

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2010, at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Maloney, Sims and Watmough

COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

10.50 Councillor G Pearl reported that Anita Ashcroft will be co-opted onto the Parish Council at next month's meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

10.51 Councillors G Pearl and Evans declared an interest in Item 60 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 JULY 2010

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

MATTERS ARISING

10.53 None that were not on the Agenda.

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

10.54 None to report.

POLICE REPORT

10.55 The Police were unable to send a representative due to the Ward Committee Meeting being held on the same night. They sent the Crime figures and Newsletter which were given to all Councillors.

VILLAGE HALL TREES

10.56 **Resolved to ask Brian Johnson's department to give their recommendations.**

MILL BROW TREES

10.57 The Clerk reported that during her absence on holiday, St Helens Grounds Maintenance Department had removed branches of overhanging trees near the bridge on Mill Brow in order to access the area for maintenance purposes. This is likely to be around £92.00. It was also reported that Councillor Sims was in the process of setting up a site visit with Rick Rogers from St Helens Council.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2010

10.58 The Clerk reported that Parish Council elections in 2011 may not be held with District Council elections because of a referendum taking place at the same time. If this is so, the cost, which is currently shared 50/50, may be a great deal higher.

Councillor Broughton joined the Meeting.

Resolved to write to Angela Sanderson that in the event Parish Council elections are held on a different day to District Council elections due to the referendum, Central Government be asked to bear the extra election costs involved.

REPORTS

10.59 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield Management Committee – A meeting of the Committee took place in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 7 September 2010 when the following was discussed:

- Repairs to Roof, Fan and Flags carried out
- Padlock to Parking chain hacked off and replaced by Mr Clintworth
- New User's appreciation of facilities except for mole tunnels
- Goal posts erected for new season and taken out of sockets before first game
- Loss of Junior Team – agreed not to replace this season

War Memorial Sub-Committee – The Meeting arranged for Tuesday 14 September 2010 was cancelled. This has been re-arranged for Tuesday 12 October 2010 at 11.00 am.

Smithy Working Party – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for September 2010. The following points were discussed:

- Volunteers – the 4 Smithy Volunteers were introduced to the Working Party
- Proceeds from Heritage Open Days
- Transfer of remainder of Promotion budget to Equipment budget
- Heritage Open Day attendance
- Blacksmith for 'Pages Ago' event on Saturday 18 September 2010
- Loan Boxes

Resolved that all proceeds from the Heritage Open Days be put through the Parish Council books and credited to the Smithy budget to offset expenses incurred.

Resolved to transfer £110.00 to the Equipment budget, leaving £150 in the Promotion budget.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.60 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

1B Elm Grove	Side conservatory - N/O
Eccleston Court	Replace section of fencing with 1.2m metal fencing – N/O
1 Millbrow Ctgs	2 storey side ext - With the removal of the conifer trees, will there be sufficient boundary landscaping to ensure privacy for the bungalows which are next door to this site?
Stanley Arms	Decked area for outside seating - Concern the boundary treatment to the carriageway must be appropriate - speed limit for Catchdale Moss Lane is 60 mph, and this area is right to the edge of the pavement
St James C of E	Alteration & ext to front porch & new disabled access ramp – N/O

31 The Meads	Re-submission of plan for 2-storey side & single storey rear extn - this small development at the Meads is quite tight, & EPC is concerned that an architectural imbalance would be created & proposal could cause an overbearing effect to No 29 which is a link house in a row of 4
Vodafone Base	Drawings showing installation at the proposed location – passed to Cllr Sims*
4 Ansdell Dr	Single storey ext & conversion of garage to habitable room – N/O
20 Bleak Hill Rd	Single storey side ext – N/O
17 Wildcherry	Single storey detached storage building to front – N/O
51 Portico Lane	Single storey ext to front to form porch & wc – N/O

* Councillor Evans reported she had also received drawings and read out her reply to Adams Holmes Associates, the Company representing Vodafone.

ACCOUNTS

10.61 Received Village Hall £620.00; R Kelsey PAYE September £71.60; HM Revenue & Customs VAT Repayment £575.20; Craft Table £5.00

British Gas - August/September	156.00
Manweb – August/September	212.00
United Utilities - August/September payment	25.06
United Utilities – August/September payment	49.52
St Helens Council - August/September Rates	168.00
St Helens Council – Cleaning June	257.71
J Chamberlain - Salary September	165.72
J Chamberlain – Purchases Heritage Weekend & Postage	172.95
V Hirons - Salary September	165.72
V Hirons – Purchases – Smithy Heritage Centre	43.12
TTS Group – Smithy items Invoice 2297144	136.06
TTS Group – Smithy items Invoices 2230941, 2233986, 2225703	676.24
TTS – Backboard – Smithy item Invoice 2327064	11.73
TTS – Smithy item Invoice 2312868	39.93
L Poole - Salary – September	402.90
L Poole – Toilet Rolls and Bin Bags	15.56
L Scott – Salary September includes £4.80 travel expenses	1141.82
L Scott – Petty Cash September	20.00
PAYE – Curators September (Cumulative £247.20 3 rd month Period 2)	82.40
PAYE – Clerk September (Cumulative £852.80 3 rd month Period 2)	284.20
PAYE – Caretaker (Cumulative £14.00 3 rd month Period 2)	4.60
EPC NI contribution – Clerk September (Cumulative £363.03 3 rd month Period 2)	121.01
PAYE – Ecclesfield Caretaker – September (£214.80 3 rd month Period 2)	71.60
Hoyles – Fire Extinguishers checked – Swivel Horn replaced	105.85
BT – Clerk’s phone and Internet	137.51
BT – Curators’ phone and Internet	114.28
CFAF Ltd – Photocopier lease – quarterly payment	99.87
SGN Garden Services – War Memorial tidy ups – Invoices 078/085	120.00
L Scott – purchase of Laptop for Smithy from PC World – HLF grant	454.97
J Chamberlain – Requisition 53	60.22
Best Security – Smithy Annual Service	216.99
J G Eckersall – Repair to Village Hall Lock with 2 new keys	75.56
M Harrison Roofing – repairs to roof including fitting downspout	480.00
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI Period 2 – already reported monthly	(1,691.83)
P Potter – Garden Services – 3 rd payment	140.00

Newsquest – Advert for Smithy	105.75
PHS – Invoice 56421264 – Sanitary Services	152.75
PHS – Invoice 56477106 – Annual Duty of Care Certificate	64.63
B&M Office Machines – copies Inv 135993	26.44

Balance brought forward from July meeting £56,681.56 plus receipts this month	£57,953.36
Total Payments this month	£6,778.67

Approximate balance £51,174.69

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at 30 July 2010, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £46,540.70 and Capital Reserve Account £463.58.

The Clerk also reported that, as at 29 August 2010, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500, Reserve Account £42,509.73 and Capital Reserve Account £463.58. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee were given copies of the monthly Reconciliations for July and August 2010.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of July/August 2010	£29.09
Approximate balance at the end of July/August 2010	£4.34

CORRESPONDENCE

10.62 **Resolved to note the following:**

- CPRE** – Fieldwork publication August 2010 – **passed to Cllr Broughton**
- Countryside Voice** – Summer 2010 – **passed to Cllr Broughton**
- St Helens Council** – Strategy for Physical Activity - **noted**
- Greenfields Care Home** – Open Day invitation 2 September – only received 4/9/10
- St Helens CVS** – AGM 23 September 2010 – **Cllrs Duncan & Maloney to attend**
- Simon Skidmore, CEN** – E-mail sent to Cllrs Evans, Pearl & Sims. **The Clerk was asked to invite Mr Skidmore to the next Parish Council Meeting**

DATES OF MEETINGS

10.63 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 12 October 10	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	St James
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	St James

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

SIGNED

DATED