

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022 at
7.30pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, KILN LANE, ECCLESTON**

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Haw, Johnson, Madine, C Pearl, G Pearl, Spencer, N Taylor and V Taylor
J Anderson – Clerk

22.24 APOLOGIES

Cllr Cass

22.25 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllrs G Pearl and N Taylor declared an interest in item 22.32 – Planning Applications

22.26 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

It was unanimously agreed that Mr F Williams be co-opted as Councillor to Eccleston Parish Council. Mr Williams would be invited to attend the July meeting of the Parish Council.

22.27 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 MAY 2022

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

22.28 MATTERS ARISING

None

22.29 RESIDENTS' ISSUES

None reported.

Cllr Haw joined the meeting.

22.30 POLICE REPORT

Crime figures for both May and June had been received and given to Councillors. Public order offences had risen in both months, but had been explained by the police as: domestic incidents and neighbour issues over dog fouling in May; and 5 incidents involving the same person in June.

22.31 REPORTS

Resolved to note the following:

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for June. The following points were discussed:

- Blacksmith's Day – Curators reported it had been a success.
- Letters of thanks – the Curators requested thank you letters be sent to volunteers that helped on Blacksmith's Day.
- 'Making of St Helens' Exhibition – Curators reported that the exhibition continued to be popular.
- Smithy Museum and Education Room – Vicky showed new Councillors the Smithy and its exhibition as well as the facility of the Education Room.

Ecclesfield – 7 June 2022, 7pm, Eccleston Village Hall. Cllrs Ashcroft, C Pearl, G Pearl, Sims and Spencer attended along with the Clerk.

- The Caretaker reported the damage to the tarmac when a wheelie bin had been set on fire.
- Bleak Hill Rovers (BHR) reported a successful season with 400 youngsters playing – 80 girls and 320 boys.
- Councillors agreed to the adult team changing to pitch 3 for the forthcoming season and that a 9v9 be marked over the unused pitch 4. The Secretary was asked to contact St Helens Council to request the 9v9 be marked.
- The sign had been installed on the changing rooms.
- Finances were reported.

22.32 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

69 Springfield Lane

Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order to fell 1no beech tree and replace with 1no beech tree

Refer to Trees and Woodlands Officer

7 Albany Avenue

Demolition of detached garage and erection of as single storey side/rear extension

Ensure sufficient off-street parking

1 Oak Tree Road

Retention of shiplap fence above existing low level wall to the front and side garden boundaries

The high fence looks totally out of character in the local area

25 Cecil Drive

Two storey side extension with alterations to rear annexe

N/O

134 Broadway

Single storey side extension and side boundary fence

Ensure the fence is not too high on this corner

Decisions

27 Mosslands

Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of detached outbuilding for ancillary living accommodation

Granted 11/5/22

15 Lester Drive

Two storey side extension

Granted 11/5/22

23 Aynsley Court

Single storey rear extension

Granted 17/5/22

8 Daresbury Road

Proposed single storey forward, side and rear extension to form wraparound

Granted 17/5/22

Holmecroft, Holme Close

Works to various trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order

Granted 26/5/22

107 St James Road

Single storey rear extension, following demolition of existing garage, conservatory and small kitchen extension

Granted 30/5/22

136 Kiln Lane

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey extension to an existing single storey rear extension.

Granted 30/5/22

16 St Berthold Gate

Retrospective permission for a timber garden shed erected within the rear garden of the property

Granted 6/6/22

12 Long Meadow

Single storey front extension with bike store

Granted 9/6/22

Cllr G Pearl reported that St Helens Borough Council would be holding a Planning Committee meeting on Thursday 16 June to discuss the application for the former fire station site in Eccleston.

22.33 HERITAGE TRAIL PLAQUE

Cllr Sims reported that she and Cllr G Pearl had met with a resident who would like to put up heritage plaques across the Borough starting in Eccleston. The plaque would include a QR (quick response) code to a link trailing the history of the area. Cllr Sims asked if Councillors would be happy to invite the resident to a meeting to discuss the project further. All Councillors agreed. The Clerk would arrange an invitation to a meeting in September or October.

22.34 SCHOOL PRIZES

Resolved to award £40 to each of the 5 schools – De la Salle, St Julie, Bleak Hill, Eccleston Lane Ends and Eccleston Mere to be used for pupil prizes.

22.35 VILLAGE HALL

(a) The Caretaker had purchased a mobile phone with the telephone contribution paid to her. The contact number for the caretaker had been changed on all documents and the website. The number for the caretaker was now 07706 022171.

(b) A new group had started on Thursdays 4-7pm. The group was art for school children.

22.36 MONITORING OF VILLAGE HALL CRACKS

A report from the structural engineer stated that current movement was negligible. The building was safe to use and would remain safe for the immediate future. The widest crack had only increased in width by 3.39mm since 1992. Readings showed that the building was moving very slowly. It was recommended that monitoring should continue each year. The caretaker had reported cracks in the outside wall which were reported to the structural engineer but these cracks had been noted in 1991 and one was being monitored with no concerns.

22.37 ACCOUNTS

Received:

Village Hall £852, RK PAYE £82.60, NatWest interest 4.12 and 0.03, Windle PC phone and copier £36.93, Blacksmith’s Day £720.00

Total Receipts £1695.68

Payments:

SSE – gas	132.88
GPS Telecoms – Clerk’s phone	39.36
Red Bank Cider for Blacksmith’s Day	212.00

J Anderson – float for Blacksmith’s Day	100.00
SSE – gas	79.32
J Chamberlain – items for Blacksmith’s Day	186.41
Wessex Medical – replacement handle for defib cabinet, Ecclesfield	150.00
Best Security – annual service charge	416.20
P Keary – demo Blacksmith’s Day	150.00
John White Woodcarving – demo Blacksmith’s Day	50.00
P Gregson – demo x 2 Blacksmith’s Day	300.00
C Barber – VH grounds maintenance x 3 visits	240.00
Water Plus	22.91
GPS Telecoms – phone	54.02
De La Salle School pupil prizes	40.00*
Eccleston Lane Ends School pupil prizes	40.00*
Bleak Hill Primary School merit award	40.00*
St Julie School pupil prizes	40.00*
Eccleston Mere Primary School pupil prizes	40.00*
HMRC – PAYE and NI Apr-June	1620.22
J Chamberlain – June	203.37
V Griffiths – June	179.17
L Poole – June inc elections	440.90
J Anderson – June + petty cash	1373.97
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	490.80
Lawrenson Associates – monitoring of VH cracks	192.00
Total Payments	£6833.53

* Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 & 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that as at 30 May 2022 the balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £64,070.30 and Capital Deposit Account £467.05

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of May 2022	£5.44
Balance at the end of May 2022	£4.00

22.38 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

22.39 DATES OF MEETINGS

Resolved to note the following:

Tuesday 12 July 2022	7.00pm	Smithy	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

SIGNED

DATED