

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY
14 APRIL 2009 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Perry (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Duncan, D Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney, Skepper
2 Residents
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs S Evans, C Pearl, G Pearl & Sims

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

08.156 There were no declarations of interest.

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

MATTERS ARISING

08.158 08.147 - Mill Brow Nature Reserve – Cllr Sims consulted De la Salle School regarding its commitment towards maintenance of the site. They do not plan any environmental works on Mill Brow in the foreseeable future. The renewal request from St Helens Council was, therefore, agreed.

Cllr David Evans joined the meeting

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

08.159 Two e-mails from residents in response to our letter regarding dumping of waste on Mill Brow Nature Reserve were read out.

Resolved to reply to both residents requesting them to keep the Parish Council informed of any future vandalism.

A resident at the meeting brought the Council's attention to the increasing problem of park and ride motorists using the car park at Walmesley Road. It was felt that this was partially due to the rise in parking charges in St Helens Town Centre.

Resolved that this is reported to the District Councillors.

It was further reported that copies of the Star and Reporter were not being delivered in parts of Eccleston.

Resolved that the Clerk writes to the newspapers informing them of the complaint.

POLICE REPORT

08.160 There was no Police representative in attendance.

ECCLESFIELD DRAINAGE

8.161 Cllr Broughton reported on a method of draining sports pitches, costing around £300 per pitch.

Resolved that Cllr Broughton bring in details to submit to the Ecclesfield Committee at their next meeting .

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

08.162 Nomination papers were placed in Councillors' packets with a request that they be returned to the Clerk by or at the Parish Annual Meeting on 12 May 2009.

ART COMPETITION

8.163 Resolved that the prizes will be £75 for the Open Age, £50 for Up to 16 and £25 for Up to 11 categories. Judges will be Cllr Lionel Perry, Mr Fred Leather and another judge of Mr Leather's choosing.

REPORTS

8.164 Resolved to note the following:

Chain of Office Working Party – The Working Party met on Tuesday 7 April 2009 at 6.45 pm in the Village Hall. Points discussed were:

- Honour Boards – 2 boards to be installed on the 2 pillars at the front of the Hall
- New Chain of Office – it was decided not to replace the current chain
- Mounting of present Chain of Office on a collar

Resolved that the Clerk makes enquiries as to whether mounting the current chain will be possible and the possible costs involved. Cllrs Duncan and Perry are to pursue the provision of Honour Boards.

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for April 2009. The following points were discussed:

- Replacement Curatorial Adviser
- Thank You Evening provisionally booked for 5 May 2009, at 7.30 pm.
- Bookings for Talks – 2 at present
- Donation of £130 by Mr & Mrs Martlew
- Information Packs for Schools
- Purchase of Banner

Resolved that the Clerk writes to Rosemary Tyler to formally invite her to become the new Curatorial Adviser to the Smithy Heritage Centre. The Curators were given the consent of the Parish Council to purchasing an advertising banner - to come out of the Smithy Promotions Budget.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08.165 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

18 Broadway	Single storey ext to rear & side - ? adequate off-street parking
1 Gillars Gn Ctgs	Certificate of lawful development to retain single storey side ext – N/O
23 Wokefield Way	Certificate of lawful development for single storey side & rear extns – N/O
5 Gunning Close	2 storey side & rear extns & front porch – Would proposals create architectural imbalance in Gunning Close – would there be sufficient off-street parking?

- 19 Forest Grove** Single storey rear & 1st floor extns, pitched roofs over existing flat roof at side & alterations to existing window openings at rear – N/O
- 5 Houghtons Lane** Re-submission for 1st floor side ext – N/O
- 38 The Spires** Rear Conservatory – N/O
- 5 Washbrook Cl** Single Storey rear ext – N/O
- 13 Brookside** 2-storey side & rear & part single storey rear extns - ? **sufficient off-street parking & possible loss of light to resident at No 15 Brookside**

WEBSITE MONITORING

- 08.166 **Resolved to ask Brian Walsh to continue monitoring our website during 2009/2010.**

VILLAGE HALL EXTRA PLANTING

- 08.167 **Resolved to inform Paul Potter that he is able to purchase extra plants up to the value of £100 for the rest of the year. His request to put a sign in the grounds was accepted.**

COMMERCIAL WASTE AGREEMENT

- 08.168 **Resolved to renew the Commercial Waste Agreement with St Helens Council. This was signed by the Chairman, Cllr Perry.**

STAFF SALARIES 2009/10

- 8.169 **Resolved to increase Staff salaries as budgeted.**

SLCC SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

- 8.170 **Resolved to renew the SLCC subscription at a cost of £149.00.**

MPFA SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

- 8.171 **Resolved to renew the MPFA subscription at a cost of £10.00.**

ACCOUNTS

- 08.172 Received Hall Hire £280.00; R Kelsey £68.20 PAYE March; L Scott overstated payment January/February/March £14.80; NatWest Bank Charges Refunded £6.50; VAT Reclaimed £260.13

British Gas – April	30.00
Manweb – April (£81.50 previously - £21/month increase)	102.50
United Utilities – April	53.01
United Utilities – April – 1 st Payment, subsequent payments £13.60 (down £1.79)	8.51
St Helens Council – Rates 1 st instalment (subsequently £100 - up £5)	98.07
St Helens Council – Open Spaces Leases – 7	9.50
J Chamberlain – Salary April	160.88
J Chamberlain – Reqn 30 – Items for Smithy + Travel expenses to course	88.07
V Hirons – Salary April	160.88
L Poole - Salary – April	394.42
L Scott – Salary April includes £12.00 travel expenses	1,116.00
L Scott – Petty Cash April	20.00
L Scott – purchases of toilet rolls and toilet cleaner	17.57
PAYE – Curators April (Cumulative £80.00 1 st month Period 1)	80.00

PAYE – Clerk April (Cumulative £276.00 1 st month Period 1)	276.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk April (Cumulative £ 1 st month Period 1)	115.71
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – April (£68.20 1 st month Period 1)	68.20
Post Office Ltd (Last payment of PAYE & NI for 2008/09) – already notified	(100.00)
B&M Office Machines – Dec (missed reporting)	15.31
St James Church – Grant towards Garden of Remembrance maintenance work	300.00
B&M Office Machines – Copies Invoice 108329	8.63
B&M Office Machines – Copies Invoice 109678	8.63
SLCC Subscription (£145 last year)	149.00
Paul Potter – 1 st bill for Village Hall grounds maintenance and planting	141.70
Stanley Gate Nursery - War Memorial tidy up March 2009	23.00
St Helens Council Grounds Maintenance Mill Brow Contract (up £6.99)	329.50
St Helens Council – removal of willow tree on path at Mill Brow (£133.20 ex VAT)	153.18
Willow Printing – 4,500 Magazines printed (as budgeted)	1677.00
Magazine Distribution	250.00
MPFA Subscription	10.00
St Helens College – room hire at Bobbies Lane for Resident Consultation	30.00
Ecclesfield Contribution – 1	827.50
B Walsh – Website monitoring	100.00

Balance brought forward March meeting £24,726.58 + receipts this month £25,356.21
Total Payments this month £6,822.77
Approximate balance £18,533.44

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 31 March 2009, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £13,465.18 and Capital Reserve Account £463.28. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for March 2009.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of March 2009 £24.34
Approximate balance at the end of March 2009 -£1.35

CORRESPONDENCE

8.173 Resolved to note the following:

St Helens Council – Agenda and Minutes of Ward Committee Meeting – **passed to Cllr Perry**

CPRE – Countryside Voice – Spring 2009 – **passed to Cllr Perry**

United Utilities – Email re West-East Pipeline project – **passed to all Councillors**

St Helens Council – Development Services Consultation – 3 reps invited 22 May 2009 – **Clerk to reserve 3 places, names to be given at the Parish Annual Meeting**

CVS – Contact Magazine – **Cllr Duncan has a copy**

Outwood Surveyors – Request to be put on Council’s list of contractors

DATES OF MEETINGS

08.174 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tues 28 April 09	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Tues 12 May 09	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Annual	St James

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm.

SIGNED

DATED