

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2008, at 7.30 pm, in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Councillor Bain (Chair)  
Councillors Broughton, Maloney, Perry, C Pearl  
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Duncan, Evans, Gleave, Gray-Williams, G Pearl, Skepper & Sims

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

07.131 There were no declarations of interest.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 FEBRUARY 2008**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

07.133 07.118 - Matters Arising – Fencing at the rear of The Paddocks – Terry Deveney has informed the Clerk that the work will be carried out shortly. He is checking on the cost of using recycled fencing on remaining side.

07.121 - Millwood Avenue Deed of Surrender – Confirmation was received that the remainder of the lease would not be affected by the Deed of Surrender. Cllr Bain signed the original copy and Cllr Perry offered to get Cllr Duncan's signature when he visits her in hospital

07.124 - Art Competition – Cllr Bain suggested a prize of £50 for the Adult prize. All prizes can be taken from the Grants – Others budget of £200.00.

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

07.134 There were no residents' issues.

**POLICE REPORT**

07.135 There were no police representatives present at the meeting.

**PARISH MAGAZINE**

.136 The Parish Magazine has now been submitted to the printers and should be ready for distribution on 4 April 2008 – in time for the Annual Parish Meeting on 22 April 2008. Out of six possible deliverers Mersey Leaflets was considered to be the best option.

**Resolved that Mersey Leaflets be asked to deliver the Annual Parish Magazine.**

**REPORTS**

07.137 **Resolved to note the following:**

Clerk's Meeting – This took place at St Helens Town Hall on Friday 7 March. Five Clerks attended. The following is a list of items discussed:

- Outcome of Parish Review – This becomes effective 1 April 2008
- Parish Representation on Standards Committee – 1 position vacant due to resignation
- Code of Conduct – Any outstanding training required?
- DCLG – Local Petitions must be responded to immediately – Duty of Care on officers
- Any changes in elected members to be send to J Skinley

Smithy Working Party – Councillors were given a copy of the Curators’ Report for March. Discussions were as follows:

- Heritage Open Weekend
- Telephone line repair
- New Smithy alarm system
- Grant Award
- Padlocks for fire doors – deferred until next Parish Meeting
- Assistance in Smithy during St Helens Show 5/6 July 2008
- Vandalism of letterbox

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

07.138 **Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

<b>36 Swisspine Gdns</b>	Single storey front ext with alteration to roof – <b>N/O</b>
<b>58 Springfield Lane</b>	Roof alterations to form additional room – <b>N/O</b>
<b>59 Laurel Drive</b>	Conversion of bungalow into dwelling house – <b>Object to full conversion to house – property sits alongside &amp; opposite dormer bungalow &amp; would prove to be an architectural imbalance</b>
<b>13 Selkirk Drive</b>	Single storey side ext & alterations to boundary fencing – <b>Concern that high fence placed at back of existing footpath may prove hazardous on bend</b>
<b>Scholes Hall</b>	Appeal made to Planning Inspectorate re Plan 2007/0963
<b>57 Laurel Drive</b>	Single storey side ext & rear with pitched roof over existing garage, rear conservatory & enlargement of dormer – <b>N/O</b>
<b>15 Brookfield Ave</b>	2 storey side ext, part single storey & part 2 storey rear ext & rear conservatory - <b>? sufficient off-street parking. Concern also at the possible overbearing effect on the neighbouring property</b>
<b>75 Walmesley Rd</b>	Demolish conservatory & erect single storey rear ext – <b>N/O</b>
<b>8 Portico Ave</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> floor rear ext - <b>concern proposals would bring the development close to the properties on Plumtree Close – currently no off-street parking for the property which is a major hazard for residents</b>
<b>2 Chapel Lane</b>	Single storey rear ext & new access onto Chapel Lane – <b>Cllr Sims requested</b>
<b>51 Pinfold Drive</b>	2 storey side ext, conversion of garage, replacement rear flat roof – <b>Cllr Sims requested</b>

## NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

07.139 Nomination forms were given to all Councillors with a request for them to be completed and returned at the next Parish Council Meeting on 8 April 2008. Councillors not present will be given forms in their next Meeting packet.

## ACCOUNTS

07.140 Received Hall Hire £637.00; L Scott £0.44 re PAYE underpayment; St Helens CVS £70.00 cancelled course; R Kelsey PAYE March £64.24; MANWEB £49.00 change in Direct Debit for February

British Gas – March	88.00*
Manweb – March	37.50
United Utilities – March	49.17**
United Utilities – February (increase)	4.93
United Utilities – Direct Debit – March	12.23
St Helens Council – Cleaning – November and December	485.82
St Helens Council – Cleaning for January, February, March	728.67
L Poole - Salary – March	370.83
L Poole – Contribution to Phone Charges	75.00
L Scott – Salary March includes £9.60 travel expenses	£1,024.21
J Chamberlain – Salary March	147.79
J Chamberlain – Travel expenses to Warrington Museum for loans	7.60
V Hirons – Salary March	147.79
V Hirons – Roman Replicas and Pottery for Smithy	117.64
Post Office Ltd – Last ¼ NI & PAYE (already notified weekly)	(1,633.35)
St Helens CVS – Food Hygiene Course – J Chamberlain - <b>CANCELLED</b>	70.00
LP Mosaics – Articles for Smithy Heritage Centre	49.06
PAYE – Curators March (£166.32 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 4)	83.16
PAYE – Clerk March (£572.44 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 4)	286.22
EPC NI contribution – Clerk March (£221.66 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 4)	110.83
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – March (£128.26 3 <sup>rd</sup> month Period 4)	64.24
Nat West – Annual fee for storage of documents	20.00
CFAF Ltd – Photocopier Lease	110.05
CPRE – renewal of subscription	28.00
B & Q – Racking for Smithy Storeroom	119.96
B & M Office Machines – additional copies 14/2/08 – 15/308 Inv 88712	15.64
Acorn Services – War Memorial Tidy Up – March	35.25
St Helens CVS renewal	10.00
T Poole – replacement starter and tube in light - Village Hall	24.00
Balance brought forward February Meeting £29,448.74 plus receipts	£30,269.42
Total Payments this month	4,323.59
<b>Approximate balance</b>	<b>£25,945.83</b>

\* Up £48 from £40 but we were paying £103 in August 2007 which was reduced to catch up with overpayment

\*\* Up £4.93 per month

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 29 February 2008, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £17,011.03 Capital Reserve Account £462.59.

Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation and copies of bank statement for February 2008.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of February 2008	£12.30
<b>Approximate</b> balance at the end of February 2008	£7.08

CORRESPONDENCE

07.141 **Resolved to note the following:**

**St Helens Council** – Request for comments on St Helens Sustainable Community Plan – **emailed to Councillors**

**Merseytravel Advisory** – Meeting 7 March at 2.30 pm Town Hall – **passed to Cllr Evans**

**CPRE** – Fieldwork publication – **passed to Cllr Perry**

**St Helens Council** – Ward Committee Minutes & Agenda – **passed to Cllr Duncan**

EMERGENCY ITEMS

.142 Three items that came in late but required a prompt decision:

Quotations for the maintenance of the Village Hall and Mill Brow grounds were received from St Helens Council and Paul Potter - **Resolved to award the Village Hall Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2008/2009 to Paul Potter.**

Renewal of Annual Waste Contract - **Resolved to renew the Annual Waste Contract with St Helens Council**

CPRE – subscription renewal request – **Resolved to renew the CPRE subscription**

DATES OF MEETINGS

07.143 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tues 8 April 08	6.45pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	St James
Tues 22 April 08	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

SIGNED .....

DATED .....