

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, KILN LANE, ECCLESTON**

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chairman)  
Cllrs Duncan, Gray-Williams, C Pearl and Watmough  
J Anderson (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES**

17.22 Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Haw, Kempself, Sims and Skepper

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

17.23 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 17.29 – Planning Applications

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 MAY 2017**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

17.25 None

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

17.26 There were no issues raised.

**POLICE REPORT**

17.27 There was no one available from the police to attend the meeting. PCSO Green had sent up to date crime figures.

**REPORTS**

17.28 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – 6 June 2017, 7pm, Village Hall Cllrs Broughton, G Pearl and Sims attended along with the Clerk. The following points were discussed:

- The Caretaker reported that fires were being lit on the path outside the changing room doors. The incidents had been reported to the police
- The Secretary had contacted St Helens Council to take down posts as soon as possible after Bleak Hill Rovers' last match
- Bleak Hill Rovers explained how they were trying to develop the club into a community club and were looking for opportunities to involve parents and residents
- A request was made to change a full size pitch into a 9v9. Cllrs would take to Parish Council for consultation
- An invitation was extended to all Cllrs to attend Bleak Hill Rovers' AGM at Greenalls on 19 July 2017 at 7.30pm. Cllrs were also invited to a Presentation Day at De La Salle on 24 June 2017 from 10.30am-4pm

## Smithy –

- International Blacksmith's Day – had been a successful event
- Smithy alarm – had not been setting properly and had been reported to alarm company
- Broadoak Nursing Home, Parr – loaned some photographs and panels from Memories of Ecclestone
- St Thomas of Canterbury – school were visiting 19 June to look at local industry and mining
- History of Lancashire in 70 objects – photographer had taken pictures of the rocking horse
- Gates – request that the main gates be closed when hall not in use
- Banner – request that groups do not put banners over the Smithy one

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17.29 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

<b>5 Millfields</b>	Demolition of existing bungalow, and erection of 1no 4 bedroom dwelling <b>N/O</b>
<b>69 Daresbury Road</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, single storey side extension, pitched roof to existing two storey rear extension, rendering exterior of dwelling, and creation of new driveway access <b>N/O</b>
<b>Former Pump House</b>	Conversion of Pump House and Tower to form 1no dwelling <b>Ecclestone Parish Council objects on highway grounds. The development is too close to a major junction for any access/exit points</b>
<b>Land to east of 107 St Helens Rd</b>	Reserved matters application pursuant to P/2015/0217 for the erection of 5no dwellings <b>Ecclestone Parish Council objects on highway grounds. The development is too close to a major junction for any access/exit points</b>
<b>27 Pike House Rd</b>	Part demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey side extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>15 Brookside Ave</b>	Two storey side extension with single storey rear extension <b>N/O</b>
<b>1 Elm Grove</b>	Demolition of existing sun room and erection of 2no single storey rear extensions <b>N/O</b>
<b>4 Ellerslie Ave</b>	Conversion of existing garage to form habitable room <b>N/O</b>

## SCHOOLS' PRIZES

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

## MONITORING OF VILLAGE HALL CRACKS

17.31 A report had been received from the structural engineers stating that current movement was negligible and that the building was safe to use and would remain safe for the immediate future. They recommended that monitoring should continue. **Resolved that the cracks in the building would be monitored annually.**

## ACCOUNTS

17. 32

Received: Village Hall £847 (inc elections), HMRC VAT Jan-Mar £1784.70, RK PAYE £77.80, Smithy International Blacksmith's Day £1401.49, Smithy talk £85, Windle phone £10.12, Nat West interest 0.13p

**Total Receipts** **£4206.24**

### **Payments:**

GPS Telecoms – clerk phone	36.44
Huyton Plumbing and Heating – toilet refurbishment	5706.23
Red Bank Cider – for Smithy IBD event	547.00
Screen Positive – Smithy banner	24.00
Touring Exhibitions Group – Ready to Borrow workshop	35.00
Southern Electric – electricity – Feb-April	323.77
CF Corporate – photocopier lease	93.60
Best Security – annual maintenance of Smithy alarm	346.36
George Wright Brewing Company – beer IBD	310.08
Connoisseur Ales – beer for IBD	233.86
N Twigg – pole lathe and gypsy flowers demonstrations for IBD	300.00
M Constable – blacksmith for IBD	241.20
P Howard – clog making demonstration for IBD	198.68
A Martlew – mermaid model items	58.53
United Utilities – water June	28.83
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J Chamberlain – June + exp	349.98
V Griffiths – June	168.86
Paul Potter Garden Services – VH grounds maintenance June x 2	62.50
L Poole – June + elections	438.25
J Anderson – June includes petty cash	1260.90
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	422.07
De La Salle School Merit Award	40.00*
Bleak Hill Primary School Merit Award	40.00*
Eccleston Mere Primary School Merit Award	40.00*
St Julie School Merit Award	40.00*
Eccleston Lane Ends School Merit Award	40.00*
Lawrenson Associates – monitoring of VH cracks	102.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£11499.05</b>

\* 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 and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that as at 30 May 2017 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £26,702.08 and Capital Deposit Account £465.12

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of May 2017	£23.06
<b>Approximate</b> balance at the end of May 2017	£9.61

CORRESPONDENCE

17.33 **Resolved to note the following:**

**SLCC training seminar** – to be held in Barnsley on 16 August 2017 costing £69 + VAT. The event will be promoting best practice and ensuring the council is compliant. **It was resolved that the Clerk should attend including overnight accommodation.**

DATES OF MEETINGS

17.34 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 11 July 2017	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....