

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 April 2015 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor R Barton (Chairman)
 Councillor K S Barton (Deputy Chairman)
 Councillor N Ashcroft
 Councillor W Ashcroft
 Councillor A Bate
 Councillor S Bligh
 Councillor K D Roughley
 Councillor E Uren

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

183 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

184 Apologies: Councillor M McNulty

185 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

186 Parish Matters: Cllr Bate reported large potholes in Hamilton Road. **Resolved that Clerk would report to Highways Department of St Helens Council.**

Cllr W Ashcroft informed the meeting of an event being held by Liverpool St Helens (LSH) Rugby Club. The Webb Ellis cup tour will travel the world arriving in England on 10 June and will embark on a 100 day nationwide tour. The cup will be on display at LSH on 28 July 2015 from 11am to 1pm. LSH (the oldest open rugby club in the world) will be staging a Tag Rugby Festival for 7 and 8 year old children. Every child competing will be presented with a medal to mark the occasion. **Resolved that the Parish Council would contribute (under section 137) to the cost of the medals.**

Cllr S Barton reported the uneven pavement on Kiln Lane, just passed the bridge. **Clerk to report to St Helens Council.**

Chairman, Cllr R Barton read out a letter from Cllr W Ashcroft informing the meeting of his intention not to stand for re-election on to the Parish Council at the forthcoming elections in May. In his letter, Cllr Ashcroft thanked fellow councillors both past and present for their support over the 20 years he had been a Parish Councillor. He also thanked Len Kilshaw, the previous Clerk, for all his hard work over the years.

Cllr R Barton also read out a letter from Cllr S Bligh informing the meeting of his intention not to stand for re-election on to the Parish Council in May. In his letter, Cllr Bligh wished the Parish Council and Clerk well for the future. **It was resolved that both Councillors would be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council in order to formally thank them for their work.**

187 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2015.

Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

188 Matters Arising: No matters arising

- 189 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
- a) **Applications:**
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| 21 Queens Drive | Erection of single storey side and rear extension |
| 88 Kiln Lane | Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of two storey side extension along with single storey front extension |
- b) **Approvals:**
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| Land adj to Bleak Hill Farmhouse | Granted 11 March 2015 |
| 12 Rutherford Rd | Granted 1 April 2015 |
- 190 Other Correspondence: None received
- 191 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: No report
- 192 LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC: An email had been received stating that notice of non-renewal of membership had to be given in September the year before non-renewal. **It was resolved that the Clerk renew membership for this year and also give notice of non-renewal for next year.**
- 193 Lynton Way Play Area: An email had been received from St Helens Council informing the Parish Council that 2 new signs had been agreed for the play area. These would be paid for through the Councillor Improvement Fund. **It was resolved to ask St Helens Council to determine the opening and closing times that would appear on the signs. The Clerk to contact St Helens Council.**
- 194 J Malone Garden: Cllr R Barton happened upon the Four Seasons gardener on site and reported to the meeting that they had made a start on the new season. Clerk reported that they would visit every other week from 1 April until the end of October. The cost would remain the same as last year.
- 195 Parish Newsletter: After discussion it was **resolved that the Parish magazine would be published annually with a flyer going out to residents this year informing them of the garden competition. Cllr Roughley had a template that could be used to produce the flyer.**
- 196 Garden Competition: The competition would follow the same format as last year. If Cllr McNulty was unavailable Cllr Bate would organise the event.
- 197 Reports from Other Bodies: Cllr S Barton reported that Bleak Hill School had held their Governors meeting and that there were, again, high numbers for the September intake.
- 198 Finance:
- a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 March 2015 were:
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| Current Account | £1504.54 |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£6040.30</u> |
| TOTAL | £7544.84 |
- b) Payment of Accounts
- Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| St Helens Council – security LWPA | 2600.88 |
| Douglas Tonks – salary | 912.69 |
| Nat West – Voucher statement fees (Apr) | 3.25 |
| Four Seasons – JM Garden maintenance – April | 30.00 |
| B Walsh – website management | 35.00 |
| Ecclesfield Project – first half contribution | 713.06 |
| Eccleston Parish Council – room (Apr), phone (Mar), copier (Apr) | 43.20 |
| J Anderson - April | 293.74 |

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

Beyond the Fringe – advertising	55.00
NatWest – interest Feb 0.23 and Mar 0.26	0.49
St Helens Council – first ½ precept	6069.50

c) Signing off the Receipts and Payments Book/VAT Return: **Resolved that the Receipts and Payments book be signed off for the year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 by the Chairman and Clerk. This was duly completed. Resolved that the completed VAT repayment form be sent to HMRC.**

d) External Audit: would be carried out 6 July 2015 by BDO LLP of Southampton

199 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: