

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY  
8 June 2010, at 7.30 pm in ST JAMES'S CHURCH HALL, St Helens Road, Eccleston Park**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)  
Cllrs Broughton, Duncan, Evans, Gray-Williams, C Pearl & Skepper  
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bain, Maloney, Sims & Watmough

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

10.24 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in 10.30 – Planning Applications. New forms for completion were received from St Helens Council and given to all Councillors.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 MAY 2010**

10.25 A typing error on PAYE - Caretaker should read £4.60 and the same in the April Minutes. All balances have been adjusted in June.

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

10.26 10.03 - Matters Arising - Cllr Duncan has a place on the War Memorial Conference.

10.06 - Constitution of Committees - Cllr Duncan agreed to serve on the Finance Committee for 2010-2011.

10.20 – Scottish Power Direct Debit - Cllr Bain has been given copies of the electricity and gas bills for the past 4 months to evaluate.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

10.27 None to report

**POLICE REPORT**

10.28 Due to the Ward meeting being on the same night, the Police were unable to send a representative this month. An e-mailed report with statistics was sent to the Clerk and copies were given to all Councillors.

**REPORTS**

10.29 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for June 2010. The following points were discussed:

- Laptop and shed purchase
- Volunteer Open Day
- Heritage Trail partnership with Eccleston Library

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

10.30 **Resolved to note the following:**

## Delegated

**40 Villiers Cres** Outline permission for 1 dormer bungalow – **for objections see letter**  
**72 Old Lane** 2 storey rear ext - **N/O**  
**14 The Cloisters** 1<sup>st</sup> floor ext over existing garage – **N/O**  
**40 Villiers Cres** Outline permission for dormer bungalow – amended plans – **for objections see letter**

**Roughleys Brow Ho** Use of barn as residential building - **N/O**  
**2 Stanley Cottages** Installation of shared Bio Disc - **N/O**  
**7 Church Lane** 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear ext - **N/O**  
**Rear 11 Albany Av** Erection of 5-bed detached dwelling with detached double garage –  
**Cllrs Duncan & Skepper to view the site & discuss with Cllr Sims**

Cllr Sims has been informed by the Planning Dept that she and Cllr Pearl may take part in responding to planning applications providing the response is not their own opinion.

## SCHOOLS' PRIZES

10.31 **Resolved that £50 be awarded to the 5 local schools to be used for school prizes.**

## APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

10.32 Councillors were given a copy of Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement.

**Resolved that the Statement of Accounts present fairly the financial position of the Council and its receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2010. Cllr G Pearl signed the Accounts Book and Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.**

## ACCOUNTS

10.33 Received Village Hall £375.00; R Kelsey PAYE June £71.60; St Helens Council Elections £200.00; Ecclesfield Project Insurance £306.19; Manweb reduced payment May £51.00; United Utilities reduced payment May £16.14.

British Gas - June	78.00
Manweb – June (down £51.00)	106.00
United Utilities - June payment	12.53
United Utilities – start of new payments after survey - June	32.74
St Helens Council - June Rates	84.00
J Chamberlain - Salary June	165.72
J Chamberlain – items for group visit & parking for course – Reqn 48	17.91
V Hirons - Salary June	165.72
L Poole - Salary – June	402.70
L Scott – Salary June includes £7.20 travel expenses	1144.22
L Scott – Petty Cash June	20.00
PAYE – Curators June (Cumulative £247.20 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 1)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk June (Cumulative £852.80 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 1)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker (Cumulative £14.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 1)	4.80
Inland Revenue 1 <sup>st</sup> ¼ payments for all staff – already reported monthly	(1,692.03)
EPC NI contribution – Clerk June (Cumulative £363.03 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 1)	121.01
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – June (£214.80 3 <sup>rd</sup> month period 1)	71.60
MPFA – Subs renewal	10.00
Yorkshire Purchasing Invoices 88 3872017/3895940– Smithy order	605.65

Yorkshire Purchasing Invoice 88 3882950 – Smithy order	260.79
Shaw & Sons Ltd – Receipts & Payments Book	66.36
TTS Group – Invoice 2225703 – Smithy order	29.29
TTS Group – Invoice 22300941 – Smithy order	621.12
TTS Group – Invoice 2233986 – Smithy order	25.83
Schools Prizes - 5	250.00*
Zurich Municipal – Insurance 2010/11 includes Ecclesfield £306.19	3,334.65
R Tyler – Front of house attendance at the Smithy in the absence of Curators	100.00
Costco Wholesale – subscription renewal	37.60
St James - Room Hire for PC Meeting	28.00
Balance brought forward from May meeting £44,959.91 plus receipts this month	£45,979.84
Total Payments this month	£8,163.04
<b>Approximate</b> balance	£37,816.80

\* **Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 & 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the above 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 31 May 2010, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £32,934.83 and Capital Reserve Account £463.52. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for May 2010.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of May 2010	£1.92
<b>Approximate</b> balance at the end of May 2010	£6.05

#### CORRESPONDENCE

10.34 **Resolved to note the following:**

- M/side Environmental Advisory** – Letter/Report on Halton’s Waste Plan
- Knowsley Council** – Call for development sites
- Knowsley Council** – Public consultation document re Strategic Housing Market Assessment on website – ask Clerk for details
- St Helens Home Watch via Cllr Sims** – Bulletin re burglaries – **all Councillors given a copy**
- St Helens Council** – nomination needed for PC representative on Standards Committee – **Councillor Duncan volunteered**

#### DATES OF MEETINGS

10.35 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 22 June	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 13 July	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....