

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2010, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr E Skepper (Chair)  
Cllrs Broughton, Duncan, S Evans, Gray-Williams, Sims & Watmough  
CSO L Rowling, Acting Sgt A De Gray Birch  
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bain, D Evans, C & G Pearl & Maloney

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

09.140 There were no declarations of interest.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 MARCH 2010**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

09.142 09.126 – A completed Declaration was received on behalf of Ruth Watmough.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

09.143 The Clerk reported she had received a call from Mr & Mrs Hoolahan of Ecclesfield Road who are concerned about the development of the neighbouring property at 66 Ecclesfield Road. The Parish Council responded to this application on 10 February 2010.

Joanne Chamberlain informed the Clerk that the Residents at 96 Millbrook Lane, the neighbouring property to the Village Hall, had reported vandalism to the fence which adjoins the Village Hall.

**Resolved that the Clerk writes to the resident stating that the Parish Council is not the owner of the fence but would be agreeable to sharing the cost of the repair. An estimate is to be requested but it was agreed that work should be carried out as soon as possible as both properties were vulnerable.**

**POLICE REPORT**

09.144 CSO Laura Rowling introduced Acting Sgt De Gray Birch who is working at Eccleston whilst Inspector Rayment is on holiday. Laura reported the crime statistics from 1 January – 12 April 2010 compared with 2009. She went on to update Councillors on current arrests and events and confirmed that the speedwatch would be continuing on Portico Lane. Councillor Skepper then invited questions.

**LOCAL LIFE PUBLICATION**

09.145 Two copies were shown to Councillors for their comments. This is to be deferred until next month so that a comparison can be made with the Connection Magazine Councillor Sims offered to supply.

## REPORTS

09.146 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – Councillors were given copies of the Curators' Report for April 2010. The following points were discussed:

- Atlantic Rendezvous Exhibition
- Cover for Curators' absence in May
- Wheelie Bin
- Vandalism to the fence behind the Smithy
- Security Lighting
- Pointing
- Possible Heritage Trail
- Curator Photographs

**Resolved to obtain 2 quotations for a security light at the side of the Smithy, move the wheelie bin into the recess at the side, arrange to repair the damaged pointing and contact the resident at 96 Millbrook Lane to confirm shared payment re the repair of their fence.**

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09.147 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

<b>Methodist Church</b>	Re-submission of plan for demolition of church & erection of 7 residential houses – <b>Residents consultation meeting held 15 March. Concerns were: Six houses may be a better fit for the site, the design of the houses was bland - otherwise, there were no objections. Ask that permitted development rights be removed from this small tight development to safeguard problems for the future.</b>
<b>30 Rainhill Rd</b>	Erection of 2-storey dormer type bungalow/integral garage – <b>object see attached letter for comments</b>
<b>62 Springfield La</b>	Demolish garage & erect 2-storey side ext, rear conservatory, porch & loft conversion – <b>N/O</b>
<b>10 Hilary Close</b>	Conversion of garage to habitable room, single storey front of side extns & extended hardstanding in front garden - <b>Please ensure that there is sufficient off-street parking for 2 cars</b>
<b>21 Brooklands Rd</b>	Ground floor ext to front & side & part 1 <sup>st</sup> floor front ext – <b>N/O</b>
<b>41 Clarkes Cres</b>	Rear Conservatory – <b>N/O</b>
<b>7 Brookfield Ave</b>	Amendment to P/2009/0758 for single storey side/rear ext – <b>N/O</b>

## NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN 2010/2011

09.148 The Clerk reminded Councillors that nomination papers had been placed in their meeting packets and would be required before the Parish Annual Meeting in May.

## WEBSITE MONITORING

09.149 **Resolved to ask Brian Walsh to continue with this service at a rate of £100.00 per annum.**

## ST JAMES' GRANT REQUEST

09.150 **Resolved to award St James a grant of £300.00 towards the cost of maintaining the Garden of Remembrance.**

## CHRIST CHURCH GRANT REQUEST

09.151 **Resolved to award Christ Church a grant of £700.00 towards the maintenance of the Church Yard in May 2010.**

## STAFF SALARIES

09.152 **Resolved to award pay rises to the Clerk, Caretaker and Curators, as specified in the Budget.**

## SLCC SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

09.153 **Resolved to renew the annual subscription to SLCC at the rate of £151.00.**

## MPFA SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

09.154 **Resolved to defer until next month.**

## COMMERCIAL WASTE AGREEMENT

09.155 **Resolved to defer until next month.**

## ACCOUNTS

09.156 Received Hall Hire £135.00 plus adjustments from December/January £140; R Kelsey PAYE April £71.60; New User Bond £25.00; VAT refund January £409.01; Refund of Bank Charges £9.75, Bank Interest £3.27

British Gas – April	188.00
Manweb – April	157.00
United Utilities – April 1 <sup>st</sup> payment (£56.69 less than last year)	7.58
St Helens Council – Cleaning March	255.20
St Helens Council – April Rates – 1 <sup>st</sup> payment (£153.54 less than last year)	88.53
St Helens Council – Mill Brow Grounds Maintenance (Up £7.16 over previous yr)	345.07
St Helens Council – Ground rents for Open Spaces	9.50
Willow Printing – 4,500 magazines (same as last yr)	1677.00
PB Distribution – delivery of mags (discount for mistake £10 less than last yr)	282.00
J Chamberlain – Salary April – includes increase	165.72
J Chamberlain – Purchases and mileage re Smithy Reqn 45	103.05
V Hiron – Salary April – includes increase	165.72
V Hiron – CRB Check £43; Purchases £77.34 Reqn 44	120.34
L Poole - Salary – April – includes increase	402.90
L Scott – Salary April includes £7.20 travel expenses – includes increase	1144.42
L Scott – Flowers for Councillor Duncan	25.00
L Scott – Microsoft Office Home & Student Programme for Computer	64.04
L Scott – Petty Cash April	20.00
PAYE – Curators April (Cumulative £82.40 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 1)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk April (Cumulative £284.20 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 1)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker (Cumulative £4.60 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 1)	402.90
EPC NI contribution – Clerk April (Cumulative £121.01 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 1- up £5.30)	121.01
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – April (£71.60 1 <sup>st</sup> month period 1)	71.60
B&M - extra copies Invoice 127270 (quarterly billing) 16/3/10 – 15/6/10	26.44
B Walsh – Website Monitoring	100.00
SLCC – Subscription Renewal	151.00
Nat West Bank Charges	13.00
St James PCC – Grant towards maintenance of Garden of Remembrance	300.00*

Balance brought forward from March meeting £34,081.39 plus receipts this month  
£34,875.02

Total Payments this month £6,773.62  
**Approximate balance** £28,101.40

**\* 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 & will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.**

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 March 2010, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £22,451.32 and Capital Reserve Account £463.46. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for February 2010.

**PETTY CASH** - Expenditure for the month of March 2010 £9.68  
**Approximate** balance at the end of February 2010 -0.17

CORRESPONDENCE

09.157 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Halton & St Helens NHS** – information re Transforming Community Services – copies given to all Councillors

**St Helens Council** – Amendments to Core Strategy Development Plan – DVD

**CPRE** – Lancashire Annual Report – **passed to Cllr Broughton**

**Mersey Forest** – Landscape Fund – **Interested Councillors have copies**

**CPRE** – Fieldwork publication – **passed to Cllr Broughton**

**Electricity Alliance** – info sent to residents re work on overhead lines

**War Memorials Trust** – Half-Day Conference on **Looking After War Memorials** – free in Liverpool on 10 June 2010 – **Cllr Skepper and Duncan expressed an interest in attending**

**Merseytravel** – Info re Concessionary Travel Scheme

DATES OF MEETINGS

09.158 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tues 27 April	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Tue 11 May	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....