

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, KILN LANE, ECCLESTON

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chairman)
Cllrs Duncan, Gray-Williams and Skepper
J Anderson (Clerk)
2 residents

APOLOGIES

18.22 Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, Kempself, G Pearl and C Pearl

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

18.23 None declared

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 MAY 2018

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

MATTERS ARISING

18.25 None

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

18.26 One resident informed the meeting that the Parish Council website stated that the June meeting would be held at Our Lady's in Eccleston Park. The Clerk would arrange for the website to be updated. The meeting in July would be held at Our Lady's Help of Christians in Eccleston Park.

Another resident raised the issue of cars parking on the pavement at the side of BocBoc café and exiting directly onto Bleak Hill Road from the pavement. **Resolved the Clerk would contact the Highways Department at St Helens Council.**

POLICE REPORT

18.27 There was no one available from the police to attend the meeting.

REPORTS

18.28 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – 5 June 2018, 7pm, Village Hall. Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton, G Pearl and Sims attended along with the Clerk. The following points were discussed:

- The Caretaker reported roof tiles that needed repairing. He had taken a telephone call regarding the car park being closed during the day. He was advised to refer any further calls to the Secretary
- Ecclesfield FC reported a successful season and were happy with the facilities
- Bleak Hill Rovers explained their league would be introducing a new playing season. Sept to late Dec then Feb/March to end of June

- Bleak Hill Rovers made a request to have 2 9v9 pitches marked out on pitch 3. Secretary would contact St Helens Council
- Car park – a lengthy discussion took place regarding various options for the car park and the offer from the manager of One Stop in Walmesley Road to open and close it daily. It was decided that as there had been problems in the past when shopkeepers had agreed to open and close the car park, that it would remain closed.

Smithy – 12 June 2018, 7pm, Village Hall. All Councillors were given a copy of the Curators’ report and the following points were discussed:

- International Blacksmith’s Day – had been a successful event
- History of Sci-Fi talk – Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 7pm. Tickets £5 at the door
- Smithy-Con – Heritage Open Days 8 and 9 September. Curators finalising number of interested stall holders before applying for a licence. Great Eccleston Bake-off would be held on Sunday 9 September
- Village Hall – reports of smells of cannabis in the area **Clerk reported to police**
- Schools – Bleak Hill Primary had brought 4 classes to the Smithy on 25 May and would be bringing a further 2 classes on 20 June. They had donated £150
- Pointing – Phill Gregson had kindly made a wooden barometer to show where funds were up to. Once a target had been established the barometer would be installed outside in a suitable location. **The Clerk had met with a stone mason and was awaiting the quote.**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18.29 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

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| 25 Brookfield Ave | Demolition of existing rear extension and construction of new single storey rear extension, along with alterations to position of alley gate and fencing at rear N/O |
| Catchdale Moss House | Erection of 10no stables (8no stables for horses/ponies, 1no stable for hay store and 1no stable for walkway area.) EPC has no observations to the current proposed usage at this time |
| 15 Pinfold Drive | Conversion of existing flat roof on garage to pitched roof N/O |
| Prescot Cricket Club | Erection of detached storage unit N/O |
| Loggerheads, East Cl | Works to various trees covered by a tree preservation order Refer to Trees and Woodland Officer |
| 54 Old Lane | Demolition of existing detached outbuilding and erection of a single storey rear extension N/O |

SCHOOLS’ PRIZES

18.30 **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.**

MONITORING OF VILLAGE HALL CRACKS

18.31 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

18.32 Received: Village Hall £1099 (inc elections), HMRC VAT Jan-Mar £597.01, RK PAYE £77.80, Smithy International Blacksmith's Day £1010.10, Windle phone £27.91, Nat West interest 1.02

Total Receipts **£2812.84**

Payments:

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| J Chamberlain – items for IBD | 46.78 |
| Chris Hewitt – Dunham Cider Press – cider for IBD | 406.80 |
| GPS Telecoms – clerk phone | 43.84 |
| Screen Positive – Smithy banner | 24.00 |
| Southern Electric – electricity | 332.59 |
| Southern Electric – gas | 93.00 |
| CF Corporate – photocopier lease | 93.60 |
| Crawford Heating and Plumbing – drains | 185.00 |
| M Constable – blacksmith for IBD | 246.00 |
| P Gregson – wheelwright for IBD | 150.00 |
| P Keary – pole lathe for IBD | 150.00 |
| George Wright Brewing Company – beer IBD | 295.02 |
| St Helens Council – temporary event notice | 21.00 |
| Water Plus – water | 11.91 |
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| T Poole – June | 432.44 |
| J Chamberlain – June + exp | 269.54 |
| J Anderson – June includes petty cash | 1320.67 |
| V Griffiths – June + exp | 244.95 |
| Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions | 447.40 |
| HMRC – PAYE and NI Apr-June | 1394.66 |
| P Potter – travel to collect cider and apple juice IBD | 14.64 |
| Lawrenson Associates – monitoring of Village Hall | 110.40 |
| B D Milne – bee skep demonstration IBD | 120.00 |
| De La Salle School pupil prizes | 40.00* |
| Eccleston Lane Ends School pupil prizes | 40.00* |
| Bleak Hill Primary School pupil prizes | 40.00* |
| St Julie School pupil prizes | 40.00* |
| Eccleston Mere Primary School pupil prizes | 40.00* |
| Total Payments | £6680.85 |

* 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 31 May 2018 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £34,403.84 and Capital Deposit Account £465.27

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| PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of May 2018 | £29.04 |
| Approximate balance at the end of May 2018 | £5.40 |

CORRESPONDENCE

18.33 **Resolved to note the following:**

Email from St Helens Council in reply to Cllr Sims' enquiry regarding drones. Environmental Health Officer referred the enquiry to the Civil Aviation Authority guidance

Reply from Police regarding drones – also directs enquiries to CAA

Email from St Helens Council regarding Silent Soldier Campaign asking if the Parish Council would like to sponsor at silhouette at a cost of £250 **Resolved to refer to July agenda**

Email from Golden Hygiene quoting for an extra sanitary waste disposal unit in the ladies £90 + VAT **Resolved to have an additional waste disposal unit**

Email from Curators – smell of cannabis around Village Hall – Clerk reported to police

Email from Bleak Hill School confirming that the end of year awards assembly would take place on Friday 20 July 2018 at 9.30am

DATES OF MEETINGS

18.34 **Resolved to note the following:**

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| Tuesday 10 July 2018 | 7.00 pm | Smithy Meeting | Our Lady's |
| | 7.30 pm | Parish Council Meeting | Our Lady's |

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

SIGNED

DATED