

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2011 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

PRESENT: Cllr E Skepper (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Haw, C & G Pearl, Sims & Watmough
Constable D Brown, Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Almond, Gray-Williams, Maloney

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

11.64 Councillors G Pearl and Sims declared an interest in Item 11.72 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 SEPTEMBER 2011

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

MATTERS ARISING

11.66 Councillor Sims reported that she had updated Mr & Mrs Pickavance regarding their recent complaints.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

11.67 Mr & Mrs Thompson report fence panels missing on Ansdell Drive and anti-social behaviour. The Police have brought in the Active Engagement Team and St Helens Council has been asked to quote for replacement panels but report that not all the damage is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Resolved that the fence panels be replaced and the Clerk writes to the residents responsible for their own damaged fences.

POLICE REPORT

11.68 Constable Brown reported the Crime figures comparing 1 January 2011 to 7 October 2011 with the corresponding period last year.

Constable Brown stated that the youths named on the latest graffiti on the Changing Room facility had been visited and that shortly afterwards one part of the damage had been covered over.

Councillors Haw and G Pearl joined the Meeting

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

11.69 The Parish Council will be represented at Our Lady Help of Christians Church this year on Sunday 13 November at 10.30 pm and afterwards at the Eccleston War Memorial.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

11.70 Eccleston Lane Ends School has been asked to provide the choir at Eccleston Library on Thursday 1 December 2011. The Library has been contacted and is in agreement.

REPORTS

11.71 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for October 2011. The following points were discussed:

- The new volunteer, Matthew Wakefield, was unable to attend the Smithy meeting this month but will be coming in November
- The Curators requested help on the 29th and 30th October when teas will be served during the Halloween Exhibition
- Request to install a standpipe at the back of the building was granted
- The letter of congratulations re Heritage Weekend was given to all Councillors

LESTER DRIVE CENTRE – Councillors Duncan and Skepper attended a meeting at the Lester Drive Centre on Friday 9 September when it was reported the plans to purchase the adjacent garage in order to enlarge the Centre had been put on hold for the moment.

WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN – Councillors Duncan and Skepper visited the Peter Street Community Centre as a result of receiving leaflets at the Lester Drive Centre meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11.72 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

- 133 St James Rd** Creation of vehicular access onto classified road with works to front wall – **N/O**
- 8 Walmesley Rd** Single storey front ext & garage conversion – **N/O**
- 543 Burrows Lane** Detached garage at rear of garden – **N/O**
- 120 St James Rd** Conversion of existing dwelling into 2 self contained flats, with alterations to external window & door openings - **Proposals will cause real problems on the corner of Old Lane - very limited off-street parking, just a hardstanding to the side. To encourage additional traffic at this location will prove very problematic.**
- St Benedicts Wood** Works to trees covered by TPO – felling of 1 horse chestnut, 2 sycamores, 2 beech, 1 ash and 1 elm – **Refer to Trees & Woodlands Officer**
- 27 Howards Lane** Pitched roof to existing gazebo in rear garden – **N/O**
- 113 Old Lane - Cost Savers** Consent to retain 3 vinyl window advertisements - **These advertisements are a hazard at this particular location - right on a round-about**
- Methodist site** Erection of 4 detached dwellings, road, landscaping and garages – **Points raised with Developer**
- Pavement fronting 101 Walmesley Rd** Installation of 12.5m high telegraph pole design mast for dual use with equipment cabinet & associated equipment at ground level – **Residents' Consultation Meeting scheduled**
- 9 The Scholes** Conversion of garage into habitable room – **N/O**
- 80 Ecclesfield Rd** 2-storey side ext & single storey rear - **Concern re adequate off-street parking if these proposals are approved**

UTILITY BILLS

- 11.73 **Resolved to go ahead with the Utility Brokers in attempting to reduce the cost of utilities in the Village Hall and Ecclesfield Changing Facility.**

BOUNDARY PROPOSALS

11.74 Information from the Boundary Commission for England consultation which concludes on 5 December 2011 given to all Councillors.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RETURN

11.75 **Resolved that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2011 be accepted and approved by the Parish Council.**

ACCOUNTS

11.76 Received Village Hall Hire £1,175.00; R Kelsey PAYE £73.00; NatWest Interest £5.57

British Gas – October	150.00
Manweb – October	167.00
United Utilities – October payment	8.35
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J Chamberlain - Salary October	165.72
J Chamberlain – Wildlife Project purchases	389.98
J Chamberlain – Wildlife & Smithy purchases	18.00
P Potter – Wildlife £100; V Hall grounds maintenance £50	150.00
Dr D Gledhill – Education Session Heritage Weekend (Wildlife Project)	140.00
Dr D Gledhill – CRB Check	7.00
Mr M Wakefield – CRB Check	7.00
J Parkers – Plants (Wildlife Project)	229.24
J Parkers – Bulbs for V Hall	131.86
V Griffiths – Salary October	165.72
L Poole - Salary – October	407.30
L Scott - Salary October includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,144.42
L Scott – Petty Cash October	20.00
L Scott – Wildlife Project purchases	37.00
L Scott – Cutlery for Village Hall	7.59
PAYE – Curators October (Cumulative £82.40 1 st month Period 3)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk October (Cumulative £284.20 1 st month Period 3)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker October (Cumulative £0.20 1 st month Period 3)	0.20
EPC NI contribution October – Clerk (Cumulative £114.87 1 st month Period 3)	114.87
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker October (£73.00 1 st month Period 3)	73.00
Inland Revenue PAYE/NI Period 2 (already reported monthly)	(1,664.21)
PHS – Annual Duty of Care Inv 57782123	83.94
M & A Lear – Supply of Plant/Workshop Heritage Weekend	691.90
Eden Project – items for the Wildlife Project	113.76
St Helens Council – Cleaning August Inv 12555621	269.80
B&M Office Machines Ltd Quarterly billing 16/9 – 15/12/11 Inv 154857	29.70
BDO LLP – Annual Audit inc VAT	510.00
Balance brought forward September meeting £44,630.01 plus receipts this month	£45,883.58
Total Payments October	£5,632.52
Approximate balance	£40,251.06

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 September 2011, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £38,104.43 and Capital Deposit Account £463.88. The Finance Committee has been issued with copies of the Bank Reconciliations.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of September 2011
Approximate balance at the end of September 2011

£25.03
-£4.02

CORRESPONDENCE

11.77 **Resolved to note the following:**

Boundary Commission for England - Information on 2013 review – **given to all Councillors**
NALC – 8-Step Guide to Planning Responses – **passed to Councillor Ashcroft**
St Helens Council – Invitation for Chairman to attend the Remembrance Day Service on
13 November at the Cenotaph and Friday 11 November at the Cenotaph – **Cllrs C & G Pearl
and Maloney to attend St Helens Council ceremonies**
Merseytravel – Advisory Panels being replaced – **letter passed to Cllr Watmough**
Children’s Centres Consultation – this has been passed to all Councillors on the email system –
Councillor Sims gave further information at the meeting

DATES OF MEETINGS

11.78 **Resolved to note the following:**

8 November 11	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	St James

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

SIGNED

DATED