

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020
at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chairman)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Cass, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Kempself and Williams
Janet Anderson – Clerk
3 members of Bleak Hill Football Club

19.134 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Haw, C Pearl, G Pearl, Skepper and Watmough

19.135 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None were made.

19.136 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 FEBRUARY 2020

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

19.137 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

Cllr Kempself joined the meeting.

19.138 RESIDENTS' ISSUES

Mr C Barratt, Bleak Hill Rovers Football Club, read out a statement on behalf of the club explaining that they were the largest community group in the area. They had been playing on Ecclesfield since 1977 but rarely used the changing rooms. Their proposal would be to lease the changing rooms for storage of equipment that is currently stored in a private garage in Broadway. He explained that they had approximately 350 members mostly from Eccleston and Windle that play every Saturday and Sunday and felt there was no spare capacity on the field for other teams to play. Bleak Hill Rovers asked Councillors to allow the club to use the changing rooms for storage with a 10 year lease agreement renewed annually.

19.139 POLICE REPORT

No one had been available to attend. The Clerk was asked to request the latest crime figures.

19.140 ANNUAL MAGAZINE

The magazine had gone to print and would be delivered to residents by 17 April 2020.

19.141 REPORTS

Ecclesfield – Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 7.00 pm in Eccleston Village Hall. Councillors Ashcroft, G Pearl and Sims attended along with the Secretary. As there were no representatives from Windle Parish Council the meeting was not quorate therefore the agenda items were NOTED and reported to Parish Council as:

- Caretaker reported that items were being stored by Bleak Hill Rovers
- On 1 February Bob arrived to lock up and found the door propped open and the lights left on. No teams or managers were around. Bob reported it to Chairman of Bleak Hill Rovers.
- Bob had met the contractors who carried out an asbestos survey ahead of the work to the roof
- There had been no activity on the field over the past 2 weekend due to bad weather. Bob had used the time to clear drains on the car park.
- No users' report
- Pitch fees for 2020/21 would remain the same – seniors £460, juniors £100 and U10s £40
- Payments and receipts were NOTED
- The Secretary had prepared the budget which was given out and NOTED

Smithy Working Party – 10 March 2020, 7pm– all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' report. The following points were discussed:

- Education Room – work had been completed to re-paint parts of the room and the cabinets had been re-arranged
- Exhibition – loans were being arranged for the season's collections exhibition
- International Blacksmith's Day – Saturday 16 May with the usual craftspeople
- Heritage Open Weekend – 12 and 13 September
- Any Other Business – Vicky was arranging to meet with the Bispham Charity to look at documentation they would like to hand over.

Lester Drive Cllrs Duncan and Skepper had attended the previous meeting. Cllr Duncan reported that everything was going well.

19.142 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved to note the following:

49 Gorsey Croft	Ground floor infill extension with front bay window, two storey side extension, demolition of existing single storey rear lean-to, single storey rear extension along with flat to pitch roof over existing two storey side extension Ensure retention of off-street parking
35 Church Lane	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of part first floor part two storey side extension Ensure retention of off-street parking
Old Mere View Farm	Erection of a single storey side extension Ensure this does not contravene green belt policy
134 Broadway	First floor side extension, single storey rear extension along with alterations to roof at ground floor front elevation Ensure retention of off-street parking
20 Laurel Drive	Single storey rear extension and first floor Front extension over existing garage N/O
74 Rainhill Road	Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to fell 1no beech tree Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer
9 Church Lane	Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to reduce crown/branches and remove dead branches on 1no willow tree Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer

19.143 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to note the following:

Received: Village Hall Hire £677, RK PAYE £77.80, Windle – phone and training £31.15, NatWest interest £6.19 and 0.08

Total Receipts **£792.22**

Payments:

St Helens Council – knotweed treatment 2019	67.72
SSE – gas	164.24
GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – Jan	40.15
CF Corporate – photocopier lease	93.60
Water Plus	12.29
Water Plus	1.81
L Poole – March	403.45
J Chamberlain – March	168.86
V Griffiths – March	168.86
J Anderson – March + petty cash and travel	1326.32
St Helens Council – cleaning March	369.25
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	439.13
Golden Environmental Services – washroom hygiene service	403.20
Total Payments	£3658.88

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that as at 28 February 2020 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £32,228.90 and Capital Deposit Account £466.61.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of February 2020 £19.32

Approximate balance at the end of February 2020 £4.71

19.144 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to note the following:

- St Helens Council – cleaning service level agreement for 2020/21 £3804 + VAT
- St Helens Council – consultation on proposed changes to the electoral cycle of electing St Helens’ councillors. Option 1 is the current system where election is by ‘thirds’ – one third of councillors elected to office in three years out of four. Option 2 ‘all-out’ where all councillors are elected to office once every four years. Public consultation from 28 February to 23 March 2020. Further information on St Helens Council’s website www.sthelens.gov.uk/consultations
- Letter from NatWest explaining that a new style of paying-in book would be sent out for immediate use
- Letter from ASL Group advising the BM Digital (B & M Office Machines who provide the Clerk’s photocopier) is now part of the ASL Group.

19.145 DATES OF MEETINGS

Resolved to note the following:

Tuesday 14 April 20	6.45 pm	Finance Sub	Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 28 April 20	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

SIGNED DATED