

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 13 MARCH, 2012, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

PRESENT: Cllr Skepper (Chair)
Cllrs Almond, Ashcroft, Broughton, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, Maloney,
C & G Pearl, Sims and Watmough
Mrs J Anderson (new Clerk), Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

11.128 Councillors G Pearl and T Sims declared an interest in Item 11.135 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

MATTERS ARISING

11.130 There were no matters.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

11.131 Mrs Janet Anderson will take up the office of Clerk from 2 April 2012. Councillors welcomed Janet to the Parish Council Meeting.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

11.132 None to report.

POLICE REPORT

11.133 Inspector Paul Holden was not able to attend the meeting due to work commitments. Crime Statistics were sent to the Clerk and distributed to all Parish Councillors.

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

11.134 This has now gone to print and is due to be delivered to the Guides representative by Monday 2 April 2012.

REPORTS

11.135 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – Held Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 7.00 pm in Eccleston Village Hall. Councillors Ashcroft, Broughton and Sims attended. The Clerk was unable to attend and Councillor Sims reported as follows:

- All re-painting of the graffiti at the Changing Rooms has been completed and the culprits dealt with
- Caretaker not in attendance but had nothing to report except broken lock on the chain of the parking lot which has been replaced and a key given to the Nursery
- Mere FC reported that due to bad weather they had only played one game since November

- Mere FC thanked Councillor Ashcroft for her successful bid of £250 which was for 8 new footballs and 2 football bags. Mere FC gave Bleak Hill Rovers two of the balls.
- Users reported that the pitches are in excellent condition except for the incidences of dog fouling
- Changing rooms in good condition and serviceable

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators’ Report for April 2011. The following points were discussed:

- School Visits
- Liverpool Museum loans
- Heritage Open Day
- Building Issues
- Press coverage

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11.136 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

6 Holly Close	Rear conservatory – N/O
5 Forest Mead	Demolition of porch & conservatory & erection of 2-storey side ext – N/O
74 Rainhill Road	Replace existing permission & extend time limit for erection of 4 flats – Conditional response - see attached letter
Tennis Club	Resurfacing of 2 tennis courts and the installation of 6 - 6m high floodlights. Consultation Meeting 15 March 2012
Brook House Farm	Change of use of area of land to be used as a ménage with wooden fence - N/O
7 Chapel Lane	2-storey side ext, new access & dropped kerb & orangery ext to rear – Would such a large side ext affect the character of the existing property?
8 The Cloisters	Demolition of conservatory & erection of single storey rear ext – N/O
Hedgerows	Removal of 4 sections of hedgerow adjacent to Pine Tree Farm,
Burrows Lane	Burrows Lane – N/O

LESTER DRIVE

11.137 **Resolved to give a grant of £100.00 towards the cost of removing the damaged tree at Lester Drive Centre. Resolved also to ask St Helens Council to register the land at Lester Drive.**

VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN

11.138 **Resolved to go ahead with replacing the Village Hall kitchen at a cost of £1,100. An additional charge of £78.00 for re-locating the plug for an under counter refrigerator was also approved.**

ACCOUNTS

11.139 Received Village Hall Hire £867.00; R Kelsey PAYE £73.00

British Gas – March	150.00
Manweb – March	91.00
United Utilities – March payment	8.35

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J Chamberlain - Salary March	165.72
V Griffiths - Salary March	165.72
L Poole - Salary – March	407.30
L Poole – Contribution towards phone Calls for Year	75.00
L Scott - Salary March includes £7.20 travel expenses	1,144.22
PAYE – Curators March (Cumulative £247.20 3 rd month Period 4)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk March (Cumulative £853.00 3 rd month Period 4)	284.40
PAYE – Caretaker March (Cumulative £0.60 3 rd month Period 4)	0.20
EPC NI contribution March – Clerk (Cumulative £344.61 3 rd month Period 4)	114.87
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker March (£219 3 rd month Period 4)	73.00
F Chadwick – deposit for kitchen refit	100.00
Willow Printing – 2,000 Smithy leaflets	242.00
PHS – Sanitation Invoice 58421991 – 1/4/12 – 30/6/12	190.21
Eckersall Locksmiths – Call out to Smithy and Education Room equipment	57.90
NatWest – Bank charge	6.50
Balance brought forward February meeting £21,283.43 plus receipts this month	£22,223.43
Total Payments March	£3,316.56
Approximate balance	£18,906.87

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 29 February 2012, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £15,374.12 and Capital Deposit Account £463.94. The Finance Committee has been issued with copies of the Bank Reconciliations.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of February 2012	£13.83
Approximate balance at the end of February 2012	£8.69

CORRESPONDENCE

11.140 **Resolved to note the following:**

- Merseytravel** – Invitation to Customer Forums – **passed to Councillor Watmough**
- CPRE** – Request for subscription renewal – **Resolved to renew**
- Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service** – notification of documents available on line

DATES OF MEETINGS

11.141 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 10 April 12	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 24 April 12	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm. This was followed by a Presentation to the outgoing Clerk.

SIGNED

DATED