

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on
TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

PRESENT: Cllr Ashcroft (Chair)
Cllrs Barton, Haw, C Pearl, G Pearl, Sims, Skepper and Williams
J Anderson (Clerk)

21.84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Cass, Gray-Williams, Kempself and Watmough

21.85 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in item 21.93 – Planning Applications.

21.86 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 OCTOBER 2021

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

21.87 MATTERS ARISING

Ref 21.73 – Cllr Sims had been to see residents and would be holding a further meeting.

Cllr Haw joined the meeting.

21.88 RESIDENTS' ISSUES

(a) Cllr Barton had been asked by a resident how they could get involved in the Parish Council. The resident had explained to Cllr Barton that they had been on Ecclestone Parish Council's website but had not found it very helpful. Cllr Sims suggested that maybe after elections in May 2022, the website could be addressed. In the meantime, the Clerk would upload a document entitled 'Becoming a Parish Councillor' to the website. Also, Cllr Ashcroft suggested residents should attend meetings to observe proceedings.

21.89 POLICE REPORT

The latest crime figures had been received. It was noted that anti-social behaviour had increased this year.

21.90 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Unfortunately, the ceremony would not be taking place this year. The tree would, again, be kindly donated by Rainfords. It would be delivered by 26 November. The library staff would decorate the tree as usual and light it on Thursday 2 December.

The tree on St Helens Road would be lit the same day.

21.91 REMEMBRANCE DAY

The War Memorial gates would be opened on Thursday 11 November. The wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial would take place at 11am on Sunday 14 November. The gates would be open for the day.

21.92 REPORTS

Resolved to note the following:

Smithy report:

- Exhibition – the ‘Objects of Desire’ exhibition had been removed and items would be returned to their owners
- Planning for 2022 – the Curators had begun contacting people and craftspeople for International Blacksmith’s Day
- Opening for 2022 – the Curators enquired whether opening would continue with Sunday only or revert back to Saturday and Sunday opening at Easter 2022. **Councillors were unable to make a decision until nearer the time to see what covid restrictions may be in place. The Clerk would contact the Curators to ask what they felt would work best.**

21.93 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

4 Broom Close

Two storey side and single storey rear extension

Ensure it is not overbearing on adjacent property

Former Fire Station

Demolition of existing Ecclestone Fire Station and erection of proposed 66 bed care home and associated parking and landscape gardens

Residents are concerned at the speed of traffic – can highways suggest any measures to slow the traffic down? This is a 66-bed proposed building and that will potentially produce a significant number of vehicles with residents/staff/visitors.

Ecclestone Park Golf Club

Hybrid Planning Application comprising of Outline Consent for up to 617 dwellings (Parcels 1(a), 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7) up to 4,000 Sq ft of Convenience Retail (E(a) Use) and up to 7,100 Sq ft E(f) Nursery and upto 11,507 Sq ft E(e) Health Centre. Detailed planning permission for 162 dwellings (Parcel 1) and 183 dwellings (Parcel 3), including access road in detail from Rainhill Road and Portico Lane, landscaping, scale, design and associated infrastructure (EIA Development) (Revised proposals)

Ward Councillors had sent out a leaflet to residents

2 Ellerslie Avenue

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension with forward canopy and a first floor side extension

N/O

32 Broadway

Single storey rear extension with glazed roof lantern

N/O

2 Pikes Bridge Fold

Erection of side boundary wall

N/O

67 Springfield Lane

Erection of detached outbuilding in rear garden

N/O

117 Portico Lane

Single storey side and rear extension

N/O

21.94 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to note the following:

Received: Village Hall Hire £388; R Kelsey PAYE £80.80; Interest 0.01 and 0.62; Ecclesfield insurance £210.61.

TOTAL **£361.06**

Payments

GPS Telecom – clerk phone – Sept	40.39
ASL – copier service charge	68.51
BT – Smithy phone	152.01
SSE – gas	40.07
J Chamberlain – November	175.78
V Griffiths – November	175.78
L Poole – November	383.45
J Anderson – November + petty cash	1351.78
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	481.18
Water Plus – water	22.91
C Barber – VH grounds maintenance – cut back plus 2 visits	510.00
Total Payments	£3401.86

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that at 25 October 2021 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £67,186.14 and Capital Deposit Account £466.99.

PETTY CASH – Expenditure for the month of October 2021 £6.00

Approximate balance at the end of October 2021 £5.40

INTERNAL AUDIT – the accounts had been internally audited for the second quarter with nothing to report.

21.95 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to note the following:

Email from Drama Group – the group would no longer be hiring the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings due to personal circumstances.

Email enquiry whether Eccleston Library would be closing – Clerk replied that St Helens Borough Council was working on a strategy for all libraries and library services across the Borough and would consult with Parish Councils when a strategy was proposed.

Email from gardener – reporting work carried out and suggesting wallflowers be planted around the entrance doors for the spring.

Email from St Helens Council – the Acting Returning Officer’s report regarding the review of polling districts and polling stations had been published on St Helens Council’s website.

Email from the police – responding to the Clerk reporting fires at the doors of Ecclesfield Changing rooms and ASB around Walmesley Road. PCSO Dowell would pass on the information for teams to give the area extra attention early evening.

Letter from St Helens Council – regarding overhanging vegetation at Mill Brow. Cllr Sims had already reported this to St Helens Council for it to be cut back.

21.96 DATES OF MEETINGS

Resolved to note the following:

Tuesday 7 December 2021	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield
Tuesday 14 December 2021	7.30 pm	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

SIGNED

DATE