

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2019 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)  
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Kempsey, C Pearl, G Pearl,  
Skepper and Watmough  
Janet Anderson (Clerk)  
3 residents

**APOLOGIES:**

18.148 None

Cllrs Gray-Williams and Broughton apologised for missing the previous meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

18.149 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in item 18.155 – Planning Applications

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 MARCH 2019**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

18.151 Cllr Duncan reported that the rubbish bin at the bus stop on St Helens Road had been emptied.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

18.152 One resident asked whether 'SLOW' could be marked on the road in Springfield Lane as many cars speed along the road. Cllr Sims reported that the speed cushion at the junction of Acacia Grove and Springfield Lane along with the school patrol lights were traffic calming measures. Cllr Sims would ask St Helens Council if this would be possible.

Cllr Broughton had witnessed a person in a car on the car park at Walmesley Road throw a nappy out of the car and drive away. Any incidents of littering should be reported to St Helens Council by either taking the registration of the car or taking a picture of the incident happening.

Cllr Sims informed the meeting that residents in the area had held a litter picking event over the previous weekend.

**POLICE REPORT**

18.153 No one had been able to attend from the police but crime figures had been sent and were discussed, particularly theft from motor vehicles which seemed to be taking place in Eccleston Park.

## REPORTS

### 18.154 Resolved to note the following:

Lester Drive – Cllr Duncan and Skepper attended a meeting at Lester Drive. It was reported that the centre was doing well. The 89 Society were holding an event on Thursday 11 April which was an historical re-enactment by Salmesbury Hall. The procedure for non-payment of hire fees was discussed. The Parish Council advised the committee of Lester Drive to contact any group owing hire fees and to inform them that the Parish Council, as custodian trustees, had asked that outstanding amounts be paid immediately. The Parish Council also advised that the Centre should not be used by any group owing money.

Finance Sub Ctte – 9 April 2019, 6.45pm. Cllrs Duncan, G Pearl, Sims and Skepper along with the Clerk met to review income and expenditure at the end of year. Over the year, expenditure was under budget. All figures were noted. Village Hall income was slightly up on the budgeted figure. No user groups were in arrears.

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' report. The following points were discussed:

- **Installation of new exhibition** – North West Heritage Group would be at the Smithy on Sunday 14 April to install new Viking exhibition. Smithy would be open to the public on Sunday 20 April.
- **Office** – all items had been put back into the office after it had been re-decorated. The chairs in the Education Room still needed to be stored. It was agreed that the Chairman, Clerk and Councillors would meet to look at documents stored in filing cabinets and decided which could be scanned and saved.
- **Blacksmith's Day** – the bee keepers had confirmed they would be attending this year's Blacksmith's Day on 18 May 2019.
- **Visit** – a consultant appointed by St helens Council to develop a heritage strategy had visited the Smithy to ask the Curators to have some input into the project.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 18.155 Resolved to note the following:

#### Delegated

<b>Land Adj 74 Rainhill Road</b>	Erection of two storey building to contain 4no one bedroom apartments, along with associated parking <b>Eccleston Parish Council objects to this proposal so close to the main Rainhill Road. 74 Rainhill Road is a terraced property and the erection of such a building would be totally out of keeping in that locality.</b>
<b>33 Pike House Rd</b>	Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a two storey side extension and porch to front elevation <b>N/O</b>
<b>11 Church Lane</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory at front and existing rear extensions; and erection of a part two storey/part single storey rear extension, single storey front extension, along with pitched roof over existing flat roof side extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>10 Davy Close</b>	Demolition of existing garage along with erection of front porch and detached garage <b>N/O</b>
<b>51 Springfield Lane</b>	Erection of single storey rear and single storey side extensions <b>N/O</b>

## WEBSITE

18.156 The development site was in place. The Clerk would start uploading information before the site went live.

## ACCOUNTS

18.157 Received: Village Hall Hire £585, RK PAYE £77.80, Windle phone & copier £53.86, NatWest interest £3.95 and £3.46

**Total Receipts** **£724.07**

### Payments:

GPS Telecoms – phone Feb	38.03
J Anderson – office laptop including MS Office	348.99
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE/NI Jan-Mar	1460.88
A Hirons – redecorating Smithy office	196.10
Masterprint Ltd – magazine delivery	621.00
J Chamberlain – April	168.86
V Griffiths – April	168.86
L Poole – April	403.45
J Anderson – April + travel + PC	1306.90
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	439.13
St Helens Council – trade waste and open spaces leases	322.00
PC Print – printing Parish magazines	722.00
Neil Signs Ltd – Village Hall main door sign	312.00
SLCC – membership (2/3rds of £196)	130.70
L Poole – telephone contribution	75.00
Ecclesfield Project – first ½ contribution	1749.50
Water Plus	12.29
Water Plus	5.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£8480.69</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that as at 31 March 2019 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £18,994.47 and Capital Deposit Account £465.83.

**PETTY CASH** – Expenditure for the month of March 2019 **£10.24**

**Approximate** balance at the end of March 2019 **£9.83**

## CORRESPONDENCE

18.158 **Resolved to note the following:**

**St Helens Council** – non-domestic rate demand – nil until 31 March 2020

**St Helens Council** – cleaning service level agreement £3693 + VAT for 19/20

**Bleak Hill School** – awards assembly possible date of Monday 22 July at 2.30pm

**St Helens Council** – notification of contested South Ward

DATES OF MEETINGS

18.159 Resolved to note the following:

Tuesday 23 April 2019            7.30 pm            Annual Parish Meeting    Village Hall

**Tuesday 14 May 2019            7.00 pm            Smithy Meeting            Our Lady's**  
**7.30 pm            Parish Annual Meeting    Our Lady's**

**Cllr G Pearl and all Councillors thanked Cllr Joanne Broughton for all her hard work over the years as a Parish Councillor.**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....