

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2008, at 7.30 pm in Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

PRESENT: Cllr Perry (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Duncan, Evans, Gleave, Gray-Williams, Maloney,
C & G Pearl, Skepper and Sims
Laura Taylor – Police Representative, Mrs L Scott - Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

8.52 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in the Planning Applications. Cllrs Evans, G Pearl and Sims declared an interest in Minute 08.58.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 JULY 2008

08.53 Resolved that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Cllr Gleave stated she had sent in her apologies for absence at the last meeting but these had not been received.

MATTERS ARISING

08.54 08.39 – Matters Arising – The painter has now completed the job of re-decorating the Village Hall. Thanks to all people who washed and ironed the curtains.

08.40 – Residents' Issues – McCarthy & Stone has agreed to fund the replacement of their boundary fence. They have requested that St Helens Council “deals” with the rabbits as they are now quite a size. Still awaiting a reply from T Deveney on this.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

8.55 *18 Millbrook Lane* - overhanging trees and nettles from the Nature Reserve.
Resolved to ask St Helens Council to check on the management plan for the area to see whether work needs to be done.

96 Millbrook Lane – anti social behaviour and fence - Laura Taylor reported that the police had paid one or two visits to the resident but that things had died down lately. The situation would continue to be monitored.

21 Long Meadow – Cllr Sims reported that she had received a telephone call from a lady whose mother lives at number 21. The concern is that there is a drainage problem in the brook. This is an Environment Agency problem and the Clerk was asked to contact them to ask for a site visit.

POLICE REPORT

8.56 Laura Taylor reported that there had been a small increase in calls with an assault, 2 robberies and criminal damage to 2 vehicles. However, there had been 3 ASBOs served on youths from West Park who had been seen lately in Eccleston, in particular Christ Church grounds. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to Chief Supt Armitt to inform him of the Parish Council's concerns.

Laura went on to report that Acting Inspector Neil Kavanagh had been deployed to Performance Management in Liverpool and that Inspector Tim Kelly and Sgt Gary Bradley would soon be joining them.

Councillor Bain raised concern about speeding traffic on Kiln Lane and a near accident to a child that he had witnessed recently. Councillor Bain queried whether speed signs could be installed. Councillor Sims said she would raise this issue with the appropriate people.

FIRE EQUIPMENT

8.57 Hoyles Fire & Safety has done the annual check on fire equipment and has recommended we replace 2 obsolete extinguishers from the Education Room, 3 Fire Action Staff Notice signs, 3 Fire Exit Keep Clear signs and 1 Assembly Point sign – Total Cost £442.20.

Resolved that we follow the advice from Hoyles and replace the equipment as soon as possible.

REQUEST FOR WARD COMMITTEE FUNDING

8.58 Cllrs Evans, G Pearl and Sims left the meeting.

Kiln Lane Open Space - a St Helens Council engineer recommended putting an extra pipe parallel to the one we installed on Kiln Lane to provide extra drainage. The suggestion was made that we could make an application to the Ward Committee. Cllr Perry was informed during Recess but it is necessary for the Parish Council to discuss the suggestion before a decision can be made.

Gillars Green shrubbery – it was suggested this could be cut back to give more security to the area. The cost would be over £4,000.

Resolved that we go ahead with the request for additional Kiln Lane Open Space drainage but monitor the activities around the Gillar's Green shrubbery for the moment.

OPEN SPACES BOUNDARIES

8.59 Discussion regarding treatments on Kiln Lane Open Space was deferred until after the Henbury Court problem had been resolved. Quote received for re-instatement of hedges removed when private gates were installed – £91.25.

Resolved to ask John Broomhead to go ahead with the planting and to write to all residents whose properties back onto the open space. Councillors Broughton and Skepper volunteered to deliver the letters.

MERSEYTRAVEL – COUNCILLOR G PEARL

8.60 Cllr Pearl was asked to take over representation from Cllr Evans but has been informed that as he is representing the District Council at Merseytravel meetings, this could result in a clash of interests.

Resolved that Councillor Pearl keeps the Parish Council informed of any decisions that may affect Eccleston.

PARTNERSHIP WITH DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

8.61 Mr Fred Leather who was a judge at the Parish Council Art Competition in June suggested that De la Salle School would welcome working closely with the Parish Council on future projects.

Resolved that the Clerk writes to Mr Daunt to invite him to address the Parish Council at a future date.

CVS SUBSCRIPTION

8.62 CVS has a new system of registering subscriptions from August 2008 – cost £30 for public sector bodies.

Resolved to renew the subscription.

REPORTS

08.63 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield Management – The Clerk reported on the Annual General Meeting held last night at the Village Hall when the following points were discussed:

- All flagged up repairs now completed but a water valve is broken and needs a part making
- Car parking – usage being monitored by the Caretaker
- 2 pitches needed to be moved due to mole and drainage problems
- Field being used illegally by a football club
- Users unhappy with goal posts
- New team – kick off times require co-ordination between clubs and leagues

Smithy Working Party – All Councillors were given a copy of the September Curator's Report. The main points for discussion were:

- Pilkington Family Trust Visit
- Heritage Weekend arrangements – Cllrs Broughton, Duncan, Bain, Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney, Perry and Skepper agreed to help with refreshments on the day. Cllr Sims offered to supply cakes
- Costco membership for Curators and Clerk
- Accreditation – well on the way to completion
- Donation of Charities of Ecclestone book by Bill Cleary

ST HELENS CVS – Councillor Maloney attended the AGM at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 3 September 2008 at the Peter Street Community Centre. The Mayor, Councillor John Beirne presided over the meeting. Jean Mulford, CVS Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the introductions, thanking the staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication. The year 2009 is the 75th year of the CVS. Sally Yeoman, Chief Executive, presented the Annual Report and the Honorary Treasurer, Tom Kelly, presented the Financial Report. Mrs B Swift, Board Member, gave a Vote of Thanks and Councillor Beirne closed the meeting at approximately 3.30 pm.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08.64 Councillor G Pearl left the meeting during the following discussions.

Resolved that the following observations be made:

Delegated

52 Houghtons La Demolish conservatory & erect 2-storey side ext – N/O

Catchdale Moss Farm Trees	Prior notification to erect building for storage & sale of Christmas Trees – N/O
Holmecroft, Holme Close	Work to trees covered by TPO – N/O
Holmecroft 119 Portico Lane	Work to trees covered by TPO – N/O
114 St Helens Rd	Single storey rear ext – N/O
De La Salle Schl	Single storey ext & dormer to rear – N/O
	Outline application for re-development under Building Schools for the Future Scheme - Concern there is no change in access onto Alder Hey and Wokefield Way currently used for maintenance only.
Barn, Clay Lane	Rear Conservatory – N/O
87 Old Lane	Single storey side & rear ext (re-submission of 2008/0493) – N/O
Scholes Hall	Erect 2 dwellings (re-submission of 2007/0963) – N/O
25 Fairholme Ave	Single storey side ext – N/O
7 Brookfield Ave	Single storey side ext – N/O
Willowbrook Hosp	Enlargement of main entrance lobby – N/O
6 Sherwood Close	Single storey rear ext – N/O
Trapwood Close } Gillars Green Dr }	Draft decision made against removing payphones from these sites Noted
27 Nottingham Cl	Conversion of integral garage to habitable room – houses very small front gardens – would removal of secure parking cause off-street parking problems?
Scholes Hall	Listed building consent for erection of 2 dwellings – Totally object to proposal to erect 2 detached dwellings on land within curtilage of Scholes Hall – would have detrimental effect on Grade II Listed Building & monument
22 Park Ave	Erection of 2-storey side ext – Would proposals have overbearing effect on amenity of 20 Park Ave?
37 Bleak Hill Rd	2-storey side ext & loft conversion – No objection subject to condition that no construction vehicles or development access/materials use/access Watery Lane – old ancient highway with access only for grounds maintenance to farmers field and open space.
70A Broadway	Erection of detached dormer bungalow – Object to corner plot which is a side corner of number 70 & near to small cul-de-sac. Any extra traffic onto Broadway would exacerbate existing problems
United Utilities	54km buried pipeline connecting Prescot Reservoir, Knowsley to Woodgate Hill Reservoir in Bury – letter of proposals in packet – all plans in Ecclesfield Library
23 Broadway	Creation of dormer ext to side - ? sufficient off-street parking
58 Brookside Ave	2-storey side ext - ? adverse effect on neighbouring properties
7 Whitebeam Gns	1 st floor side ext - ? sufficient off-street parking for 4-bed house

CHRIST CHURCH GRANT

08.65 Resolved that Christ Church be awarded a grant of £700.00 towards the upkeep of the Church yard

ACCOUNTS

08.66 Received Hall Hire July £475.00; R Kelsey PAYE £65; £978.09 VAT re-payment; Hall Hire August £25 Bond payment for a new group.

British Gas – August	88.00
Manweb – August	81.50
United Utilities – August	53.01
United Utilities – Direct Debit for Surface water/drainage – August	15.39
St Helens Council - Rates	95.00
British Gas – September	88.00
Manweb – September	81.50
United Utilities – September	48.10
United Utilities – Direct Debit for Surface water/drainage – September	15.39
St Helens Council - Rates	95.00
St Helens Council – Cleaning for July	248.97
L Poole - Salary – August	384.08
L Scott – Salary August includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,079.23
L Scott – Petty Cash July/August	30.00
J Chamberlain – Salary August	156.04
V Hirons – Salary August	156.04
V Hirons – Heater and items for Smithy (Grant money)	93.12
L Poole - Salary – September	384.08
L Scott – Salary September includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,079.23
L Scott – Petty Cash September	20.00
J Chamberlain – Salary September	156.04
J Chamberlain – Req 24 – Stamps and cement mix	11.74
V Hirons – Salary September	156.04
Griffin Environmental Services – Village Hall sanitation – August	50.91
Griffin – September	50.91
PAYE – Curators August (Cumulative £156.00 2 nd month Period 2)	78.00
PAYE – Clerk August (Cumulative £535.80 2 nd month Period 2)	268.80
EPC NI contribution – Clerk August (Cumulative £227.02 2 nd month Period 2)	113.51
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – August (£130.00 2 nd month Period 2)	65.00
PAYE – Curators September (Cumulative £234.00 3 rd month Period 2)	78.00
PAYE – Clerk September (Cumulative £803.80 3 rd month Period 2)	268.80
EPC NI contribution – Clerk September (Cumulative £340.53 3 rd month Period 2)	113.51
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – Sept Cumulative (£195.00 3 rd month Period 2)	65.00
B&M Office Machines – Copies 14/6/08 – 14/7/08 – Inv 96215	15.64
B&M Office Machines – Copies 14/7/08 – 15/8/08 – Inv 96605	15.64
Willow Printing – 500 Smithy Leaflets	198.00
Mrs J Dudley – Flowers for widow of past Chairman	16.00
BT – Clerk’ Phone and Internet	144.00
BT – Smithy Phone and Internet	115.58
Hoyles Fire & Safety Ltd – Annual check on extinguishers, etc	108.20
H Anders – Painting Village Hall	1,945.00
Lancs Association of Local Councils – Standing Orders & Chairmanship Book	10.00
Stanley Gate Nursery Ltd – War Memorial Tidy – July	70.50
Window Shield UK Ltd – UV Film in Smithy	381.88
Paul Potter – Village Hall grounds maintenance – 4	100.00
Paul Potter – Village Hall grounds maintenance – 5	100.00
Communities & Local Gov - Fire Safety Booklet	12.00
CFAF – Photocopier lease	110.05
NatWest – Bank Charges	35.50
Bank Charges	6.50
Costco Subscription – 3 persons	37.60

Balance brought forward July Meeting £51,669.42 + receipts this month	£53,212.51
Total Payments this month	9,190.03
Approximate balance	£44,022.48

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 31 July 2008, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £39,721.45 and Capital Reserve Account £462.93.

As at 29 August 2008, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £35,663.18 and Capital Reserve Account £462.93. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the 2 monthly Reconciliations, together with copies of the bank statements for July and August 2008.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of July 2008	£13.06
Approximate balance at the end of July 2008	£21.33

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of August 2008	£14.44
Approximate balance at the end of August 2008	£6.89

INTERNAL AUDIT – A copy of Mr A Scott’s first Internal Audit Report has been given to the Finance Committee. There were no points raised as a result of the audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

8.67 Resolved to note the following:

- Greater Manchester Transport Authority** – Consultation Brochure
- Merseybasin** – Source Issue 17 – **passed to Cllr Perry**
- CVS** – Contact August/September – **Cllr Duncan has a copy**
- St Helens Council** – Eccleston Ward Committee September Minutes & Agenda – **passed to Cllr Perry**
- Merseytravel** – Meeting of TravelSafe Board 4 September in Liverpool
- CPRE** - Fieldwork publication for September – **passed to Cllr Broughton**
- Cllr J Beirne** – Mayor’s Appeal – **resolved to reply that Councillors will give individually**
- NHS** – Consultation, Fairhaven, Winwick – **passed to Cllr Duncan**

DATES OF MEETINGS

08.68 Resolved to note the following

Tues 14 October 08	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

SIGNED

DATED