

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

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

120 Apologies: Councillor S A Bligh

121 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

122 Parish Matters: a) Cllr K Roughley withdrew his resignation from Parish Council. Cllrs were happy to accept the withdrawal. b) Cllrs felt disappointed that Windle Parish Council were not invited to attend the Christmas tree lighting at the top of Kiln Lane/Dentons Green Lane

123 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014. Ref Min 105 b) – Cllr Bate had not reported the suspicious car to the police.

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

124 Matters Arising: No matters arising

125 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:

a) **Applications:** None received

b) **Approvals:** 23 Hamilton Road, Granted 8 December 2014

Noted

126 Other Correspondence: None received

127 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Cllrs Bate, R Barton and S Barton attended a meeting on 2 December 2014 and reported:

- No issues with the changing facilities. Caretaker was concerned at the amount of litter he was discovering particularly on Sunday morning – empty alcohol drinks cans and remains of drugs packets. **Clerk reported to Police Inspector Elaine Collins**
- John Monsvoll, Bleak Hill Rovers, request the marking of a mini pitch behind houses on Broadway. This would be 30x40 yards for under 7s. It was agreed that the Clerk contact St Helens Council, Parks Dept for their advice on the position of the pitch. Eccleston Cllrs to arrange a site visit in January
- Also John reported that he had been contacted by St Helens Council, who were commissioning a survey on sports teams and facilities in the borough. John was meeting the company carrying out the survey on Tuesday 16 December 2014 at Ecclesfield to look at facilities.

- Budget for 2015/16 presented to Councillors – in summary: no increase in Parish contributions; pitch fees – no increase for seniors £440, juniors £85 or under 10’s £25
- 128 LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC: National salary award of 2.2% recommended to be implemented 1 January 2015. **Resolved that the pay increase be implemented. Clerk to contact accountants to arrange payment.**
- 129 Lynton Way Play Area: A discussion took place regarding the opening and closing arrangements. **Resolved to discuss further in a couple of months.**
- 130 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report
- 131 Parish Newsletter: Cllr Bligh was unable to attend the meeting but had reported that the newsletter had been sent to the printers on Monday 15 December and was expected by the end of the week for distribution.
- 132 Christmas Tree Lighting/Pre-Christmas Reception: Cllrs reported that the tree lighting ceremony had been enjoyed by a large number of people who attended. All arrangements had been completed for the reception after the meeting.
- 133 Reports from Other Bodies: Cllr N Ashcroft reported that she had had notification of a meeting of Windle United Charity for the last Monday in November. It appeared that the meeting had changed to the last Thursday in November but she had not been notified.
- 134 Finance:
- a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 14 November 2014 were:
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| Current Account | £6850.56 |
| Business Reserve Account | £6038.80 |
- b) Resolved that the following payments be made:
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| Bleak Hill School – photocopying | 10.46 |
| NatWest Bank – voucher statement fees | 3.25 |
| Eccleston Parish Council – room hire 16/12/14 | 21.00 |
| Eccleston Parish Council – copier and telephone | 36.87 |
| J Anderson – items for Christmas reception | 134.24 |
| S Barton – items for Christmas reception | 63.49 |
| A Bate – items for Christmas reception | 11.94 |
| E Roughley – items for Christmas reception | 7.77 |
| E Uren – items for Christmas reception | 13.30 |
| N Ashcroft – items for Christmas reception | 56.82 |
| M McNulty – items for Christmas reception | 25.87 |
| <u>Resolved</u> that the following receipt be noted: | |
| JS Hedge Funeral Services Ltd | 20.00 |
- 135 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: