

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER, 2009, at 7.30 pm in ST JAMES'S CHURCH HALL, St Helens Road, Eccleston Park**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)  
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Duncan, D & S Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney,  
C Pearl, Sims and Skepper  
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

09.88 Cllr G Pearl declared at interest in 09.95 – Planning Applications.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 OCTOBER 2009**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

09.90 09.81 – West Ward Vacancy – The notice was posted at the Village Hall on 19 November 2009 – finishing date 9 December 2009.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

09.91 None reported

**POLICE REPORT**

09.92 In the absence of a police representative, information was e-mailed to the Clerk by Lisa Skidmore. Copies were given to all councillors.

**ANNUAL MAGAZINE**

9.93 A quotation has been obtained from Willow Printing – no change in cost from last year. Councillors were requested to submit articles before the end of February deadline.

**Resolved to accept the Willow Printing quotation and that the Clerk investigates methods and prices for delivery.**

**REPORTS**

09.94 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – All Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for December from which the following was discussed:

- Hundredth year Anniversary of Colonel Cody's crash-landing in Eccleston
- Request from a Parr school for a visit from the Curators – not possible due to subject matter and work load at this time
- CRB check – the company recommended by Tom Glynn, St Helens CVS, would cost around £116 – the Clerk is to make further investigations

**Resolved that if, in future, Schools outside the Eccleston area request sessions, the Working Party will consider charging for Curators' time and resources.**

St Helens Ceremony of Remembrance – Councillor Maloney reported on the Service of Remembrance held at St Helens Cenotaph on Sunday 8 November. This was led by Rev Canon Tom Neylon, Pastoral Area Leader, St Helens South and Parish Priest of St Julie's RC Church, Eccleston. Rev Canon Mark Cockayne, Area Dean of St Helens, read the Lesson and Prayers were led by Rev Gary McGowan, United Reformed Church, King Street, St Helens. A member of the Cadet Forces read out a Poem 'Song of the Soldier'. Cllr Maloney felt that the attendance was the largest seen at this special service.

**Cllr Broughton joined the meeting**

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9.95 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

- Rushen, Elm Grv** Demolish existing dwelling & garage & erect 3 dwellings with associated landscaping & parking – **See attached response letter.**
- 24 Brooklands Rd** Erect detached dwelling & double garage - **Still concerns re sufficient off street parking & potential for obstructions from additional vehicles in turning head in Brooklands Rd. Can permitted development rights be removed from what would now be regarded as an "additional dwelling"**
- 10 Villiers Cres** Loft conversion with additional 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows – **N/O**
- 16 Hill School Rd** 1<sup>st</sup> floor ext over existing garage & playroom – **N/O**
- 56 Millbrook Lane** Single storey pitched roof ext to side & rear - **? sufficient off-street parking**
- United Utilities** Junction of Knowsley Rd, Mill Brow & Ackers Lane – Construction of new control kiosk – **Concern re level of noise caused by equipment – request full consultation of residents/schools/bus companies. Landscaping must form part of consultation process.**

## ACCOUNTS

09.96 Received Hall Hire £375.00; R Kelsey £88.20 PAYE December; United Utilities £48.88 Direct Debit - November.

British Gas – December	188.00
Manweb – December	102.50
United Utilities – December	48.88
United Utilities – December	13.60
St Helens Council – Rates	100.00
J Chamberlain – Salary December	160.88
J Chamberlain – Mileage when on Smithy business – 58 miles @ .40 p/mile	23.20
V Hirons – Salary December	160.88
L Poole - Salary – December	395.42
L Scott – Salary December includes £9.60 travel expenses	1,113.60
L Scott – Petty Cash December	20.00
PAYE – Curators December (Cumulative £240.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 3)	80.00

PAYE – Clerk December (Cumulative £828.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> month period 3)	276.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk December (Cumulative £347.13 3 <sup>rd</sup> month period 3)	115.71
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – December (£224.60 3 <sup>rd</sup> month period 3)	88.20
Post Office – 3 <sup>rd</sup> ¼ PAYE/NI payments – already reported monthly	(1,639.73)
B&M – extra copies Invoice 120278	8.63
SGN Garden Services – War Memorial – Remembrance Tidy	50.00
St James PCC – Hire of Hall for Consultation 16/11/09	28.00
Vyniline Ltd – 2 Honour Boards lettered and installed	170.00
St Helens District CVS – subscription	30.00
L Scott – Purchase of Norton Anti Virus for Clerk’s computer from Costco	17.68
PHS – 3 Months’ Sanitary Services in Village Hall – Inv 55524820	149.50
P Potter – last gardening maintenance for this financial year	150.00

Balance brought forward from November meeting £37,757.12 plus receipts this month £38,269.20  
Total Payments this month £3,490.68  
**Approximate balance** £34,778.52

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 November 2009, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £24,880.34 and Capital Reserve Account £463.34. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for November 2009.

**PETTY CASH** - Expenditure for the month of November 2009 £20.60  
**Approximate balance** at the end of November 2009 -7.73

2010/2011 BUDGET MEETING

09.97 **Resolved to hold a meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee in the Village Hall on Monday 11 January at 2.00 pm. Cllr Duncan requested to be taken off the Committee and Cllr Skepper agreed to replace her.**

CORRESPONDENCE

09.98 **Resolved to note the following:**

**Kirkby Council** – Info about cancellation of development  
**CPRE** – Fieldwork publication – December 2009 – **passed to Cllr Broughton**

EMERGENCY ITEM

9.99 The Clerk’s reported that she has been experiencing faults on the Parish Council Computer for some time which has made accessing the Internet difficult with insufficient memory to support new software. BT Broadband has supplied a new hub, with 6 months’ free service and will attempt to speed up the connection once the computer is restored to good working order.

**Resolved that a new computer be purchased as soon as possible. Cllr Bain and the Clerk are to work together on this.**

DATES OF MEETINGS

9.100 **Resolved to note the following:**

Mon 11 January 10	2.00 pm	Finance Meeting	Village Hall
Tues 12 January 10	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm when Cllr Pearl invited all in attendance to a pre Christmas drink and mince pie.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....