

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on  
TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

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

22.72 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr N Taylor

22.73 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor G Pearl declared an interest in item 22.81 – Planning Applications.

22.74 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 OCTOBER 2022**

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

22.75 **MATTERS ARISING**

None

22.76 **RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

Cllr Sims had received a telephone call from a resident extremely upset at having been informed that the number 37 bus would no longer be running as of 4 January 2023. The resident had been informed by the bus driver that the route would be merged with the number 35 bus. Cllr Sims had emailed the Liverpool City Region Mayor along with the Councillor responsible for transport, Cllr Robinson asking for an explanation.

Cllr Ashcroft reported that the number 10 operating along St Helens Road was always full with students attending Carmel College. She felt there were not enough buses running on this route. In the first instance, Cllr Sims would speak to Carmel College.

22.77 **POLICE REPORT**

The latest crime figures had been received.

Cllr Cass reported to the meeting an incident of a bonfire being built on Ecclesfield field for bonfire night. A resident had reported to Cllr Cass that a tipper truck had arrived to dump wood for the bonfire but the resident had approached the driver and said it would be reported as fly tipping if the wood was left. Cllr Cass and Cllr Sims reported the incident to the police who had dealt with it.

Cllr Johnson asked whether incidents of fly tipping were included on the police report. Cllr Ashcroft informed the meeting that fly tipping was not a criminal offence but a civil one and the local authority would prosecute fly tippers not the police.

## 22.78 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 25 November. The library staff would decorate the tree as usual.

The tree on St Helens Road would also be lit.

## 22.79 REMEMBRANCE DAY

The War Memorial gates would be opened on Friday 11 November.

The wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial would take place at 11am on Sunday 13 November. Cllr Sims had copied some prayers and it was agreed each Councillor attending would read a short poem at the ceremony. The gates would be open for the day.

Other Councillors would attend the ceremony at St Helens Cenotaph on the same day.

## 22.80 REPORTS

### **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy report:

- Loan boxes had continued to be popular with the Ancient Greek one being loaned to a school in Huyton for 4 weeks.
- Visitors often consulted the Curators asking for advice or for valuation of items. Curators refer visitors to either repairers or conservators along with auction houses as museums cannot value items.
- The Curators are often offered items for the Smithy but unfortunately, they cannot always accept all items because of storage capacity and the Collections Policy. They suggest alternate places for the owners to approach for the items.
- The Curators had visited a former Councillor who had a large collection of clothing. After consideration the items had been sent to the Atkinson, Southport which had an established costume collection and adequate storage.
- It was agreed the Queen's Jubilee roundel that was on the lamppost outside the hall could be taken down and kept in the Smithy museum.

## 22.81 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### **Resolved to note the following:**

#### **Delegated**

#### **6 Hawthorn Drive**

Demolition of the existing rear conservatory and erection of a part two storey, part single storey front and side extension, along with a single storey rear extension

**N/O**

#### **17A Central Avenue**

Single storey side and rear extension and internal alterations to an existing dwelling for disabled use

**N/O**

#### **37 Laruel Drive**

Demolition of existing porch and erection a new porch

**N/O**

**6 Acacia Grove**

Erection of a front porch

**N/O****66 Brookside Avenue**

First floor side extension

**N/O****2 Holme Close**

Single storey side extension

**N/O****2 Fiveways**

Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a granny annexe

**N/O****3 Seddon Close**

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

**N/O****Decisions****3 Osborne Road**

Single storey wraparound extension with front porch

**Granted 14/10/22****1 Laurel Drive**

Conversion of front and rear flat roofs to pitched roofs, garage conversion, and alterations to window and doors

**Granted 31/10/22****72 Gorsey Croft**

Single storey rear and side extension to form wraparound

**Granted 31/10/22****19 Chapel Lane**

Single storey side extension

**Granted 4/11/22****22.82    ACCOUNTS****Resolved to note the following:****Received:** Village Hall Hire £346; R Kelsey PAYE £82.60; Interest 0.08 and 13.77; WPC phone and copier £37.72; HMRC – VAT £247.24**TOTAL****£727.41****Payments**

GPS Telecoms – clerk phone – Sept	42.18
BT – Smithy phone	166.83
C Barber – VH grounds maintenance – 3 visits	240.00
SSE – gas	29.00
NetWise UK – website upgrade	22.97
SSE – electricity	527.59
J Chamberlain – November	179.17
L Poole – November	432.90
V Griffiths – November	179.17
J Anderson – November + petty cash	1421.20
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	490.80
Vynline Ltd – updating Honour Board, Village Hall	66.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£3797.81</b>

**RECONCILIATION** – The Clerk reported that at 28 October 2022 the balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £67,638.90 and Capital Deposit Account £467.29.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> – Expenditure for the month of October 2022	£9.80
Balance at the end of October 2022	£5.37

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

22.83 CORRESPONDENCE

**Resolved to note the following:**

**None**

22.84 DATES OF MEETINGS

**Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 6 December 2022	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield
Tuesday 13 December 2022	7.30 pm	Parish Council

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

SIGNED ..... DATE .....