolved to renew Paul Potter’s contract but to defer the decision on plants until budget time.**

DATES OF MEETINGS

09.75 **Resolved to note the following:**

Sunday 8 November 09	9.45 am	St Julie’s Church	Remembrance Service
Tues 10 November 09	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 8.29 pm.

SIGNED

DATED