

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

15.65 Cllrs Dawson, Kempself, Sims and Watmough

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

15.66 Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in Item 15.74 – Planning Applications.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 SEPTEMBER 2015**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

15.68 None

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

15.69 None

**POLICE REPORT**

15.70 PCSO Green attended the meeting and provided crime figures for the meeting. These were discussed with concern at the rise in theft from shed/garages. There had been 8 compared to 4 in the same period last year.

It was reported at the meeting the young children, aged between 10-12, were causing a nuisance around Ecclesfield Road area. PCSO Green reported that his colleagues had already visited the homes of some children in the area but said they would patrol the area and keep an eye on the situation.

PCSO Green informed the meeting that Merseyside Police had to make £19m of cuts by 2016 and therefore it had been decided to cut the role of PCSOs and the mounted section of the police. This would mean that by Sept 2016 there would be no PCSOs in Merseyside. Councillors were concerned that this would mean there could be no police presence in the area.

Cllr Ashcroft thanked PCSO Green for attending the meeting and providing the information.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

15.71 The Parish Council would be represented at St James Church this year on Sunday 8 November 2015 at 10.30am with prayers and wreath laying afterwards at Eccleston War Memorial. **Councillors were requested to arrive at Church at 10.20am.**

## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

15.72 Eccleston Library had agreed the date for the Christmas tree lighting as Thursday 3 December 2015 at 11am. Eccleston Lane Ends Primary School would provide the choir. Rainford's Farm had confirmed they would kindly donate the tree.

## REPORTS

15.73 **Resolved to note the following:**

Lester Drive – 22 September 2015 Cllrs Duncan and Skepper attended a meeting of the Old People's Welfare Committee. Cllr Skepper reported:

- Steel faced fire door not suitable. Quotes for laminated door to be invited
- Pub evening had been re-arranged to 24 October 2015
- Awaiting a report on LED lighting
- New carpet tiles had been fitted
- Painting of the hall had improved the light in the hall
- Good progress with groups
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's A/c £8760.00, Building Fund £24,089.00, Deposit A/c £3924.00
- Wine tasting evening
- Christmas fair
- Planning application for garages was valid for 5 years
- Next meeting 30 October 2015

Finance Sub Ctte – 15 October 2015, 6.30pm, Eccleston Village Hall Cllrs Ashcroft, Duncan, Gray-Williams and Skepper attended along with the Clerk. The current budget position was monitored. Both expenditure and income were discussed. Possible money was identified to carry out the pointing of the Smithy. A decision would be made at November Parish meeting.

Smithy – 15 October 2015, 6.45pm, Eccleston Village Hall All Cllrs were given a copy of the Curators' report and the following points were discussed:

- Heritage Open Weekend – successful event
- Macmillan Coffee Morning – supported by St Helens WI raised just short of £400
- ACE Funding – Curators enquiring if funding had been received. The Clerk had not been notified that the money had been released
- St Helens Heritage Network – the Smithy to receive an award at annual ceremony on 17 October. A local history group must have nominated the Smithy
- 2016 Season – plans underway with craftspeople booked for Blacksmith's Day. Discussions being held with Murder Mystery Productions
- Alarm Call-outs – alarm activated twice last week. The heat from the pipes in the office may affect the alarm as the office was extremely hot.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15.74 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

**12 Forest Mead** Demolition of existing carport and erection of part two storey, part single storey side extension along with bay window and canopy to front elevation **N/O**

**Eccleston Lane Ends** Creation of additional 4no car parking spaces **N/O**

**Loggerheads** Works to assorted trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order **N/O**  
**East Close**  
**37 Springfield Lane** Single storey side and rear wraparound extension **N/O**

Approval – Walmesley Road cafe had been approved on 23 September 2015.

### ACCOUNTS

#### 15.75 **Resolved to note the following:**

Received: Village Hall Hire £308; R Kelsey PAYE £77.80; Ecclesfield Insurance contribution £263.81; Smithy HOD £151.35; Windle PC phone/copier £34.07; Interest 0.02 and £1.84

**TOTAL** **£836.89**

United Utilities – September	9.86
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Ecclesfield Project – 2 <sup>nd</sup> half contribution	1749.50
Came & Co Insurance annual renewal (inc £263.81 Eccldfd)	2222.21
BDO LLP – annual audit fee	360.00
GPS Telecom – Clerk telephone	45.23
RBL Poppy Appeal – poppy wreath	20.00
St Helens Council – cleaning – August	298.60
Appleton Painting and Decorating – hall entrance sign	105.00
Post Office Ltd – PAYE and NI July-Sept	1430.26
CF Corporate – photocopier lease	93.60
Paul Potter Garden Services – October	18.75
J Chamberlain – October	168.86
L Poole – October	416.25
J Anderson – October – inc petty cash	1282.39
V Griffiths – October + exp	187.24
St Helens Council – cleaning – September	298.60
St Helens Council – Parish election costs	3931.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12653.35</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 September 2015, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £38,104.56 and Capital Deposit Account £464.81.

**PETTY CASH** - Expenditure for the month of September 2015 £6.48  
**Approximate** balance at the end of September 2015 £5.45

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 15.76 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Email from resident** – regarding planning permission at the pump house on St Helens Road, Eccleston Park and the air raid shelter.

The email was read out by the Chairman and asked for the support of the Parish Council to save the air raid shelter and claimed that people were not aware of the application. Cllr Haw reported that Parish Council letters had been delivered to residents of Eccleston Park notifying them of the planning application before the decision was made. The Parish Council had responded to the application with concerns for highway safety and raised concern for an air raid shelter with historical value. As only 3 objections had been made it had not gone to a Planning Committee and

permission was granted on 28 August 2015. Although Councillors empathised with the resident, planning permission had been given and they felt there was nothing more that could be done from a Parish Council point of view. Cllr Haw would contact the resident to explain the situation.

**St Helens Council** – invitation from the Mayor and Mayoress to the Remembrance Sunday parade and service. Sunday 8 November 2015, arrival at the Town Hall 10.20am. **Cllrs Geoff and Carol Pearl would attend.**

**Official Receipt** – Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for donation for wreath - **noted**

DATES OF MEETINGS

15.77 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 10 November 15	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	<b>Our Lady's</b>
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	<b>Our Lady's</b>

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....