

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Ecclestone**

PRESENT: Cllr Sims (Chair)  
Cllrs Ashcroft, Cass, Duncan, Kempself, C Pearl, G Pearl, and Williams  
Janet Anderson (Clerk)  
2 residents

19.121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Gray-Williams, Haw, Skepper and Watmough

19.122 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllrs Sims and G Pearl Item 19.130 – Planning Applications.

19.123 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 DECEMBER 2019

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

19.124 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

19.125 RESIDENTS' ISSUES

Resident, Mrs Martlew explained that parking in Acacia Grove had become dangerous because of building work on a nearby property. Cars were parking on both sides of the road on the pavement. She asked whether it would be possible for the school to ask parents/guardians to park with consideration. Cllr Sims reported that the school had raised it with parents/guardians and the school were going to erect 'children bollards' in the area. Cllr Sims explained that if vehicles were obstructing the highway then it should be reported to the police. Cllr Sims also reported the police had launched a 'Pavements are for People' initiative.

19.126 POLICE REPORT

No one from the police had been unable to attend but crime figures had been received for the month compared to the previous year.

19.127 PARISH MAGAZINE

A copy of the draft magazine was circulated to Councillors for approval. **It was agreed that the magazine would be printed by PC Print and distribution would be handled by Masterprint.**

19.128 BANK MANDATE

It was resolved that the authorised signatories in the current mandate be changed to remove signatories that were no longer on Parish Council and the current mandate would continue as amended. The application form for online banking was agreed and signed.

## 19.129 REPORTS

On Tuesday 28 January 2020, the Clerk attended website accessibility training organised by Lancashire SLCC. It had proved useful.

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

- Collections Exhibition – Curators were putting together the new exhibition
- Refreshing Education Room – Curators would begin this over the weekend of 22 and 23 February
- Heritage Open Days – Curators would have a small number of stalls in the Hall that would not require a licence. There would be a variety of stalls
- The Curators had been invited to join a heritage event being held by St Helens Council at St Mary's Market but as it fell on the same day as Blacksmith's Day they would be unable to attend

## 19.130 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Resolved to note the following:**

### Delegated

<b>29 Brookfield Ave</b>	Demolition of existing garage and the erection of part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension <b>Ensure sufficient off-street parking</b>
<b>17 Ecclesfield Road</b>	Demolition of the existing garage and utility room and erection of a new single storey side and rear extension <b>Ensure sufficient off-street parking</b>
<b>Ecc Park Tennis Club</b>	Upgrade 3no shale tennis courts with euroclay surfaces <b>N/O</b>
<b>De La Salle School</b>	Installation of 8 floodlights to MUGA pitch and extending open hours – <b>both applications would be considered at Planning Cttee on 11 February 2020</b>
<b>49 Clarkes Crescent</b>	Single storey side extension and alterations to roof on existing rear extension along with conversion of existing detached garage to summer house <b>Ensure sufficient off-street parking</b>
<b>Stanley Arms</b>	Retention of existing flue to rear <b>Refer to Environmental Health</b>
<b>6 Poplar Ave</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension <b>N/O</b>

Cllr G Pearl reported that at the Planning Committee of St Helens Council both applications for De La Salle School, floodlights and opening hours, had been approved. The opening hours had been reduced slightly – finishing at 9pm instead of 9.30pm weekdays and starting at 10am instead of 9am at the weekends.

## 19.131 ACCOUNTS

**Resolved to note the following:**

**Receipts:** Village Hall Hire £567, RK PAYE £77.80, Windle phone and copier £59.14, HMRC £369.55, Interest £6.96 and 0.08

**Total Receipts** **£1,080.53**

### **Payments**

GPS Telecoms – Clerk's telephone Dec	39.01
BT – Smithy telephone	146.91
B&M Office Machines – photocopier + annual service charge	80.27
SSE – gas	216.34
Water Plus – water	12.29
Water Plus – water	1.81
SLCC Lancashire Branch – website accessibility training	40.00

ABM Security Systems Ltd – CCTV annual service	114.00
J Chamberlain – February	168.86
V Griffiths – February	168.86
L Poole – February	403.25
J Anderson – February + petty cash, travel and grit for Village Hall	1332.08
Merseyside Pension Fund – employer and employee contributions	439.13
St Helens Council – cleaning Feb	369.25
Costco – membership renewal	26.40
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£3558.46</b>

**RECONCILIATION** - The Clerk reported that as at 30 January 2020 the balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £34,515.66 and Capital Deposit Account £466.53.

**INTERNAL AUDIT** – Accounts for the third quarter had been examined with nothing to report.

<b>PETTY CASH</b> - Expenditure for the month of January 2020	£24.02
<b>Approximate</b> balance at the end of January 2020	£4.03

19.132     CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

19.133     DATES OF MEETINGS

Tuesday 3 March 2020	7.00 pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 10 March 2020	7.00 pm	Smithy Meeting	) Venue to be confirmed –
	7.30 pm	Parish Council	) likely to be Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

SIGNED ..... DATED .....