

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2007, at 7.30 pm, in ST JAMES'S CHURCH HALL, St Helens Road, Eccleston Park**

PRESENT: Councillor Duncan (Chair)  
Councillors Bain, Broughton, Evans, Gray-Williams, Maloney, C & G Pearl,  
Perry & Sims  
Mr R Rogers – St Helens Council, Sgt A Pennington, 1 resident  
Mrs L Scott (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gleave & Skepper, Inspector Neil Kavanagh

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 SEPTEMBER 2007**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

07.64 07.52 – A new Fire Extinguisher has now been fitted in the kitchen.

07.55 – Cllrs Maloney, Sims and the Clerk carried out a site visit on Saleswood Avenue Open Space with Terry Deveney from St Helens Council on 20 September 2007 in order to discuss proposals for replacing the poor fencing behind The Paddocks. It was decided that the District Council would remove the dangerous fencing from the side of the property immediately. Terry was asked to find out the cost of replacing all the fencing – see packet for his report. The Clerk has informed the resident of the steps taken.

**Resolved that the Clerk requests an estimate for replacing the fencing with a substantial hawthorn hedge.**

**RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

07.65 No issues to report.

**MILL BROW NATURE RESERVE**

07.66 Rick Rogers from St Helens Council attended the meeting in order to explain the proposed LNR status for Mill Brow.

**Resolved to agree in principle to the proposals. Rick Rogers was asked to provide a plan with costings before the Parish Council officially agrees.**

Cllr Broughton joined the meeting.

**POLICE REPORT**

07.67 Sgt Pennington, who attended the meeting in lieu of Inspector Kavanagh, reported that there had been 8 burglaries in the Eccleston area during the past month. The Library has, once again, been the target for criminal damage. There were also 4 offences of youth disorder, 2 cars broken into, 1 car stolen and 4 reports of violence. The Clerk also reported an incident with the Caretaker of the Changing Rooms when he had encountered a gang of youths quite early on a Saturday morning who, residents complained, had been

there all night. This was reported at Eccleston Police Station and the Clerk promised to forward the Log number to Sgt Pennington for further action.

Councillors Broughton and Gray-Williams left the meeting.

## REPORTS

07.68 **Resolved to note the following:**

Hall & Personnel – The main points discussed by the sub-committee were:

- Fire Risk Assessment – this has been deferred to the next meeting in November
- Intruder Alarm Digital Communicator – Clerk to obtain further quote and advice
- Intruder Alarm for Smithy – Clerk to obtain further quote and advice
- Village Hall repairs and re-decoration
- No Parking sign for the Village Hall – Clerk asked to get advice from St Helens Council

**Resolved that the urgent repairs to the Village Hall be carried out – paving, outside window mouldings repaired and stained, toilet roll holder replaced in the disabled toilet, patch pointing to right hand side outside the hall, fire door architraves. It was further agreed that the re-painting be budgeted for next year, to be carried out possibly during the summer.**

Smithy - See Curators' Report attached. There was no Smithy meeting this month due to the length of the Hall & Personnel Agenda.

**Resolved to allow the Curators to arrange a Craft Fair either on 2 or 9 December 2007 with the stallholders' fee being £5.00.**

Eccleston Lane Ends Primary School – Cllr Gray-Williams reported on a meeting that took place on Monday 8 October 2007. The main points were as follows:

- Presentation given on the SHARE programme, an initiative to involve parents in their children's education both in school and at home.
- School's outstanding OFSTED report.
- Parking outside school - still causing concern despite initiatives for parents to walk children to school.

The remainder of the meeting was confidential.

**Resolved that there is no need for Cllr Gray-Williams to provide a report to Parish Council in future as her representation is no longer as Parish Council Governor.**

Henbury Court/Kiln Lane Open Space – Cllr Sims met with John Broomhead to discuss the section of the boundary hedge behind Henbury Court. This appears to have been moved nearer to the building. Cllr Sims has asked John to request that McCarthy & Stone put the hedge back to the original boundary line.

## CHAIN OF OFFICE

07.69 **Resolved to hold a meeting of the sub-committee newly set up for the purpose of discussing future plans for the Chairman's Chain of Office at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 23 October 2007 in the Village Hall.**

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

- 07.70 **Resolved that we ask Our Lady Help of Christians whether the Parish Council could attend their morning service on Sunday 11 November 2007 and afterwards at Eccleston War Memorial.**

## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

- 07.71 This is due to take place on Thursday 6 December 2007 at 11.00 am in Eccleston Library.

**Resolved to ask St Julie's School to provide the entertainment.**

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 07.72 **Resolved that the following observations be made:**

### Delegated

- 27 Villiers Cres** Single storey rear ext – **N/O**  
**12 Ellerslie Ave** Demolish garage & erect single storey, pitched roof ext to side - **? sufficient off street parking**  
**Christ Church** Construction of public footpath bridge over Mill Brook – **N/O**  
**2 Chapel Lane** 2 storey side & single storey ext to rear, incorporating amendment to roof to previously approved application – **N/O**  
**Land 8 Valencia** Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic garden for 8 Valencia Grove to meet needs of disabled person – **N/O**  
**12 Ansdell Drive** 2 storey front & single storey side & rear - **Would these proposals have an adverse effect on No 10 Ansdell Drive?**  
**13 Oaktree Rd** Erection of concrete shed & greenhouse in rear garden – **N/O**  
**22 Forest Grove** Pitched roof over existing flat roof to side of property – **N/O**

## ACCOUNTS

- 07.73 Received Hall Hire £380.00; R Kelsey £64.02 PAYE; NatWest £314.40 Bank Interest; £63.00 British Gas – September

British Gas – October – new payment as a result of overpayment	40.00
Manweb – October	86.50
United Utilities – October – subsequent payments (up £3.43)	46.31
United Utilities – Direct Debit – October	12.23
St Helens Council - Rates	92.00
L Poole - Salary – October	370.83
L Scott – Petty Cash – October	20.00
L Scott – Salary October includes £12.00 travel expenses	1026.83
L Scott – Petty Cash October	20.00
L Scott – Correction on September salary	0.22
J Chamberlain – Salary October	147.79
V Hirons – Salary October	147.79
PAYE – Curators October (£83.16 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 3)	83.16
PAYE – Clerk October (£286.00 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 3)	286.00
EPC NI contribution – Clerk October (£110.83 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 3)	110.83
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – October (£64.02 1 <sup>st</sup> month Period 3)	64.02

B&M Office Machines – Copies 16/8/07 – 17/9/07	14.22
Return of Bond payment to Jubilee Church	25.00
Burns Jewellers – engraving of medals	70.00
Acorn Services – September Tidy Up	70.50
Hoyles Fire & Safety – new fire extinguisher plus installation	195.08
Ecclesfield Management – 3 <sup>rd</sup> ¼ contribution	757.50
Calder Builders – welding to the Smithy gate	50.53
St James PCC – room hire for EPC Meeting	26.00

Balance brought forward September Meeting £46,749.06 + receipts	£47,570.48
Total Payments this month	3,763.34
<b>Approximate balance</b>	<b>£43,807.14</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that, as at 28 September 2007, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £36,198.01 Capital Reserve Account £462.59. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliation and copies of bank statement for September 2007.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of September 2007	£12.47
<b>Approximate balance</b> at the end of September 2007	£4.94

CORRESPONDENCE

07.74 **Resolved that the following observations be made:**

- Merseytravel** – Local Transport Plan Annual Meeting – **passed to Cllr Evans**
- N Harris** – Resident complaint regarding removal of hawthorn hedge – **reported to Cllr Evans**
- J Forester** – Complaint re height of trees on Mill Brow behind his property
- Defra** – Act on CO<sub>2</sub> - **passed to Cllr Perry**
- Email sent on by Cllr Evans** – Mr F Owen re garden problems

**DATES OF MEETINGS**

07.75 **Resolved to note the following:**

Thurs 8 November 07	7.00 pm	Planning Committee	Village Hall
Tues 13 November 07	6.45pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Parish Council	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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