

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER, 2009, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

PRESENT: Cllr G Pearl (Chair)
Cllrs Bain, Broughton, Duncan, D & S Evans, Gray-Williams, C Pearl
and Skepper
PCSTO L Rowling, Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Maloney & Sims

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

9.76 Cllr G Pearl declared at interest in 09.84 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 OCTOBER 2009

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

MATTERS ARISING

09.78 No matters.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

09.79 09.67 – Brian Johnson has forwarded an estimate for playground equipment on Ecclesfield received from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd - £15,731.00.

Land to the side of 7 Stars – Cllr Sims has requested planners to inform the owner to carry out a tidy up. The Landlord of the 7 Stars has been informed.

Cllr Duncan has been contacted by a resident reporting the deteriorating condition of the Village Hall sign and clock mounting.

POLICE REPORT

9.80 CSO Laura Rowling read out the crime figures for last month with comparisons from last year. To avoid any possible disturbances on 'mischief' night, police visited local shops requesting them not to sell eggs and flour to youths. In addition, bonfires were confiscated in several places, in particular, Millwood Avenue football ground. CSO Patrols have been increased in Eccleston Park as a result of a request from Cllr Sims last month.

Cllr Pearl called for questions.

WEST WARD VACANCY

09.81 **Resolved that the Clerk informs Peter Blackburn and John Welsh of the vacancy in West Ward.**

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

09.82 **The Clerk reminded Parish Councillors that the Tree Lighting Ceremony is to take place at Eccleston Library on Thursday 3 December 2009. Councillors are**

to be present at the Library by 10.45 am with mince pies. The Chairman of the Parish Council will provide sweets for the children and the Clerk biscuits for Library Staff.

Eccleston Library informed the Clerk that the lights and decorations for the Tree Lighting Ceremony were in need of replacing.

Resolved to give a grant of £50 to the Library towards the cost of purchasing decorations for the tree provided for Eccleston Parish Council's Tree Lighting Ceremony on behalf of the children and residents of Eccleston.

REPORTS

09.83 **Resolved to note the following:**

Smithy Working Party – All Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for November from which the following was discussed:

- Awards for All submission – payment of Staffing Costs
- Halloween Exhibition figures
- CRB Check for Vicky Hirons

Resolved to pay the Curators as “sessional” workers from any money received from Awards for All. Resolved to make enquiries regarding an up-to-date CRB check for Vicky Hirons

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09.84 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

18 Oak Tree Rd 2 storey side & rear ext - ? **sufficient off-street parking for a 4 bed house, and also query overbearing effect on adjacent property**

11 Whitebeam Gns 2 storey ext to rear elevation & side conservatory - ? **sufficient off street parking**

78 Rainhill Road 1st floor ext over existing kitchen – **N/O**

56 Park Ave Works to tree covered by TPO – **refer to Trees & Woodlands Officer**

18 Laurel Drive Single storey rear ext, garage conversion & replacement roof from flat to hipped over garage & front porch - ? **sufficient off-street parking once the garage is demolished**

Rushen, Elm Grv Demolish existing dwelling & garage & erect 3 dwellings with associated landscaping & parking – **Consultation 6 pm 16 November in St James's Hall**

ACCOUNTS

09.85 Received Hall Hire £370; NatWest Charges refunded £16.25; R Kelsey PAYE November £68.20

British Gas – November	188.00
Manweb – November	102.50
United Utilities – November	48.88
United Utilities – November (should be £13.60/month - £27.60 reported Oct)	0.00

St Helens Council – Rates – last month should have been £100 so none this month	0.00
St Helens Council – Cleaning 3 months Aug – Oct 2009	749.31
J Chamberlain – Salary November	160.88
V Hirons – Salary November	160.88
L Poole - Salary – November	395.42
L Scott – Salary November includes £9.60 travel expenses	1,113.60
L Scott – Petty Cash November	20.00
PAYE – Curators November (Cumulative £160.00 2 nd month Period 3)	80.00
PAYE – Clerk November (Cumulative £552.00 2 nd month period 3)	276.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk November (Cumulative £231.42 2 nd month period 3)	115.71
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – November (£136.40 2 nd month period 3)	68.20
B&M – extra copies Invoice 120278	8.63
SGN Garden Services (was Stanley Gate & branched out) – War Memorial Tidy Up	60.00
Best Security adjustment - internal audit – 09.61 reporting error (should have been 631.94)	100.00
CFAF Ltd – Photocopier lease – Oct quarter	97.75
Cllr S Evans - Royal British Legion Wreath	50.00
Calder Builders – Gents’ Taps	64.40
T Poole – 4 energy lights installed in the Village Hall	30.78
P Potter – Bulbs for Village Hall grounds	57.75

Balance brought forward from November meeting £41,251.36 plus receipts this month £41,705.81
Total Payments this month £3,948.69
Approximate balance £37,757.12

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 October 2009, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £27,817.89 and Capital Reserve Account £463.34. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation for October 2009, together with the Internal Auditor’s report for the 2nd quarter.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of October 2009 £39.98
Approximate balance at the end of October 2009 -£7.13

INTERNAL AUDIT – Accounts have been examined by the Internal Auditor for the 2nd quarter with one minor adjustment in the reported entry for Best Security 09.61 – see above.

CORRESPONDENCE

09.86 **Resolved to note the following:**

Mersey Basin – Source Magazine – **passed to Cllr Broughton**
St Helens Council – Ward Committee Agenda and Mins from September 09
CPRE – Countryside Voice publication for autumn 09 – **passed to Cllr Broughton**
Email – Paul Potter suggested hanging baskets for the front of the Hall and planting in the brick beds either side of the doors – **Resolved not to have hanging baskets but agreed to troughs in the brick beds**

DATES OF MEETINGS

09.87 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tues 1 December 09	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Thursday 3 December 09	11.00 am	Tree Lighting	Eccleston Library
Tues 8 December 09	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	St James