

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 10 JULY, 2012 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone

PRESENT: Cllr C Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, G Pearl,
Skepper & Sims
Mrs J Anderson (Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

12.45 Cllrs Maloney & Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

12.46 Councillors G Pearl and Sims declared an interest in Item 12.53 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 JUNE 2012

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

MATTERS ARISING

12.48 There were no matters to discuss.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

12.49 Mr Geoff Seed attended the meeting and updated the meeting of correspondence with Mr George Houghton, Head of Traffic Engineering regarding the safe crossing of Kiln Lane/Millbrook Lane. A lengthy discussion took place and **it was resolved to invite Mr Houghton to the next Parish Council meeting on 11 September 2012 at 7.30pm at Ecclestone Village Hall.**

POLICE REPORT

12.50 Con Jamie Moore attended the meeting. He reported on crime figures compared to the same period last year. Con Moore said the police were aware of problems regarding crossing the junction of Kiln Lane/Millbrook Lane and said police could deal with any vehicles causing obstructions.

REPORTS

12.51 **Resolved to note the following:**

Hall and Personnel – Meeting took place with Best Alarms on Tues 26 June to provide a quote for alarming Smithy and Village Hall. A meeting also took place with Vicky Finch on 29 June 2012 at 10am to update on current position with emergency plan. The Clerk reported:

- There have been 2 meetings with alarm companies (awaiting quotes).
- Emergency fire doors in Hall and Education room now fixed.
- Security light at front door now working.
- Water has been tested by Council.
- Awaiting 2 quotes for sandstone repairs.
- Council patrolling building free of charge until September.

- A suggestion that all extra sessions or bookings to go through Clerk and Caretaker to avoid any double arrangements.

Ecclesfield – 3 July 2012 at 7pm. Cllrs Ashcroft and Broughton attended along with the Clerk.

- It was decided that the car park facilities be withdrawn for use by shop keepers and nursery staff.
- A decision was made that 2 new user applicants be notified that the facility is at full capacity therefore could not be offered the use of the pitches. Details to be kept on file.
- Caretaker reported a small fire, over a bank holiday weekend, in waste bins that had been moved onto the field from behind Spar. Spar called police and fire brigade. No graffiti reported. Caretaker to contact Calder Builders regarding minor repairs to changing facility.

Smithy Working Party – 10 July 2012, 6.45 pm – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for July 2012. The following points were discussed:

- Birds and Bees – project now complete and report written and submitted by curators.
- Gift of the Gods – curators reported a successful exhibition
- Festival of British Archaeology – exhibition of artefacts from Gifford's excavation at Eccleston Hall. Exhibition 14-29 July.
- Wet Your Whistle – Brewing exhibition with artefacts from World of Glass and items also provided by George Wright's brewery for an interactive experience of how beer is made
- Also display about the history of pubs will be displayed at Seven Stars. A one-off historical pub quiz being organised by curators for 2 August 2012.
- Ale and Hearty – Real Ale, Cider and hog roast event to take place Saturday 25 August 2012, 11am-11pm. George Wright's and CAMRA supporting the event
- Heritage Open Days – 8 and 9 September is Heritage Open Weekend. Smithy will be open 12 noon-5pm both days.
- Emergency Plan – curators reported their appreciation of being involved in the recent emergency plan meetings
- Fundraising – monies raised from events will go towards fundraising

FUNDRAISING FOR SMITHY GATES

12.52 A lengthy discussion took place and it was **resolved that any funds raised would be used on priority work that would need carrying out on the Smithy. The Hall and Personnel Sub Ctte would prioritise work required.** Also the purpose of raising of funds must be made very clear.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12.53 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

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| 6 Chapel Lane | Remodelling of front elevation, two storey rear extension, alterations to roof including installation of 2no. dormer windows to front and rear, demolition of 2no. chimney stacks and rear outbuildings, erection of single storey detached garden store, replacement of existing pool enclosure with a single storey pool house and new boundary wall and gates N/O
Reported that a new planning application is being made |
| 35 Washbrook Cl | Single storey rear extension N/O |

Land adjacent to 7 Greenough Ave 14 Fairholme Ave 1 Ellerslie Ave	Erection of a two storey 3 bed detached dwelling N/O Single storey side and rear extension N/O Two storey side & rear extension and part single storey rear extension N/O
65 Millbrook Lane	Erection of rear conservatory, front porch and pitched roof over existing garage and kitchen N/O
17 Gorsey Croft	Demolition of garage and erection of detached day room N/O
5 Buckthorn Gdns	Conversion of existing detached garage to living accommodation N/O
7 Osborne Rd	Single storey extension to front, side and rear N/O

CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

12.54 **Resolved that £250 Chairman's Allowance is paid to Councillor C Pearl for the year 2012/2013.**

ACCOUNTS

12. 55 Received Village Hall Hire £226, R Kelsey PAYE £76.20, 2nd half precept £24,805.50, Natwest Interest £2.74 TOTAL £25,110.44

British Gas	150.00
United Utilities – June payment – 1 st payment only £8.93 subsequent payments	8.93
United Utilities – June payment	32.77
GPS – Eazipy – Clerk Phone	31.64
J Chamberlain - Salary June	165.72
J Chamberlain – Mileage & Purchases for Smithy & Wildlife Budgets	287.44
V Griffiths - Salary June	165.72
V Griffiths – purchases Wildlife budget	127.75
L Poole - Salary – June	407.50
J Anderson - Salary June includes travel expenses	1047.53
J Anderson – petty cash	30.00
PAYE – Curators June (Cumulative £122.40 1 st month Period 2)	122.40
PAYE – Clerk June (Cumulative £284.20 1 st month Period 2)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker June (Cumulative £0.00 1 st month Period 2)	0.00
NI Contribution June – Clerk (Cumulative £94.49 1 st month Period 2)	94.49
EPC NI Contributions June for Clerk (£110.04 1 st month Period 2)	110.04
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker June (£76.20 1 st month Period 2)	76.20
Peter Freeman International Blacksmith's Day Demonstration	100.00
Nigel Jones International Blacksmith's Day Demonstration	70.00
D Gledhill International Blacksmith's Day Demonstration	123.14
J Schorah International Blacksmith's Day Demonstration	200.00
P Gregson International Blacksmith's Day Demonstration	150.00
D Griffiths – pewter workshop	50.00
J Chamberlain – Tatton Park	72.50
P Potter – International Blacksmith's Day Demonstration	25.00
Eccleston Lane Ends School Merit Award	50.00*
Eccleston Mere Primary School Merit Award	50.00*
Bleak Hill Primary School Merit Award	50.00*
De La Salle School Merit Award	50.00*
St Julie School Merit Award	50.00*
Tommy Poole Electrical – Village hall security light	28.28
Paul Potter – Grounds maintenance and purchases	53.99

Balance brought forward June meeting £24009.37 plus receipts this month	£49119.81
Total Payments this month	£4265.24
Approximate balance	£44854.57

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 June 2012, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £43,786.31 and Capital Deposit Account £464.00.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of June 2012	£18.12
Approximate balance at the end of June 2012	£17.52

* 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.

CARETAKER'S HOLIDAY

12.56 User groups will need to put up and remove their furniture during the 2 weeks 20-31 August.

DELEGATED POWERS

12.57 **Resolved that the Chairman, Cllr C Pearl, Vice Chairman Cllr Sims, in conjunction with the Clerk, be authorised to act on the Parish Council's behalf over the August recess.**

CORRESPONDENCE

12.58 **Resolved to note the following:**

St Julie's – Thanks for Grant money

Eccleston Mere – Thanks for Grant money

Vinyl Signs – quote for adding name of Chairman £36 inc VAT – **resolved to go ahead**

St Helens Council cleaning contract £2698 + VAT – in budget – **resolved to go ahead**

Direct Debit Mandate for Total Gas and Power for gas supply to Village Hall (change of supplier from British Gas) requires signatures – **resolved to sign**

ABM invoice for £102 for labour and parts for new box and bell when called out on Sunday 24 June to faulty sounder – **resolved to pay**

Resident letter regarding metal detecting on parish land – **resolved to refuse permission, Clerk to send reply**

DATES OF MEETINGS

12.59 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 4 September 2012	7.00pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 11 September 2012	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

Meetings schedule for 2012/2013 given out.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

SIGNED

DATED