

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2019 at 7.30 pm in OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH HALL, Portico Lane, Eccleston Park**

PRESENT: Cllr Ashcroft (Deputy Chair)  
Cllrs Duncan, Gray-Williams, Kempell, C Pearl, G Pearl and Skepper  
Janet Anderson (Clerk)

19.94 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Cass, Haw, Sims and Watmough

19.95 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr G Pearl Item 19.103 – Planning Applications.

19.96 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 NOVEMBER 2019

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

19.97 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

19.98 RESIDENTS' ISSUES

There were no residents' issues.

19.99 POLICE REPORT

No one from the police had been able to attend. Crime figures had been sent and were discussed. Cllr Pearl had been informed that a female had been attacked whilst jogging along Church Lane. The Police had been informed.

19.100 REPORTS

**Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy 10 December 2019 Our Lady's at 7.00pm – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report. The following points were discussed:

- Education Room – Curators would freshen up the paint work in the room
- Loan boxes – loan boxes had gone to 2 schools, St Julies and Blacklow Brow in Huyton
- International Blacksmith's Day – would be Saturday 16 May 2020
- Heritage Open Days – would be Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September 2020
- Joanne would make enquiries regarding an old burial ground at the rear of Eccleston Gardens

19.101 FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

New Financial Procedures for Events were agreed and adopted.

19.102 ANNUAL MAGAZINE

The Clerk requested articles to be sent in by the end of January 2020. The Clerk asked Councillors to contact groups/clubs to request short articles for the A5 format.

19.103 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Resolved to note the following:**

**Delegated**

<b>Holmewood</b>	Erection of 1no dwelling along with a detached garage <b>Suggest a tree survey is carried out</b>
<b>22 Brooklands Rd</b>	First floor extension over existing bungalow to form two storey dwelling, demolition of existing conservatory, erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension, and two storey front atrium entrance <b>N/O</b>
<b>4 Ackers Lane</b>	Single storey forward/side extension including covered car port, revised driveway and alterations to patio <b>N/O</b>
<b>1 Millbrow Cottages</b>	Single storey detached outbuilding <b>N/O</b>
<b>Wellington Hotel</b>	Extension to existing beer garden at rear of public house <b>N/O</b>
<b>69 Springfield Lane</b>	Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to fell 2no beech <b>Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer</b>

19.104 ACCOUNTS

**Resolved to note the following:**

Received Village Hall Hire £777; R Kelsey PAYE £77.80; Interest £7.75 and 0.08; Windle PC £28.86

**Total Receipts** **£891.49**

**Payments**

GPS Telecoms – clerk phone Oct	41.62
SSE – electricity Aug-Oct	377.48
SSE – gas Aug- Oct	77.92
Water Plus –December	12.29
Water Plus – December	1.81
L Poole – December plus expenditure	420.63
J Chamberlain – December + bonus and expenditure	232.85
V Griffiths – December + bonus	228.86
J Anderson – December	1286.70
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	439.13
St Helens Council – cleaning December	369.25
T Poole Electrical – repair lights Village Hall	80.00
P & S Landscapes – VH grounds maintenance	100.00
H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE & NI – Oct-Dec	1477.15
Our Lady Help of Christians – hall use	20.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£5165.69</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that as at 29 November 2019 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £41,062.08 and Capital Deposit Account £466.38.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of November 2019	£16.82
<b>Approximate</b> balance at the end of November 2019	£21.12

19.105 CORRESPONDENCE

**Resolved to note the following:**

- **Letter from SSE Energy** – direct debit will be taken monthly from January 2020
- **St Helens Council** – invitation to Holocaust Memorial Service Monday 27 January 2020 at 10am at the Town Hall
- **St Helens Council** – Christmas card from Mayor of St Helens Council
- **St Helens Council** – proposed precept payment dates of 16 April and 18 June 2020
- **Merseyside Pension Fund** – valuation report – employer contributions to raise to 23.9% from 22.4% (increase of £280.29 pa on current salary)

19.106 DATES OF MEETINGS

**Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 14 January 2020	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

Finance Sub Ctte would be arranged in January 2020

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

SIGNED ..... DATED .....