

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL, held on TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

PRESENT: Cllr Ashcroft (Chair)
Cllrs Broughton, Dawson, Duncan, Haw, Kempself, C Pearl and G Pearl
Janet Anderson (Clerk)
Angela Sanderson and Beverly Kenrick, St Helens Council
4 residents

APOLOGIES

15.49 Cllrs Gray-Williams, Sims, Skepper and Watmough

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

15.50 Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in Item 15.60 – Planning Applications.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 JULY 2015

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

MATTERS ARISING

15.52 None

PARISH BOUNDARY

15.53 Angela Sanderson, Returning Officer, St Helens Council and Beverly Kenrick, Electoral Services Officer attended the meeting and explained where the Parish boundary crossed the site of the former Triplex works meaning some properties would be in the Parish and other not. For the purpose of polling districts this could cause confusion for the residents. As the majority of the site was not in the Parish, Angela Sanderson would report to the Borough Council Community Governors Review to propose that the boundary be moved so that none of the properties on the site would be in the Parish. **Councillors had no objections to the proposal.**

RESIDENTS' ISSUES

15.54 Cllr Broughton reported incidents of youths setting fire to a wheelie bin and also hay on the local farm. It was reported to the police but there had been no response. Cllr Dawson reported an incident of quad bikes riding along Kiln Lane. He had contacted the police on 101. There had also been reports of youths smoking cannabis on Ecclesfield playing fields.

POLICE REPORT

15.55 No-one from the police attended the meeting and the Clerk had not received any crime statistics. The Clerk would contact the police to request a response to the residents' issues raised.

MILL BROW NATURE RESERVE

15.56 St Helens Council had drafted a proposed legal agreement between Eccleston Parish Council and St Helens Council that would enable the area to get Local Nature Reserve Status – **noted**

SMITHY GRANT APPLICATION

- 15.57 Curators had had an opportunity to apply to Arts Council England for a small capital grant. They were successful and the amount of £8,615 was approved for new windows, doors, pathway at the side of the Smithy and CCTV installation. The Parish Council would contribute 10% from the Smithy income. Unfortunately the Arts Council England would not include the cost of the pointing of the building in the grant as it was not felt it would improve the security of the building in order to meet the requirements of the Government's Indemnity Scheme for the loan of objects – **noted**

VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE

- 15.58 The Clerk had got a third quote for the external decoration of the hall, which was in the same region as one of the other quotes and it had been decided to go with Appleton Painting and Decorating. The outside gutters, downspouts, window frames, outside doors and railings had been painted including anti-vandal paint. The inside of the main doors and the fire door had also been painted. The internal walls had been repaired with the cost being met by St Helens Council – **noted**

REPORTS

- 15.59 **Resolved to note the following:**

Ecclesfield – 1 Sept 2015 at 7pm in Eccleston Village Hall Cllrs Ashcroft, Broughton and Sims attended along with the Secretary. Report as follows:

- Cllr Ashcroft appointed as Chairman for 2015-2017
- Vandalism reported by Caretaker. Paint thrown on the flags, door and walls of changing rooms. Bob cleared as much as possible. He also reported it to police
- Bleak Hill Rovers liaising with St Helens Council over the marking of 2 pitches in blue to accommodate 5v5 and 9v9 matches

Smithy – 8 September 2015, 6.45pm, Village Hall All Cllrs were given a copy of the Curators' report and the following points were discussed:

- Heritage Open Days – 12 and 13 September. Dog show on Saturday with Dogs Trust providing staff and equipment for the agility course and micro chipping. Cllr Ashcroft had agreed to judge dog show. Bake-off on Sunday judged by Allison Ward, President of WI
- Windle Chantry Talk – carried out by Ted Forsyth on 6 September 2015
- Macmillan Coffee Morning – 25 September at 10.30am-12.30am
- ACE Small Capital Grants Scheme – approved £8615 for new windows, door, pathway and CCTV. Would not include the pointing of the Smithy in the grant. Curators request that maybe Parish Council would pay. **Resolved to discuss at a separate Finance Sub Cttee**

Lester Drive – 24 July 2015 – Cllr Duncan attended the meeting of Old Peoples' Welfare Committee at Lester Drive Centre.

- Brownies had worked on the garden
- Plant sale made a profit
- Rainhill Rotary gave a cheque for £300 towards a new steel single fire exit door and ramp
- St Helens Council is looking into the location of the deeds
- Andrew Martlew would enquire about solar panels as the biggest expense lighting
- Finances – building fund £24,089.47, Treasurers A/c £10,262.62, Deposit A/c £3,923.33

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15.60 **Resolved to note the following:**

Delegated

- 107 St Helens Rd** Hybrid application for the conversion of pump house into one residential dwelling (including building work) and outline permission with all matters other than access reserved for a residential development of 7 dwellings **Eccleston Parish Council totally opposes any additional vehicular access/exit along the stretch of St Helens Road – from the monument to the roundabout (leading to the bypass).**
Whilst the refurbishment of the cottage may be acceptable, the additional traffic that would be generated from up to 7 houses, plus the cottage could amount to 16 additional vehicles trying to access/exit at an extremely busy part of St Helens Road, within metres of a major traffic junction. Not only cars, but service vehicles ie refuse/recycling would all create major hold ups and hazards – has the Burrows Lane access been considered?
The suggestion for up to 7 dwellings would seem too many for the land availability and create an overbearing effect fronting St Helens Road, with the loss of much landscape and would be detrimental to the setting of the monument at the junction with Burrows Lane.
Residents are also concerned that there is an air raid shelter which may be of some historical value – can you please confirm this?
GRANTED 28/8/15
- 2 Springbrook Close** Single storey front extension including alterations to porch with new roof along with 2no dormers to front **N/O**
- 37 Park Avenue** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1no dwelling along with detached garage / workshop **N/O**
- Parklands, Mill Brow** Single storey rear extension along with rear porch **N/O**
- Mere View Crt** Creation of front and rear dormers (to facilitate loft conversion) **N/O**
- 31 Hawthron Dr** Erection of two storey side extension, single storey front extension, and replacement garage with pitched roof; (along with relocation of side wall and fence to right side **N/O**
- 13 Brookside Ave** Single storey rear extension **N/O**
- 78-80 Walmesley Rd** Change of use from A1 Retail to A3 Cafe **Eccleston Parish Council are concerned that the extraction system for food smells be the most effective, as the rear of this end shop unit is directly adjacent to residential properties. We would also ask that a condition be attached to any permission regarding hours of operation: 9am-5pm.**
- Birchall's Farm Shop** Outline application for demolition of the existing farm shop building and removal of associated hardstanding and construction of 2no detached dwellings with associated gardens and driveways (all matters reserved except access and scale) **Eccleston Parish Council totally object to this loss of green belt land for development**
- 17 Silverlime Gdns** Part two storey, and part first floor side extension, and conservatory to the rear **N/O**
- 4 Brookside Ave** Single storey side/rear wrap around extension **N/O**
- 32 Scholes Park** Single storey wrap around extension to side and rear **N/O**

ANNUAL AUDIT

- 15.61 It was reported that BDO completed the annual audit with no issues arising other than a recommendation to update the asset register to include the recently installed boiler.
Resolved to note and the Clerk would update the register to be approved by Council.

ACCOUNTS

15.62

Received – Village Hall hire £861, R Kelsey PAYE £155.60, loan boxes £30, school visit £30, Windle phone and copier £44.89, HMRC Apr-Jun £573.53, NatWest Interest £0.04 and £3.61

Total Receipts **£1698.67**

Payments

ABM Security – annual maintenance fire and intruder alarms	347.94
Phill Gregson – wheelwrighting IBD (replacement cheque)	(150.00)
Bleak Hill School – merit prize (replacement cheque)	(40.00)
Total Gas and Power – gas Apr-Jun	249.65
BT – Smithy phone and internet	116.66
Vinylite – honour board lettering	36.00
Best Security – repair to Smithy alarm (new PIR in office)	114.74
United Utilities – water July	9.86
B&M Office Machines – photocopier	43.46
J Anderson – August plus travel	1271.99
L Poole – August	416.25
V Griffiths – August	175.06
J Chamberlain – August	168.86
J Anderson – Lakeland vouchers for bake-off competition	30.00
Paul Potter – VH grounds maintenance 2 visits August	56.25
GPS Telecoms – Clerk phone – July	32.17
St Helens Council – cleaning July	298.60
Harry Anders – internal doors	115.00
B&M Office Machines – photocopier lease	102.00
Appleton Painters and Decorators – external paintwork	475.00
Triprint – Smithy HOD leaflets	59.00
Southern Electric – electricity May-Jul	317.34
United Utilities – Aug	9.86
United Utilities – Aug	16.00
J Chamberlain – Sept	188.06
V Griffiths – Sept	175.06
L Poole – Sept	416.05
J Anderson – Sept plus travel	1267.19
Paul Potter – grounds maintenance – Sept x 2	56.25
J Chamberlain – Smithy items	16.62
TOTAL	£6580.92

* Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 & 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that, as at **30 July 2015**, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £49,186.08 and Capital Deposit Account £464.77.

As at **28 August 2015**, the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £46,014.90 and Capital Deposit Account £464.79.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the months of July and August 2015	£18.16
Approximate balance at the end of August 2015	£11.93

INTERNAL AUDIT – The Accounts were audited in July for the end of the first quarter with nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

15.63 **Resolved to note the following:**

Letter from Eccleston Lane Ends Recreation Club – expressing their concern at the Parish Council’s response to their planning application. They felt the Parish Council would have welcomed and supported their planning application for the installation of floodlighting.
Application was granted 12 August 2015

Email from St Helens Council replying that they had no objections to someone gathering sticks from Mill Brow nature reserve. The Clerk advised the person that Parish Council would allow a small number of fallen sticks to be taken.

Insurance – Came & Company renewal quotation of £2,339.17 (inc Ecclesfield) tied into long term agreement until September 2016 or £2,222.21 (inc Ecclesfield) for 3-yr long term agreement (saving approx £116 this year)

Request to hire hall – to train dogs for shows. A lengthy discussion took place and it was decided to take a vote. Cllrs votes – six not in favour of hiring out to group, none in favour and one abstained. **Clerk to notify group**

DATES OF MEETINGS

15.64 **Resolved to note the following:**

Tuesday 13 October 2015	6.30 pm	Finance Sub Ctte	Village Hall
	6.45 pm	Smithy Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

SIGNED

DATED