

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020 at
7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Cass, Duncan, Haw, C Pearl, G Pearl, Skepper and Williams
Janet Anderson (Clerk)
2 residents
PCSO Green

19.107 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Gray-Williams, Kempself and Watmough

19.108 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr G Pearl Item 19.117 – Planning Applications.

19.109 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 DECEMBER 2019

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

Cllr Williams apologised for not attending the November meeting. He had been called to an emergency.

19.110 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

19.111 RESIDENTS' ISSUES

One resident, Mrs Martlew, asked whether trees on the site of Christ Church Hall that were planted in 1937 would be saved when the redevelopment started. Cllr Sims informed the meeting that the Trees Officer at St Helens Council would have checked for trees with a Tree Preservation Order on them or for those that were deemed as dead, diseased or dangerous. Cllr Sims would speak to the Planning Officers at St Helens Council to check all trees had been considered.

Cllr Sims informed Mr Martlew that the dropped kerb outside the Lester Drive Centre had been approved and would be funded out of the Councillors' Improvement Fund. There was no date for the work to start at present.

Cllr Cass enquired whether the potholes in Hill School Road had been dealt with. Cllr Sims informed him that they were in the system and Highways Department at St Helens Council would measure and monitor for repair.

Cllr Haw joined the meeting.

19.112 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Green attended the meeting and reported the latest crime figures. He reported that both plain clothes and uniform police were patrolling around the shops in Walmesley Road to try to prevent problems with youths.

Cllr Sims read out a press release she had received from the police reporting 2 attacks in the Church Walk/Bobbies Lane area of Ecclestone. Detectives were appealing for information on the 2 recent attacks on dog walkers. The Police had patrols in the area and asked that any information be reported to the police including any home CCTV.

19.113 REPORTS

Resolved to note the following:

Lester Drive Centre, 13 January 2020 – Cllrs Duncan and Skepper attended the meeting and reported:

- All groups apart from the Art group were progressing
- Environmental health inspection had taken place with 5 stars
- Wine evening profit £110.20
- Small profit from Christmas fair £57
- Treasurers A/c £9,443
- Building and Development £26,600

Finance Sub Cttee, 10 January 2020, Village Hall – Cllrs Sims, G Pearl and Skepper along with the Clerk met to discuss the budget and the proposed precept (See Item 19.114).

Smithy, 14 January 2020, Village Hall at 7.00pm – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report. The following points were discussed:

- 2020 Exhibition Theme – the Curators had decided on collections and collecting as the theme
- Education Room – the Curators would be working on improvements
- Website – currently not available. Software problems had caused a fault but Vicky would try to resolve it
- Bleak Hill School Model – a gentleman had recreated a 3D model of the school and was inviting comments. Vicky showed a copy to Parish and would put it on the Smithy's social media and website when available
- Blacksmith's Day, 16 May 2020 – craftspeople had been booked

19.114 BUDGET FOR 2020/2021

The budget was approved and it was resolved that a precept of £58,609.62 for 2020/21 be requested which results in a cost to residents of £14.94 per year – same as last year.

19.115 ANNUAL MAGAZINE

Articles were requested for the next magazine. They should be sent to the Clerk by 7 February 2020.

19.116 RISK ASSESSMENT

The annual risk assessment was carried out by the Councillors and Clerk. **Resolved to approve and sign.**

19.117 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

23 Chapel Lane	Retention of front boundary wall following removal of existing wall N/O
29 Seddon Close	Demolition of existing porch, erection of front porch, single storey rear extension along with pitched roof over the existing flat roof side extension N/O
48 Forest Grove	Creation of front porch, single storey side extension to form garage, conversion of existing garage to a habitable room, along with extension to existing driveway with associated works Ensure sufficient off street parking
19 Central Ave	Two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, new roof with increased ridge height along with new front wall and access with alterations to driveway and rear landscaping Eccleston Parish Council object to the current plans submitted. The current plans would involve: a. The building up of the land to the rear of No 19 – which may result in an overbearing/overlooking effect on Nos 17 and 21 Central Avenue and the rear living accommodation of the houses in Ingleholme Gardens (backing on to the rear garden of No 19) b. The front garden is relatively small in comparison to other properties in Central Avenue and the removal of the front garden and hedge would create an architectural imbalance and detract from the character of the area. WITHDRAWN – 20/12/19
156 St Helens Rd	Single storey rear extension N/O
32 Fairholme Ave	Single storey part side and rear infill extension along with new pitched roof Ensure sufficient off-street parking

19.118 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to note the following:

Received Village Hall Hire £1529 inc elections, RK PAYE £97.80, Windle PC phone/copier £11.21
Interest 0.07p and £6.72, Smithy loan boxes £30.00

Total Receipts **£1674.80**

Payments

GPS Telecoms – Clerk’s telephone Nov	40.34
Best Security – replacement PIR battery	80.48
C F Corporate – photocopier lease	93.60
SSE – gas	312.15
Water Plus – January	12.29
Water Plus – January	1.81
V Griffiths – January	168.86
J Chamberlain – January	168.86
L Poole – January + election coverage	423.45
J Anderson – January + petty cash, travel	1323.10
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	439.13
St Helens Council – cleaning Jan	369.25
NetWise UK – website	100.00
Total Payments	£3533.32

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that as at 30 December 2019 the balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £38,811.26 and Capital Deposit Account £466.45.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of December 2019 £13.07
Approximate balance at the end of December 2019 £3.20

19.119 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to note the following:

- **Letter from St Helens Council** – calculation of tax base as 3923 band D equivalent properties.
- **SLCC** – holding training on website accessibility – costing £40 for 2 x 2 hour sessions in Garstang, Tuesday 28 January.
- **Village Halls Week 2020** – 20 January-26 January to promote Village Halls
- **Email from Liverpool Airport** – 12 week consultation from 13 January to 9 April 2020 on the proposed airspace change which will involve potential changes to routes taken by aircraft departing and arriving at airport.

19.120 DATES OF MEETINGS

Tuesday 11 February 2020	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED

DATED