

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018
at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Haw, C Pearl, G Pearl and Skepper
Janet Anderson (Clerk)
4 residents

APOLOGIES

18.49 Cllrs Gray-Williams, Kempself and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

18.50 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 18.57 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 JULY 2018

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

MATTERS ARISING

18.52 None reported.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

18.53 One resident raised the issue of Ecclesfield car park being locked during the day when the shop car park was full. Cllr Sims explained that the car park belonged to both Eccleston Parish Council and Windle Parish Council as part of the changing room facility on Ecclesfield and on police advice the Management Committee had been advised to secure the car park to prevent vandals damaging the field.

Cllr Sims explained that over many years shop keepers had been given the opportunity to have a key to the chain to enable them to securely park their cars and lock the chain again, thus releasing spaces on St Helens Council's car park. Cllr Sims had a list of shop keepers that had signed for keys. Unfortunately the system had not been a success. The Parish Council had tried on several occasions to implement the system without success.

Another resident had spent time observing how long cars were parking on the shop car park for and although she explained that some people were using the car park to park and ride, there were at least 6 cars parked there from 8am for up to 9 hours.

Cllr Sims explained that she had met with St Helens Council's Highways Department to discuss possible solutions. The Highways Department had been surprised that shop keepers had not made a success of the system the Parish Council had offered several times over the years. It was decided that St Helens Council would send a letter to shops and businesses in the area reiterating the offer of a key to Ecclesfield car park so that staff members could use the car park, locking the chain once they had parked. The consultation letter would include a pro-forma to gather feedback on the system and whether businesses were willing to sign up. It would then be trialled for 3 to 6 months. The letter would explain that if the system was not successful St Helens Council would have no alternative but to enforce the traffic regulation order on the layby in front of the shops, which was loading and unloading from 8am-1pm then public parking, and to enforce the 2 hours limit on the car park.

Residents enquired how they would know the outcome of the letter. Cllr Sims informed them that the letter had to be back with Highways Department by 30 September 2018 and Councillors would publish the outcome in the Focus newsletter.

Another resident acknowledged the Silent Soldier silhouette that had been sponsored by the Parish Council and placed at the end of Broadway. He added that it was an excellent idea.

Another resident enquired about the cars mounting the pavement at the side of the café on the corner of Kiln Lane and Bleak Hill Road. Cllr Haw replied that Highways Department had spoken to the business owner who would be dealing with the issue when they upgraded their car park to include a trip rail on the pavement.

Cllr Pearl explained that he and Cllr Haw had collected signatures for a petition regarding the bus link along Burrows Lane. The petition, which included more than 800 signatures, had been given to Merseytravel. Councillors were awaiting a reply.

POLICE REPORT

18.54 There had been no-one available to attend the meeting but PCSO Green had sent a police report with up to date figures.

REPORTS

18.55 **Resolved to note the following:**

Lester Drive Centre – 17 July 2018 Cllr Duncan attended the meeting and reported:

- Groups were running well
- The defibrillator was complete
- The annexe – no plans for it yet. Where next? Change of use?
- There was a discussion regarding the solar panels. Further information was needed.
- The antiques evening had done well with a profit of £310
- The election of officers: Chairman – Edith Martlew, Secretary – Andrew Martlew, Treasurer – Barbara Wilcock
- The committee discussed a policy to deal with late and non payers
- Treasurer's A/c £13,040.50; Deposit A/c £3,931.50; Building Development A/c £11,167.41

Cllrs Sims, Duncan, Gray-Williams and Skepper attend the Institution of the Rev Helen Coffey as Team Rector of the Benefice at St Matthews Church, Thatto Heath on 2 September 2018 at 3pm.

Ecclesfield – 4 September 2018 at 7pm in Ecclestone Village Hall Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, G Pearl and Sims attended along with the Secretary. Report as follows:

- Cllr Pearl elected as Chairman for 2018-2020
- No problems with changing rooms – roof had been repaired
- BHR requested a site visit to look at how best they could use the pitches
- After discussion a request to use a pitch was turned down as the facility was considered to be at full capacity currently but a review would be carried out
- Cllr Sims reported on her meeting with Highways Department, St Helens Council regarding the parking issues at Walmesley Road

Smithy – 11 September 2018, 7.00pm, Eccleston Village Hall All Cllrs were given a copy of the Curators' report and the following points were discussed:

- Heritage Open Days – comic-con theme. Traders organised by Mark Olly. The weather had impacted on visitor numbers on Saturday but Sunday had been a better day
- Apple Day – 22 September 2018, apples could be dropped off at the Smithy. Crafts and activities available
- Next Year's Exhibition – theme would be Vikings. Curators would work with North West Heritage Group

INSURANCE

18.56 The Clerk had met with the insurance brokers and **it was agreed to follow their recommendations to insure with Inspire Axa as it was deemed the most appropriate.**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18.57 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

10 Chapel Lane	Two storey rear extension N/O
18 Fairholme Ave	Part two storey, part single side extension along with widened driveway N/O
11 Ansdell Drive	Single storey rear extension along with raised decking N/O
49 Mosslands	Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to fell 4no trees Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer
2 Davy Close	Two storey side extension and front porch N/O
Eccleston Lane Ends Club	Conversion of existing club to form 4 No apartments EPC totally objects to the proposals, which intimate moving the existing bus stop/shelter – which serves the sheltered accommodation adjacent to the club house. Additionally, introducing up to 6 additional vehicles onto an extremely busy carriageway so close to a major junction could prove extremely hazardous
14 Central Ave	Erection of 2no dwellings with associated access drive and landscaping to the rear of 14 Central Avenue EPC objects to the erection of 2 large houses on the land to the rear of 14 Central Avenue. Together with the introduction of additional traffic, this back-land development would be detrimental to the area and create an architectural imbalance.
14 Central Ave	Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a single storey side extension along with the creation of new access and widening of existing access As above
25 Carmelite Cresc	Extension to detached garage N/O
17 Wildcherry Gdns	Erection of detached storage building to front of property EPC objects to the proposals which are totally inappropriate in this location for the following reasons:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would be overbearing for neighbouring properties• It is quite a large proposed building which would detract from the visual amenity of other properties in the area• The proposal would reduce the off street car parking space significantly
212 St Helens Rd	Two storey rear extension N/O
2 Poplar Ave	Single storey rear extension and a single storey side extension N/O
40 Foxwood	Single storey extension to front of existing garage along with conversion to games room Concern at loss of off-street parking facility
30 Villiers Crescent	Demolition of chimney stack to side elevation and extension of existing side dormers along with a single storey side extension N/O

Broadway Dental Practice	Single storey extension to the rear of an existing dental practice Concern at the lack of available parking in this residential area
10 Forest Mead	Single storey rear extension N/O
15 Spinney Green	Demolition of existing conservatory, and erection of single storey rear extension N/O
17 Gorsey Croft	Single storey side extension N/O
31 Millbrook Lane	Demolition of existing garage and erection of part two storey part single storey side extension along with a single storey rear infill extension N/O
Mere View Barn	Single storey rear extension, along with alteration to side facing windows and balcony N/O

ANNUAL AUDIT

18.58 The report had not been received from the external auditors. It would be reported at the October meeting.

ACCOUNTS

18.59 July and August

Received – Village Hall hire £434 and £844, R Kelsey PAYE £77.80, Windle phone and copier £10.35, HMRC Apr-Jun £524.62, Smithy talk £32, Bleak Hill School visit £60, St Thomas of Canterbury visit £30, beer sales to Lester Drive £35.90, NatWest Interest 0.02 and £1.60 and 0.02 and £2.50

Total Receipts

£2052.81

Payments

RBL Poppy Appeal – soldier silhouette	250.00
GPS Telecoms – Clerk phone – June	37.27
St Helens Council – cleaning Apr-July	1389.60
BT – Smithy phone and internet	137.97
B&M Office Machines – photocopier	56.63
ABM Security – annual maintenance fire and intruder alarms	347.94
Water Plus – August	11.91
Water Plus – August	26.61
T Poole – August	415.65
J Chamberlain – August	168.86
V Griffiths – August	168.86
J Anderson – August + PC	1274.54
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	430.52
St Helens Council – cleaning Aug	348.00
GPS Telecoms – Clerk phone – July	41.78
Sunny Bunny's – bond refund	25.00
SSE – electricity	315.86
SSE – gas	40.66
CF Corporate – photocopier lease	93.60
Water Plus – Sept	11.91
Water Plus – Sept	26.61
V Griffiths – Sept	168.86
T Poole – Sept	415.65
J Chamberlain – Sept + exp	172.20
J Anderson – Sept plus travel	1265.34
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	430.52
St Helens Council – cleaning Sept	348.00
RBL Poppy Appeal – wreath	20.00
TOTAL	£8440.35

RECONCILIATION – The Clerk reported that, as at **30 July 2018**, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £56,127.51 and Capital Deposit Account £465.31.

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PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the months of July and August 2018	£37.14
Approximate balance at the end of August 2018	£17.70

INTERNAL AUDIT – the Accounts were audited in July for the end of the first quarter with nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

18.60 **Resolved to note the following:**

Letter from members of St Helens Scouts – 6 youngsters had been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in North America in 2019 and request either a financial donation or contributions towards their fundraising

Email from St Helens Council – explaining the increase in cost for the cleaning service level agreement

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – notification for donation for wreath – £20 in budget

Email from Eccleston Library – giving details of Heritage activities this week

Email from St Helens Council regarding a Local Football Facilities Plan for St Helens being produced by the Football Association. It will identify and highlight current assets and investment opportunities for football facilities. External consultants plan to visit the borough on 15 October to conduct interviews. Cllr Sims and the Clerk had been invited

An anonymous defamatory note about one of the hall user groups. Clerk referred it to the Chairman and spoke to the hall hirer. The claims were unfounded therefore no further action would be taken

Email from a resident querying a planning application response from the Parish Council (Wildcherry Gardens). Clerk referred it to the Chairman and was advised to reply to explain that Parish Council act in the role of consultee and do not make final decisions

DATES OF MEETINGS

18.61 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 9 October 2018	6.45pm	Finance Sub Ctte	Village Hall
	7.00pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

SIGNED

DATED