

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2018 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

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

APOLOGIES:

18.62 Cllrs Kempself and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

18.63 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 18.72 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

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

MATTERS ARISING

18.65 None

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

18.66 One resident reported workmen around Acacia Grove knocking on doors selling driveway and roofing services. The resident felt the workmen were intimidating and were quite persistent. Cllr Ashcroft suggested reporting it to the police. **Clerk would report to police.**

POLICE REPORT

18.67 PCSO Dyson had been unable to attend but had sent crime figures which showed an increase in burglaries in Ecclestone. Residents were reminded to be vigilant and lock all windows and doors.

COUNCILLOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

18.68 **It was agreed that a 6 months' leave of absence be granted to Cllr Watmough due to illness.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

18.69 The Parish Council would be represented at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Ecclestone Park on Sunday 11 November 2018 at 10.30m service. **Councillors were requested to arrive at Church at 10.15am.** Prayers and a wreath laying service would take place at approximately 11.30am at Ecclestone War Memorial. It was agreed Cllr Ashcroft would open the war memorial gates.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

18.70 The Christmas tree lighting ceremony would take place at Ecclestone Library on Thursday 6 December 2018 at 11am. Ecclestone Mere School would provide the choir. Rainford's Christmas Tree Land had confirmed they would kindly donate the tree. Cllr G Pearl reported that there would be a multi-faith ceremony at Ecclestone Library at 3.30pm on the same day.

Cllr Sims had arranged for the lights on the tree on St Helens Road to be turned on the same day.

## REPORTS

### 18.71 Resolved to note the following:

Lester Drive Meeting – 25 September 2018 Cllrs Skepper reported:

- all sessions were doing well
- the bank balances were: Treasurer's A/c £13,134.64, Deposit Account £3,922, Building Fund £11,631.62

Finance Sub Cttee – 9 October 2018, 6.45pm, Ecclestone Village Hall Cllrs C Pearl, G Pearl and Skepper attended along with the Clerk. The current budget position was monitored including the Smithy

Smithy – 9 October 2018, 7.00pm, Ecclestone Village Hall All Cllrs were given a copy of the Curators' report and the following points were discussed:

- Apple Day – beekeepers brought observation hive; there was an apple pressing demonstration along with craft activities
- Pointing – Curators were delighted the pointing had started and asked to know the amount to be taken from income fund. The Clerk asked for all expenditure claims to be sent in so that an accurate budget position could be reported. Cllrs could then make a decision on the amount to be taken from income fund leaving enough for future events
- 2019 Smithy – next year's exhibition would be Vikings. Possible Viking market and potential to deliver special sessions for schools

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 18.72 Resolved to note the following:

#### Delegated

<b>1 Sadlers Lane</b>	Erection of double garage <b>N/O</b>
<b>8 Bobbies Lane</b>	Proposed extension to existing detached dwelling to provide separate living accommodation for a family member <b>EPC is concerned at the potential for additional vehicles to exit/access onto this unadopted road</b>
<b>14 Millbrook Lane</b>	Demolition of existing rear sunroom, and erection of a single storey rear infill extension, along with partial conversion of utility into garden store with new garage door to front <b>N/O</b>

Cllr Sims informed the meeting that Christ Church would be holding a consultation meeting regarding the intention to submit a planning application for 7 houses on land where the old church hall stands. The meeting would be Wednesday 10 October 2018, 4pm-7.30pm in Christ Church.

Cllr Sims also informed the meeting that St Helens College would no longer be using Bobbies Lane field but that it was a protected green space.

## ANNUAL AUDIT

- 18.73 The audit report had been received with one comment of incorrectly completing the accounting statements. Income received by Ecclestone Parish Council in error that should have been paid to Ecclesfield Project had been recorded as both a receipt and a payment. However the transaction should have been in and out of the receipts reflecting the fact that the receipt was not due to the Parish Council. The income and expenditure figures have been amended to reflect this change.

## ACCOUNTS

### 18.74 Resolved to note the following:

**Received:** Village Hall Hire £463; R Kelsey PAYE (Aug & Sep) £155.60; Smithy HOD £221.46; Smithy stall holders £385; Windle PC phone and copier £48.64; Interest 2.26 and 0.02

**TOTAL**

**£1275.98**

**Payments**

GPS Telecom – Clerk telephone – Aug	39.70
Came & Co Insurance annual renewal (inc £222.19 Eccldfd)	2347.96
PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit	360.00
HMRC – PAYE and NI July-Sept	1394.88
Water Plus – Oct	11.91
Water Plus – Oct	5.00
V Griffiths – October	168.86
T Poole – October + expenses	420.94
J Chamberlain – October + expenses	266.53
J Anderson – October + PC, travel	1282.84
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	430.52
St Helens Council – cleaning October	348.00
Vinylite Ltd – honour board lettering	36.00
Ecclesfield Project – second half contribution	2699.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9812.64</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that as at 28 September 2018 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £49,529.53 and Capital Deposit Account £465.35.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of September 2018	£0.00
<b>Approximate</b> balance at the end of September 2018	£17.70

CORRESPONDENCE

18.75 **Resolved to note the following:**

- St Helens Council** – invitation from the Mayor and Mayoress to Remembrance Sunday parade and service. Sunday 11 November 2018 commencing at 10.51. **Cllrs C and G Pearl would attend**
- Official Receipt** – from Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for donation for wreath
- Invoice** – Stone Central for Smithy pointing £5,520.00
- Draft letter from St Helens Council** – Walmesley Road/Ecclesfield car park

DATES OF MEETINGS

18.76 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 13 November 2018	7.00pm	Smithy Meeting	<b>Our Lady’s</b>
	7.30pm	Parish Council	<b>Our Lady’s</b>

EMERGENCY ADDITIONAL ITEM – PRIVACY STATEMENT

18.77 Resolved to adopt the privacy statement regarding collecting and storing personal data particularly with regard to the possible use of Ecclesfield car park by shop keepers/staff. Cllr Sims read out the draft letter from St Helens Council that would be hand delivered by the Clerk to all shops later in the week.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....