

C. Overhead Electricity Line on land adjacent to St Helens, Wigan and West Lancs. Boundaries

This matter had been discussed at the last meeting –see min. 74c 30/09/11, and the detailed correspondence promised had been received from the two farmers concerned. The Clerk gave a summary of this and the Council and

Resolved further that a site visit be arranged for Monday 24th October for the Chairman and Clerk to meet with one of the farmers – Mr. David Melling- and Cllr. Jones of Rainford, and investigate the matter further and establish whether it would be possible to attend the preliminary meeting with the Government Inspector, to be held at Holland Hall on Tuesday, 15th November 2011.

94. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following items of correspondence, to be dealt with as indicated:

a) Invitation to join the Mayor at the service to commemorate Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2011 and also the service on Friday 11th November at 11am at the Cenotaph.

The Clerk had already advised the Chairman of this event, which she and Cllr. Richard Barton would attend - and Events & Support Services had been informed of this, by means of a telephone message.

b) Letter from Mayor's Secretary to inform the Council of the acceptance of the invitation by the Mayor, Cllr. Tom Hargreaves, to attend the Tree Lighting on 2nd December 2011 at Bleak Hill School.

95. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Major graffiti problem suffered and the cost of paint prohibitive- negotiation on going. Also problems again with the chaining of the car-park.

96. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC

Queen's Diamond Jubilee to be celebrated next year 2012. Information given.

Details received of a course by Lancashire and Merseyside Training Partnership at Howick House, Penwortham on Finance etc. Weds. 7/12/11 cost £25. Clerk would like to attend.

Resolved that the Clerk should attend, and the course fee be paid on his behalf.

97. Lynton Way Play Area- Report

The Clerk had received details of the cost for the period 4th April to 2nd October 2011 from St Helens Council Security Force viz : £1949.22(+£389.84VAT) and a similar amount would be due at the end of the financial year for similar usage of the Security Force.

Resolved that a letter be sent to Mr. Paul Sanderson(Director of Environment- St Helens Council) thanking him for the repairs to the benches and litter-bin already carried out and also, requesting that as soon as possible:

a) the LWPA be opened Mon-Fri. by the St Helens Council Play Ground Inspector, when he calls there every morning at 10.00am

The Security Force to close every evening Mon –Fri and open and close the area at weekends and Bank Holidays, and during the Inspectors holiday periods.

b) In addition a spare set of keys be requested and kept by the Clerk, to be available for any emergency cover that might be necessary.

c) A question to be asked concerning the re-planting of a hawthorn hedge alongside 16 St Mawes Way, which was removed when fencing was installed.

d) The St Helens Council Sign in the Play Area - now badly faded-be refurbished to indicate details of proper usage of the site.

It is hoped that this might reduce the annual security bill by the best part of £1400.

98. Jim Malone Garden - Report

Cllr. McNulty reported that the garden needs weeding, and that there were some plants ready to go in. Help was to be expected from Councillors W. Ashcroft, A. Bate and K. Roughley in this activity as Cllr. McNulty is still recovering from the injury suffered in a fall earlier in the year.

99. Parish Newsletter- Report

Cllr. Roughley was still away "Down Under", but to assist him in completing compilation of the next edition on his return, Cllr. W. Ashcroft requested that any articles, still outstanding, be sent to him for handing over to the Editor.

100. Reports from Other Bodies(including the Police Representative)

No Reports were received. It was disappointing to note that no Police Representatives have attended the Council Meeting for some time now.

101. Christmas Tree Lighting 2011

Both Alan Hull and Lennie Lowe have agreed to fill their usual respective roles as M.C. and Father Christmas this year, when asked by the Clerk. The Mayor of St Helens, Cllr. Tom Hargreaves, has accepted the invitation to attend. St. Thomas of Canterbury CP School pupils to be invited as usual.

Resolved that approval be given for the purchase of a suitable tree be ordered from Christmas Treeland(i.e. Rainfords) by the Clerk, similar to last year, but slightly smaller. This tree to be collected and installed by contractors to St Helens Council and lights fitted by them. As last time, they will remove and dispose of the tree early in the New Year. These arrangements have been telephoned to St Helens Lighting Dept. and will be confirmed by email.

In addition, a letter to be sent to the Ward Councillors re- possible aid to funding this event.

102. Pre- Christmas Reception 2011

Resolved that this would be held after the December 20th PC Meeting commencing at 8.30pm. Lady Councillors will organize the catering arrangements, and the Clerk other refreshments.

103. Finance: a) Balances The Clerk informed that the Bank balances at 28th September 2011 were Current A/c= £8118.62, Business Reserve A/c= £7328.51

b) Payment of Accounts : Resolved that approval be given for payment of the following accounts:

		£
Eccleston P.C.	Room Hire 18/10/11	21.00
Toye, Kenning & Spencer	Two new links /Chairman's Chain	66.00
DSG Retail Ltd./PC World	Ink Cartridge/ Stationery	60.99
B. Walsh	Website/ Computer	35.00
L. J. Kilshaw	{Expenses July / Aug/Sept.}	16.44
	{Post £12.33 / Stny. £4.11}	
Post Office	BT Tel.A/c- dedicated line-inclB/Band	101.34
BDO/LLP	External Audit Fee 2010-2011	192.00
Lancashire County Training Partnership	Course 7 th Dec 2011	25.00
Voucher Statement Fee	Bank Charges 3/10/11	3.25

c) External Audit Report – the report for y/e 31st March 2011 had taken place on September 2011.

This year the auditor had qualified the report by indicating that the risk assessment, currently in place, needs to be examined and possibly extended to help to make sure all risks are shown to be covered. No other matters came to their attention.

Therefore an example of a copy of a Risk Assessment and Management (Financial) Form has now been obtained from the External Auditor..

Resolved that the report be accepted and the recommendation be implemented and that the legally required Notices of Conclusion of Audit be displayed on the Council Notice Board and copies of the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Return be made available to residents etc. applying for copies at the times indicated, and at a reasonable charge of 10p per page- for the requisite period of two weeks .

104. Date of Next Meeting-

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 15th November 2011 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane, commencing at 7.00pm.
The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ Date)