

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY  
12 APRIL 2016 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Ashcroft (Chair)  
Cllrs Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, Kempself, C Pearl, G Pearl, Sims and  
Skepper  
Janet Anderson (Clerk)  
2 residents

APOLOGIES:

15.147 Cllrs Dawson and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

15.148 Councillor G Pearl Item 15.154 – Planning Applications

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

15.150 The Clerk reported that the possible bank error reported under item 15.145 did not occur and the correct amount was taken out on 22 February 2016.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

15.151 The 2 residents that attended raised no issues when asked.

POLICE REPORT

15.152 There was no one available to attend from the police. PCSO Green sent a report including crime figures comparing March-April this year with the same period last year. Most categories compared favourably except for anti-social behaviour which had increased.

REPORTS

15.153 **Resolved to note the following:**

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

- Shakespeare at the Smithy – Rosemary Tyler gave a talk which was well received
- Plague and Prose – this year's exhibition was proving popular
- Loan boxes/school contact – St Helens Music Service loaned toys and games for an event in the Town Hall. St Julies visiting on 21 April
- Smithy alarm – activated on Monday 4 April whilst a group was using the hall. Lisa attended. No reports of break in. An insect may have set it off. CCTV was checked and no movement detected **Clerk was asked to contact the alarm company to discuss. The Clerk would also contact the CCTV company to enquire about the time displayed on the system, to request signs and how to gain remote access.**
- Smithy lighting – when turning on the lights one light bulb exploded. **Clerk to contact the electrician**
- Signage – Paul Potter made and installed wooden signage structures to display banners to replace damaged and vandalised ones **Clerk would send a thank you from the Parish Council**
- Good news – Rainhill Rotary Club were offering small grants to community groups. Curators had been notified by Cllr Haw and had applied for funding towards the cost of International Blacksmith's Day. Curators had been invited to a ceremony which would take place on 21 April 2016 at the Millennium Centre in Rainhill when funds would be awarded.

- International Blacksmith's Day – craftspeople booked, James and Lorraine from Phoenix Pub had pledged their assistance with setting up and serving. George Wrights Brewery had confirmed that Puzzle the horse would be pulling a dray loaded with barrels from their brewery to the Smithy
- Any other business – Curators asked the latest situation with jobs still to be carried out at the Smithy. The Clerk reported that the work would be carried out on the pathway on Monday 18 April 2016. The roof company had assessed the work on the Smithy office roof and said it would need reinforcing with felt under the slate tiles as they were at an incorrect pitch and water was seeping under the tiles. **It was resolved to have the repair carried out as soon as possible.** Once these jobs had been completed and the new front doors had been installed, a date for the pointing to start would be arranged.
- Cllr Sims asked if the Curators had been contacted by St Julies Primary School for help with celebrating 50 years of the school. It was agreed that Cllr Sims would ask the school to contact the Curators for help and advice.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15.154 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

<b>9 Albany Ave</b>	Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to fell 1 no lime and 1 no horse chestnut <b>Refer to trees and woodlands officer</b>
<b>42 The Spires</b>	Single storey rear extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>5 Poplar Ave</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory, and partial demolition of existing garage; and erection of single storey side and rear extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>20 Chapel Lane</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory and detached garage and erection of part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension along with attached garage and front porch <b>N/O</b>
<b>2 Fiveways</b>	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling <b>N/O</b>
<b>2 Inglehome Gdns</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear Extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>2 West Close</b>	Single storey rear extension <b>N/O</b>

Decisions:

<b>1 Chapel Lane</b>	Construction of 2 storey vicarage <b>Granted 23/3/16</b>
<b>Vicarage Chapel Ln</b>	Creation of new vehicular driveway access <b>Granted 23/3/16</b>

## MONITORING OF VILLAGE HALL CRACKS

15.155 A report had been received from structural engineers that stated the increase in the width of the cracks since a year ago was negligible and that the building was safe to use and would remain safe for the immediate future. **Resolved that the cracks in the building would be monitored annually.**

## PENSIONS

15.156 A report from the pensions actuary had been received which stated that the employer's contribution rate would be 22.1%. **It was resolved that the rate was agreeable and that the Clerk, Janet Anderson, should join the Local Government Pension Scheme (Merseyside Pension Fund).**

## ACCOUNTS

15.157

Received: Village Hall Hire £547.00, RK PAYE £77.80, loan box – St Julies £5.00, Shakespeare talk £110, Windle phone £10.49, NatWest interest Feb £0.02 and £1.21, Mar £0.02 and £1.04

**Total Receipts** **£752.58**

Payments:

United Utilities	9.88
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GPS Telecom – clerk’s phone/internet – Feb	37.76
Golden Environmental Services – washroom hygiene service	295.20
R J Tyler – Smithy Shakespeare talk	30.00
ABM Security Systems – CCTV (Smithy grant)	4546.80
Window-shield UK – UV film on Smithy windows (Smithy grant)	294.00
J Chamberlain – items for Shakespeare talk and Smithy	153.81
V Griffiths – printer and roller blinds for Smithy (2)	63.97
CF Corporate – photocopier lease – qtr	93.60
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI	1431.66
Willow Printing – Parish magazines	1758.00
Lawrenson Associates – monitoring of VH cracks	102.00
United Utilities	10.37
Easily Ltd – domain name renewal	12.59
St Helens Council – Kiln Lane drainage 10 <sup>th</sup> payment	1638.10
St Helens Council – cleaning Feb and March	597.24
St Helens Council – trade waste	291.26
J Chamberlain – April	168.84
V Griffiths – April	168.86
J Anderson – April + travel	1273.99
L Poole – April + telephone contribution	490.65
Paul Potter – grounds maintenance – April 2 visits	62.50
B Walsh – website management	100.00
Ecclesfield Project – first ½ contribution	1749.50
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£15415.26</b>

**RECONCILIATION** – The Clerk reported that, as at 31 March 2016, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £18,957.54 and Capital Deposit Account £464.95.

**PETTY CASH** – Expenditure for the month of March 2016 £2.83  
**Approximate** balance at the end of March 2016 £22.83

CORRESPONDENCE

15.158 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Dance Class** – a request for a jazz dance group for adults and children to use the hall on Saturdays 10-2pm

**Resolved that a charge for 2 sessions would be made**

**St Helens Council** – Non-domestic rate demand – nil until 31 March 2017

**SLCC** membership renewal – £187 (EPC pay two thirds £124.67 and one third paid by Windle PC £62.33)

DATES OF MEETINGS

15.159 **Resolved to note the following:**

<b>Tuesday 26 April 16</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
Tuesday 10 May 16	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Our Lady’s
	7.30 pm	Parish Annual Meeting	Our Lady’s

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....