

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2014 at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH HALL, Portico Lane, Eccleston Park

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Duncan, Haw, C Pearl, G Pearl and Skepper
J Anderson (Clerk)
2 Residents

APOLOGIES:

14.61 Cllrs Almond, Broughton, Gray-Williams, Maloney and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

14.62 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 14.70 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 SEPTEMBER 2014

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

MATTERS ARISING

14.64 **Minute 14.51** St Helens Council would look at Houghtons Lane and replace any missing white lines. The reflective discs on telegraph posts are BT's responsibility. Clerk had informed the resident.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

14.65 A resident raised concern at the loss of trees in the area in particular those that may have preservation orders placed on them. Cllrs requested that names or vehicle registration numbers of companies driving around the area promoting tree cutting to be reported if suspicious. Cllr Sims reported that 20 trees new trees had been planted in Eccleston.

POLICE REPORT

14.66 PCSO Green was unable to attend but provided crime figures for the meeting. These were discussed with concern at the rise in burglaries compared to the same period last year.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

14.67 The Parish Council would be represented at Christ Church this year on Sunday 9 November 2014 at 10.45am with prayers and wreath laying afterwards at Eccleston War Memorial. **Councillors requested to arrive at Church at 10.30am.** Cllr Haw agreed to open the war memorial.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

14.68 Eccleston Mere Primary School would provide the choir at Eccleston Library on Thursday 4 December 2014. The Library was in agreement and Rainford's Farm confirmed they would donate the tree.

REPORTS

14.69 Resolved to note the following:

Merseyside Playing Fields Association – 18 September 2014 Cllr Haw attended the meeting. Cllr Haw highlighted possible funds available and supported 2 clubs that consequently benefited:

- Ecclesfield FC received 10 footballs
- Eccleston Park Tennis Club received £140 worth of tennis balls and equipment

Lester Drive – 10 October 2014 Cllrs Duncan and Skepper attended a meeting of the Old People Welfare Committee as Observers from Parish Council.

- The building fund is steadily growing
- Donations – Rainhill Gala donated £100 for garden tools
- There is steady attendance by the users
- The Committee work very hard to care for the elderly who use the Centre for many activities
- The Committee as Trustees wish to become a Private Limited Company. To prepare for this they will need forms and instructions and a web agent
- Next meeting 4 November 2014

Finance Sub Ctte – 14 October 2014, 6.30pm, Our Lady’s. Cllrs Sims, Ashcroft and Duncan attended along with the Clerk. The current budget position was monitored. Both expenditure and income were discussed.

Smithy – 14 October 2014, 6.45pm, Our Lady’s All Cllrs were given a copy of the Curator’s report and the following points were discussed:

- Heritage Open Weekend – successful event
- Macmillan Coffee Morning – supported by St Helens WI raised money and created the opportunity to develop links
- Planning for 2015 – opens 7 February 2015 with Valentine’s card-themed exhibition for 2 weekends. Murder mystery event on Sat 14 Feb 2015.
- Smithy will open for the season on Sat 4 April 2015 with Man’s Best Friend exhibition focusing on dogs as pets and working animals
- International Blacksmith’s Day held on 23 May 2015 with a farrier and Puzzle the horse as well as real ale event
- Heritage Open Days will feature Great Eccleston Bake-off with a birthday cake theme to mark 20th birthday of the Smithy. Will also include a dog show in association with Dogs Trust

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14.70 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

51 Broadway	Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey side and rear extension N/O
56 Park Ave	Works to 1no. Birch tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order Refer to trees and woodlands officer
Valencia Farm Stables	Demolition of pig-sty / store and conversion of barn and stables to 1no dwelling along with new window openings, vehicular access drive and boundary fencing Awaiting amendment – should not include ‘barn’

ACCOUNTS

14.71 Resolved to note the following:

Received: Village Hall Hire £168; R Kelsey PAYE £76.20; HM Rev & Cust £283.74; Ecclesfield Insurance contribution £256.13; Smithy HOD £164.50

TOTAL **£948.57**

Payments:

Broker Network Ltd – Came Insurance annual renewal (inc £256.13 Ecclfld) 2390.57

GPS Telecom – Clerk telephone Aug 25.91

Calder Builders – box in pipes 100.80

Royal British Legion – poppy wreath 17.00

Post Office Ltd – PAYE and NI July-Sept 1434.82

J Anderson – October – inc travel and petty cash 1259.52

J Chamberlain – October + exp 351.15

L Poole – October + exp 414.68

V Griffiths – October 165.72

Best Security – annual maintenance 287.87

United Utilities – Oct 22.19

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Total **£6479.92**

RECONCILIATION – The Clerk reported that, as at 26 September 2014, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £37,551.30 and Capital Deposit Account £464.53.

PETTY CASH – Expenditure for the month of September 2014 £10.86

Approximate balance at the end of September 2014 £0.62

CORRESPONDENCE

14.72 Resolved to note the following:

Wine Group – request to use of the hall every other month (6 in total in the year) **Agreed**

Hall Application – request from Time for Ted playgroup to use the hall long term on Thursdays 9-11.30am starting 6 November 2014 (term time) **Agreed**

Hall Application – request from Morris dance group to use hall Thursday evenings **Agreed**

St Helens Council – invitation from the Mayor and Mayoress to Remembrance Sunday parade and service. Sunday 9 November 2014, arrive Town Hall at 10.20am

Police & Crime Commissioner – public meetings consulting on the future of police stations in Merseyside. Public meetings: Tues 28 Oct 6pm-8pm St Helens Town Hall and Thurs 20 Nov 6pm-8pm Hope Academy, Newton-le-Willows

Official Receipt – Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – donation for wreath

DATES OF MEETINGS

14.73 Resolved to note the following:

Tuesday 11 November 2014	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED

DATED