

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on
TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, KILN LANE**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Deputy Chair)
Cllrs Barton, Cass, C Pearl, Sims Skepper and Williams
Janet Anderson (Clerk)

21.97 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Ashcroft, Gray-Williams, Haw, Kempself and Watmough

21.98 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in item 21.106 – Planning Applications.

21.99 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 NOVEMBER 2021

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

21.100 MATTERS ARISING

21.88 – Cllr Barton thanked the Clerk for uploading the document ‘Becoming a Parish Councillor’ to the website.

21.91 – Cllr Cass commented on the ivy growing on the site of the War Memorial and questioned whether it could be cut back and shrubs be planted. Cllr Sims informed the meeting that the memorial belonged to Liverpool City Council and the land belonged to United Utilities. Cllr Sims suggested it would be something that a Civic Society would be able to look into in the future.

21.93 – Cllr G Pearl informed the meeting that the planning application for Eccleston Park Golf Club had been due to be on the agenda of the Planning Committee on Tuesday 7 December but had been cancelled.

21.101 RESIDENTS’ ISSUES

None reported.

21.102 POLICE REPORT

The latest crime figures had been received. Cllr Sims informed the meeting that at a recent meeting she and Cllr G Pearl had had with Community Inspector Murphy, it had been agreed to hold police surgeries each Friday between 1pm and 2pm in Eccleston Police Station.

21.103 REPORTS

Resolved to note the following:

Remembrance Services – on Sunday 14 December 2021, a wreath had been laid at the War Memorial by Cllr Ashcroft along with Cllrs Cass, Gray-Williams, Skepper and Williams. Cllrs Sims, G Pearl and C Pearl attended St Helens Cenotaph to lay a wreath.

Cllr Ashcroft thanked Gregor Stewart, the Curate from St James’s, for joining Councillors at the War Memorial and saying a prayer.

Thanks also to Cllr Ashcroft for repairing the link to attach the wreath and thanks to Liz for carrying out a final brush up of leaves.

Smithy – all Councillors had been given a copy of the Curators' Report. The following points were discussed:

- 2022 Season Exhibition – the Curators were planning an exhibition about local industry and business, showcasing items from the Smithy's collection as well as local individuals. They would be happy to receive and include in the exhibition any memorabilia or photographs Parish Councillors may have.
- International Blacksmith's Day – to be held on Saturday 21 May 2022, to include demonstrations, fun activities, food and real ale. Craftspeople were being invited to share their skills.
- Heritage Open Weekend – the theme for 2022 would be industry and inventions which would link with the Smithy's planned exhibition.

Ecclesfield – Monday 6 December 2021 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall – Cllrs Ashcroft, G Pearl and Sims along with the Clerk attended. The following items were discussed:

- New members had joined the Management Committee – Cllr C Pearl from EPC and Cllrs Baines, Lloyd and Uddin from WPC.
- The Caretaker had reported no problems with the changing rooms except for fires that had been lit on the recently tarmacked area near the doors. No serious damage had been done.
- The container had been put on the field on 25 November. A Conditions of Use document had been agreed along with a charge of £100 per month for the use of the storage facility.
- Proposed budget for 2022/23 was presented to Councillors – in summary: no increase in hire fees; no increase in Parish Council's contribution; a 2% increase in caretaker's salary and £50 increase of the secretary's honorarium.

Cllr Barton suggested better use should be made of the field for residents. Cllr Sims had suggested, in the past, a running track around the perimeter. Cllr Cass added that it would be good to use the field for a summer fair.

21.104 VILLAGE HALL

Two user groups would no longer be using the hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings but 3 new groups were due to start in January – Yoga on Wednesday evenings, baby Sing, Song, Sign on Thursday afternoons and a crochet group on Thursday evenings.

21.105 ANNUAL MAGAZINE

The Clerk requested articles to be sent in by the end of January 2022. The Chair asked Councillors to contact groups/clubs and schools to request short articles for the A5 format.

21.106 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

10 Gunning Close

First floor side extension

N/O

161 Kiln Lane

Single storey side extension and a single storey rear extension

N/O

Land at Pykes Farm, Clay Lane

Demolition of existing barn and associated structures, erection of 1no dwelling.
 Restoration/extension of former tile works building to create 1no dwelling. Erection of replacement stables and a storage and midden building, following demolition of the existing structures. Retention of existing ménage, alongside vehicular access work and landscaping treatment (resubmission of application P/2020/0911/FUL)

Query whether this contravenes green belt policy**Catchdale Moss Farm**

Consent to display roadside hoardings for the advertisement of home grown produce

N/O**16 Osborne Road**

Demolition of existing single storey side extension and erection of single storey side extension and a single storey rear extension

N/O**14 Oak Tree Road**

Demolition of outbuilding to side with the erection of two storey side and rear extension

N/O**11 Walmesley Road**

Erection of rear dormer to facilitate a loft conversion with additional windows to the front

N/O**24 Brookfield Avenue**

Demolition of rear extension and construction of single storey side and rear extension to accommodate a disabled bathroom and bedroom with enlargement of front door for wheelchair access and alterations to drive to form level access

Ensure sufficient off-street parking**The Lodge, 27 Church Lane**

Works to 2x trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order - Alder (T1) Oak (T2)

Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer

Cllr Williams pointed out that the application for land at Pykes Farm was actually for Clay Lane Farm.

21.107 ACCOUNTS**Resolved to note the following:**

Received: Village Hall hire £371; R Kelsey PAYE £81.00; Interest 0.55.

Total Receipts	£452.55
Payments	
Best Security – alarm service	401.14
GPS Telecoms – clerk phone Oct	48.04
SSE – electricity	485.13
SSE – gas	75.14
Water Plus – water	22.91
J Chamberlain – December + bonus	235.58
V Griffiths – December + bonus	235.58
L Poole – December	386.24
J Anderson – December	1337.18
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	481.18
GPS Telecoms – clerk phone Nov	42.42
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE & NI – Oct-Dec	1652.52
Best Security – lithium battery	15.00
Total Payments	£5418.06

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that as at 30 November 2021 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £63,889.50 and Capital Deposit Account £466.99.

PETTY CASH – expenditure for the month of November 2021	£1.98
balance at the end of November 2021	£23.42

21.108 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to note the following:

- **A telephone call** from the neighbour at the Village Hall thanking Parish Council for the work the gardener had done. The neighbour would paint the fence panels as soon as the weather improved to help protect them.
- **Email from Library Services Manager, St Helens Council** – explaining that a Library Strategy Report went to Cabinet on 1 December 2021 seeking approval to go back to community organisations and Parish Councils to discuss Community Management of libraries.
- **St Helens Council** – proposed precept payment dates of 14 April and 16 June 2022.
- **A Christmas card** from St Helens Council’s Mayor, Cllr Sue Murphy.

21.109 DATES OF MEETINGS

Resolved to note the following:

A Finance Sub Cttee meeting would be arranged for Monday 10 January 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom.

Tuesday 11 January 2022 7.30pm Parish Council Village Hall

Cllr Cass enquired whether St Helens Council had planned any activities for the Queen’s Jubilee in 2022. Cllr Sims reported that trees would be planted at 4 or 5 sites.

Cllr Barton asked whether Parish Council would be planting a tree. Cllr Sims replied it would depend on the size and cost.

Cllr G Pearl, as Chair, wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

SIGNED DATED