

MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held
TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2021 at 7.30 pm
VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chairman)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Cass, Kempself, C Pearl, G Pearl and Williams
Janet Anderson – Clerk
1 member of public

20.58 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Gray-Williams, Haw, Skepper and Watmough

20.59 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr G Pearl item 20.66 – Planning Applications

20.60 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 FEBRUARY 2021

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

20.61 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Williams enquired whether the old tile works on Clay Lane was a listed building. Cllr Sims explained that all the details were available on St Helens Council's website under Planning Applications and that St Helens Council make the decision on planning applications. Cllr Sims also explained that the response from the Parish Council was for St Helens Council to query whether it contravened the green belt policy.

20.62 RESIDENTS' ISSUES

None reported.

20.63 POLICE REPORT

The latest crime figures had not been received.

Cllr Kempself joined the meeting.

20.64 ANNUAL MAGAZINE

The magazine had gone to print and deliveries had begun on 2 March. All magazines would be delivered to residents by 16 April 2021.

20.65 REPORTS

Ecclesfield – Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom. Councillors Ashcroft, Cass, G Pearl, Sims and Skepper attended along with the Secretary.

- New members joined the Committee: Cllrs Barton and Greatorex (WPC) and Cllr Cass (EPC)
- Caretaker reported items were being stored by Bleak Hill Rovers. BHR would remove
- C Barratt (BHR) reported that games would resume on 29 March 2021
- Pitch fees for 2021/22 would remain the same – seniors £460, juniors £100 and U10s £40
- Storage unit – nothing to report
- CCTV – would be considered at a later date
- Signage – text had been agreed. The Secretary would check whether planning permission would be needed for the size
- Online booking discussed. It was agreed it would be a good idea and would be looked into
- The budget was accepted

Smithy Working Party – 9 March 2021, 6.45pm– Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' report. The following points were discussed:

- Government 'Roadmap' – museums would be able to open no earlier than 17 May. Smithy could potentially open 22/23 May
- Re-opening the Smithy – Curators were keen to open as soon as it would be safe to do so. They felt the building would lend itself well to a one-way system. They would start to look at the practicalities of opening such as social distancing, hand sanitising, mask wearing, visitors' test and trace details and the number of visitors in the building.
- Opening would be confirmed and advertised nearer to the date of opening
- Use of toilets and kitchen, and the opening of the Village Hall would be looked at nearer to the date of opening after consultation with Public Health Department

20.66 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved to note the following:

2 Carmelite Crescent

Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extensions **Ensure sufficient off-street parking**

30 Osborne Road

Single storey front and side extension **Ensure sufficient off-street parking**

Former Methodist Church, Burrows Lane

Substitution of house types for plots 1, 3 and 4 on approval P/2012/0195 **N/O**

29 The Spires

Amendment to the location of parking space/driveway in relation to P/2019/0317/HHFP

N/O

5 Whitefriars

Two storey front bay window

N/O

24 Crocketts Walk

Two storey side extension adjoining existing garage and replacement of existing pitched roof to rear with flat roof and roof lanterns

N/O

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that as at 26 February 2021 the balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £46,422.53 and Capital Deposit Account £466.95.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of February 2021 £0.00
Approximate balance at the end of February 2021 £28.76

20.68 CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report

20.69 DATES OF MEETINGS

Resolved to note the following:

Tuesday 13 April 21	7.00pm	Finance Sub Ctte	Via Zoom
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Via Zoom

Tuesday 27 April 21 7.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

SIGNED DATED