

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY,
14 FEBRUARY 2017 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

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

APOLOGIES

16.118 Cllr Kempself

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

16.119 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 16.128 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 JANUARY 2017

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

MATTERS ARISING

16.121 No matters arising.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

16.122 Cllr Broughton asked about the opening and closing of the car park at Ecclesfield. The Clerk reported that keys had been given to Beyond the Fringe and Whistles Tea Rooms. Both had signed the terms and conditions for opening and closing the car park during the week. The Caretaker had been informed of the arrangements.

POLICE REPORT

16.123 No one from the police had been able to attend. Last month's figures had been received by the Clerk but too late to report to the January meeting. PCSO McManus had also sent crime figures for this month comparing them to the same period last year.

VILLAGE HALL BATHROOMS UPDATE

16.124 The Clerk had met with HPH from Skelmersdale and a provisional date had been arranged for 20 March 2017. The work would take approximately 2 weeks. All hall user groups would be informed and the company had agreed that at least one toilet would be working at all times.

BUDGET FOR 2017/18

16.125 **The budget was approved and it was resolved that a precept of £54,305.13 for 2017/18 be requested which results in a cost to residents of £14.19 – the same as last year.**

PARISH MAGAZINE

16.126 The Clerk was waiting to hear from the Guides as to whether they would be able to deliver the Parish magazine this year. Most articles had been received and a draft copy was shown to Councillors. An Editorial Sub Cttee had been arranged for Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 9.30am at Cllr Skepper's home.

REPORTS

16.127 Resolved to note the following:

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

- Schools – loan boxes had been loaned to Evelyn CP.
- Smithy doors – Phill Gregson had agreed a date of 2 March 2017 for the doors to be fitted
- Remaining expenditure – Curators would spend this on paint to freshen up the Smithy.
- Apple day – pending confirmation from demonstrators, a date had been set for 28 October 2017 for Smithy's Apple Day.
- Accreditation – process to be reviewed and possibly those museums already accredited may not have to be reviewed so often.
- New moves – the Treasury would be investigating the possibility of tax credit for temporary exhibitions in museums
- Any Other Business – Joanne informed the meeting that the rocking horse had been voted as the item to be submitted for the History of Lancashire in 70 Objects project.

Finance Sub – Cllrs Ashcroft, Duncan and Sims along with the Clerk met on Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 10am to discuss the budget and proposed precept (See Item 16.125).

Lester Drive – Cllr Duncan attended a meeting of Lester Drive Centre on 24 January 2017 and reported: following the purchase of the garage measures were made to secure it. It could be used for storage until planning and financial decisions were made; groups were doing well; the Adam Partridge evening made of £400; there would be plant sales on 30 April and 1 May. The Treasurer's Report £3927.44, Deposit Acc £9742.13, money to be deposited £1600, Building and Development £5575.06 required for work on the garage. The next meeting would be 14 March 2017.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16.128 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

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| 31 Long Meadow | Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear/side extension N/O |
| 25 Brookfield Ave
Ecc Lane Ends
Rec Club | Creation of driveway N/O
Change of use of existing club along with side extension to form 8no apartments with associated car parking Eccleston Parish Council totally object to the number of units proposed so close to the major signalled junction. Access and egress would be very hazardous, especially with a well-used bus stop there |
| 37 Park Ave
Carmelite Convent | Erection of 1no. detached dwelling and detached garage/workshop N/O
Demolition of existing buildings, retention of lodge and the erection of 12 dwellings, together with alterations to boundary wall including the creation of new vehicle access and associated works N/O |
| 4 Springbrook Cl | Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension N/O |
| 5 Millfields | Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1no 4 bedroom dwelling N/O |
| 18 Pike House Rd | Erection of single storey extensions to side, front and rear N/O |
| 168A Kiln Lane | Single storey side extension, along with re-modelling of car park, new boundary treatment and landscaping N/O |
| 9 Ledbury Close
Woodland, Park
Ave | Two storey rear extension N/O
Erection of 1no dwelling along with associated car parking Eccleston Parish Council strongly objects to the proposal. This is important woodland in Park Avenue. The trees carry a TPO and should be safeguarded along with the superb wildlife habitat. |

ACCOUNTS

16.129

Receipts: Village Hall Hire £346, RK PAYE £77.80, Windle Copier/phone £27.44, Interest £0.29

Total Receipts **£451.53**

Payments:

GPS Telecoms – Clerk’s telephone Dec	33.96
Total Gas and Power – Oct-Dec	315.89
BT – Smithy telephone	126.41
St Helens Council – knotweed treatment Apr-Dec 16	63.18
ABM Security Systems Ltd – CCTV annual service	114.00
B&M Office Machines – photocopier + annual service charge	63.24
United Utilities – water	26.46
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GPS Telecoms - January	33.74
J Chamberlain – February	168.86
V Griffiths – February + expenses	204.85
L Poole – February	415.65
J Anderson – February + petty cash	1243.95
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	413.45
Costco – membership renewal	26.40
Paul Potter Garden Services – grounds maintenance – Feb	20.84
Total Payments	£3281.25

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 January 2017, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £28,683.16 and Capital Deposit Account £465.10.

INTERNAL AUDIT – Accounts for the 3rd quarter have been examined with nothing to report.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of January 2017	£13.61
Approximate balance at the end of January 2017	£13.56

CORRESPONDENCE

16.130 **Resolved to note the following:**

Email from Christ Church – thanking Parish Council for the grant for their churchyard

DATES OF MEETINGS

16.131 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 7 March 2017	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 14 March 2017	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Our Lady’s
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Our Lady’s

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

SIGNED DATED