

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2016, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, KILN LANE, ECCLESTON

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chairman)
Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Dawson, Duncan, Haw, C Pearl and Watmough
J Anderson (Clerk)
4 residents

APOLOGIES

16.19 Cllrs Gray-Williams, Kempself and Sims

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

16.20 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 16.26 – Planning Applications

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 MAY 2016

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

MATTERS ARISING

16.22 None

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

16.23 A resident reported to the meeting that there was a large amount of rubbish on the car park at Walmesley Road. Cllr Dawson reported that a tree was across the pavement in Mill Brow and Cllr Duncan reported that the No Parking sign had disappeared from the grass verge on St Helens Road. **Cllr Pearl would contact St Helens Council regarding the issues.**

POLICE REPORT

16.24 There was no one available from the police to attend the meeting and no crime figures had been received.

REPORTS

16.25 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – 7 June 2016, 7pm, Village Hall. Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Haw and Sims attended along with the Clerk. The following points were discussed:

- The Caretaker had grouted the shower rooms but was concerned about a leak in the roof. A site visit would be arranged with Cllrs to carry out an inspection of the changing rooms.
- The Secretary had contacted St Helens Council to take down posts as soon as possible after the last match but they were taken down before Bleak Hill Rovers' last match.
- Liverpool St Helens had requested to use the field for training one evening a week during closed season. Any groups using the field would be asked to avoid the areas that had been seeded.
- John Monsvoll announced that he would be retiring from Bleak Hill Rovers and would be handing over to his successor in June.
- Cllrs agreed that the Conditions of Use and Hire document issued by St Helens Council would be issued to all users of Ecclesfield.
- Users reported no problems with pitches and thanked Bob for his hard work during the season.

Smithy –

- International Blacksmith's Day – had been a successful event
- Accreditation – a meeting was needed to sign updated documentation
- Midsummer Night's Murder – 2 July, approximately half the tickets had been sold for the Murder Mystery event
- Music and Magic of Shakespeare's World – one off event on Saturday 27 August, 1-4pm
- Education/outreach – the loan box service had been used by a day care facility for adults for reminiscence sessions

Lester Drive Centre Meeting – Cllrs Duncan and Skepper attended a meeting at Lester Drive Centre and reported that everything was running well.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16.26 Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

Ecc Lane Ends Recreation Club

Change of use of existing club to form 8no apartments **Eccleston Parish Council strongly object to the proposals for the following reasons:**

1. Access to the proposed rear car park is the existing narrow strip of land which abuts Helena land (sheltered accommodation) and only provides for one vehicle at a time to access/exit. There does not appear to be any visibility for drivers to access/exit safely.
2. The major signalled junction is only approx 100 metres away from the proposed access/exit and the introduction of another access point so close to the signalled junction would exacerbate existing congestion problems.
3. Any tenants not willing to access the rear parking will create additional issues for residents of St Helens Road/New Road/The Green by parking on the main road and adjacent roads.
4. There is a bus stop just in front of the proposed garden area with buses running every few minutes. This will cause serious visibility problems for access/exit. This bus stop must not be allowed to be relocated because it is vital for access for the sheltered accommodation residents.

The Parish Council request as a Ward Councillor site visit to view location. Single storey side and rear extension **N/O**

6 Beech Ave

20 Chapel Lane

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 **N/O**

ST JAMES CHURCH GRANT

16.27 Resolved that St James be awarded a grant of £250 for ongoing maintenance work in the Garden of Remembrance as budgeted.

SCHOOLS' PRIZES

16.28 Resolved to award £40 to each of the 5 schools – De la Salle, St Julie, Bleak Hill, Eccleston Lane Ends and Eccleston Mere to be used for pupil prizes.

SMITHY PATH

16.29 It was agreed that Paul Potter would carry out the work on the path at the side of the Smithy after the previous driveway company had let the Parish Council down by not turning up and not returning calls. He would do this for the same cost and it was agreed that the amount that would have been claimed back for VAT (£68.20) would be taken from the Smithy Income fund for the maintenance of the Smithy.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

16.30 **Resolved that the Accounts for 2015/2016 be agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Audit Annual Governance Statement was also agreed and signed.**

INTERNAL AUDIT – Mr A Scott had completed and signed the Annual Internal Audit Report for the External Audit, ie Section 4, when he carried out his final quarterly audit.

ACCOUNTS

16.31

Received: Village Hall £837 (inc elections), RK PAYE £77.80, Smithy International Blacksmith's Day £1248.23 (£85 kept as float), St Julies £35, Windle phone £9.18, Nat West interest 0.88 and 0.02

Total Receipts **£2208.11**

Payments:

Screen Positive – Smithy banner and lettering	48.00
Wirral Council – Actuary fee (pension)	2074.00
United Utilities – water May	10.37
United Utilities – water May	26.46
GPS Telecoms – clerk phone	33.05
J Chamberlain – items for Blacksmith's Day	203.96
Paul Potter – hazard tape for Blacksmith's Day	9.98
Best Security – annual maintenance of Smithy alarm	310.01
Mark Constable – blacksmith for IBD	246.00
N Twigg – pole lathe and gypsy flowers demonstrations for IBD	300.00
St Helens Council – cleaning April	314.30
CF Corporate – photocopier lease	93.60
Southern Electric – electricity Mar-May	106.76
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St Helens Council – temporary event notice – murder mystery	21.00
United Utilities – water June	10.37
United Utilities – water June	26.45
J Chamberlain – June + exp	193.73
Paul Potter Garden Services – VH grounds maintenance June x 2	62.50
V Griffiths – June + exp	277.85
L Poole – June + exp	417.75
J Anderson – June includes travel and exp	1247.84
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	409.36
Connoisseur Ales – beer for IBD	78.00
Screen Positive Ltd – photo boards and banner	19.20
P Gregson – wheelwrighting IBD	150.00
B D Milne – bee skep making demo for IBD	120.00
Best Security – supply and fit new battery	8.32
GPS Telecoms – clerk phone May	34.90
Total Payments	£7167.77

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 26 May 2016, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £33,900.22 and Capital Deposit Account £464.97

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of May 2016	£11.67
Approximate balance at the end of May 2016	£22.26

CORRESPONDENCE

16.32 **Resolved to note the following:**

Email from George Houghton, Highways, St Helens Council explaining why it is not deemed appropriate to introduce traffic calming measures at the junction of Millbrook Lane and Kiln Lane.

The item will be on the July agenda.

National Joint Council for Local Government Services - new pay scales – to be implemented immediately with effect from 1 April – 1%

Email from Time for Ted user group – no longer using the hall on Thursday mornings

Email from Bleak Hill School confirming awards assembly on Thursday 30 June 2016 at 9.20am

Cllr Pearl to attend

Email – United Utilities and Severn Trent joining forces to form Water Plus for **business customers only**

DATES OF MEETINGS

16.33 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 12 July 2016	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

SIGNED

DATED