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, Kempsell, 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
Holmewood  Erection of 1no dwelling along with a detached garage  Suggest a tree survey is carried out
22 Brooklands Rd  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 N/O
4 Ackers Lane  Single storey forward/side extension including covered car port, revised driveway and alterations to patio N/O
1 Millbrow Cottages  Single storey detached outbuilding N/O
Wellington Hotel  Extension to existing beer garden at rear of public house N/O
69 Springfield Lane  Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to fell 2no beech  Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer

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
Total Payments £5165.69

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.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of November 2019 £16.82
Approximate 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)
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.

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