

NOTES FOR ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2020

1. **RESIDENTS' ISSUES** – neighbour at Village Hall requested Councillor(s) to meet him to look at his issues with alleged damage to fence panels. He was informed that meetings were not taking place at the moment and someone would be in touch as soon as meetings resume.
2. **POLICE REPORT** – Figures up to August are attached. Crime figures up to September have been requested and will be forwarded when received.
3. **REPORTS** –
Ecclesfield – 1 Sept 2020 no meeting took place in September, but notes were circulated to Management Committee including finances:
 - Car park was re-surfaced Friday 4 September 2020
 - Roof due to be replaced week commencing 14 September 2020
 - Caretaker visiting regularly checking security and carrying out small maintenance jobs
Smithy report attached to email.
4. **VILLAGE HALL** – On Friday 21 August Cllr Sims met with the Clerk at the hall to discuss the possible opening of the hall to groups.
 - There was an alarming number of dead wood lice in the hall. Premier Pest Control visited the hall on Friday 4 September and sprayed the edges of the floor of the hall and Smithy museum with a treatment to kill them.
 - It was decided the caretaker should return to work as of 1 September and the cleaning by St Helens Council should begin the same date. A deep clean would be carried out while there were no groups using the hall. A revised invoice has been received for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 March 2021 for £2,219 + VAT. Monthly instalments will be arranged.
 - There was no date set for groups to return as it was felt that no-one could ensure that groups could and would follow guidance even though all the necessary paperwork would be completed. This would be discussed further and Government guidelines monitored.
5. **COVID SMALL BUSINESS GRANT** – Parish Council has received £10,000 Small Business Grant. The Government confirmed that Parish Councils that occupy a rateable non-domestic property were entitled to the grant during closure due to Covid-19. Payment was made by St Helens Council.
6. **INSURANCE** – 3rd year of a 3 year long term agreement with Inspire Axa. Quote for this year £2417.40 (inc Ecclesfield of £243.06) – up £50.50 on last year
7. **PARISH MAGAZINE** – the magazines are being delivered. Walmesley Road and the surrounding roads have been done as well as around Broadway and around Howards Lane. Eccleston Park is being covered this week.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

Delegated

4 Pikes Bridge Fold	First floor rear extension N/O
14 Daresbury Road	First floor side extension N/O
252 St Helens Road	Two storey rear extension along with closing up of existing window and door openings on side elevation N/O
20 Chapel Lane	Erection of outbuildings to create a garden sun room and store No observations other than to ensure the store is associated with domestic use
73 Clarkes Crescent	Single storey rear extension N/O
13 The Close	Single storey rear extension, infill extension to side along with a new pitched roof to the existing double garage N/O
2 Hawthorn Drive	Demolition of existing detached garage and the erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and a front porch along with rendering the dwelling Ensure sufficient off street parking
103 Walmesley Road	Prior notification of Change of Use to Wellbeing Studio For: Retail to Assembly/Leisure N/O
26 Daresbury Road	Two storey side extension Ensure sufficient off street parking
64 Houghtons Lane	Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to 1no Lime (T1) to reduce height between 12-13m Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer
124 St James Road	Single storey rear extension N/O

9. **ANNUAL AUDIT** – audit was completed and submitted on 17 July 2020. Acknowledgement received 4 August. Awaiting return of the report.

10. ACCOUNTS –

Received – Village Hall hire £17, HMRC Job Retention Scheme Grant £678.36 (June & July), R Kelsey PAYE £238.20 (June, July and Aug), Windle phone and copier £42.27 HMRC Apr-Jun £423.54, NatWest Interest 0.61 and 0.01, SSE gas refund £63.33, St Helens Council Small Business Grant £10,000

Total Receipts **£11463.32**

ABM Security – annual maintenance fire and intruder alarms	347.94
BT – Smithy phone and internet	145.47
Water Plus – August	13.39
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J Chamberlain – August	172.28
L Poole – August	409.97
J Anderson – August + travel	1315.27
V Griffiths – August	172.28
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	471.74
ASL (formerly B & M Office Machines) – copies/service	68.51
P & S Landscapes – Village Hall grounds maintenance	325.00
GPS Telecoms – Clerk phone – July	40.79
SSE – gas	19.89
SSE – electricity	44.96
Best Security – Smithy alarm service	386.64
Water Plus – Sept	13.39
J Chamberlain – Sept	172.28
V Griffiths – Sept	172.28
L Poole – Sept	410.17
J Anderson – Sept + travel	1319.97

Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	471.74
Masterprint – magazine delivery	597.60
St Helens Council – cleaning – Sept	380.40
Water Plus – Sept	10.60
TOTAL	£7493.16

RECONCILIATION – The Clerk reported at **31 July 2020** the balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £70,476.58 and Capital Deposit Account £466.92.

At **31 August 2020**, the balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £77,754.33 and Capital Deposit Account £466.92.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the months of July and August 2020	£7.70
Approximate balance at the end of August 2020	£20.42

INTERNAL AUDIT – the Accounts were audited in July for the end of the first quarter with nothing to report.

11. CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter to Chairman from Cllr Christina Duncan tendering her resignation after serving 24 years on the Parish Council.

12. DATES OF MEETINGS –

To be confirmed

POLICE CRIME FIGURES – JULY TO AUGUST 2020

Area:	Eccleston	D27	
Month:	6th July 2020 to 9th August 2020		
	2019	2020	Increase/Decrease
Burglary Business & Community	1	1	0
Burglary Residential	6	6	0
Criminal Damage	8	6	-2
Drugs	1	0	-1
Other Theft	4	0	-4
Public Order	8	4	-4
Robbery Business	0	0	0
Robbery Personal	0	0	0
Theft Bike	2	0	-2
T.F.M.V.	4	0	-4
Theft Shop	3	0	-3
T.O.M.V.	2	0	-2
Vehicle Interference	2	0	-2
ASB	15	16	1