

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 December 2015 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor S Barton (Chairman)  
Councillor N Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor R Barton  
Councillor A Bate  
Councillor J Cunliffe  
Councillor K Roughley

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 120 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 121 Apologies: Councillor E Uren
- 122 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 123 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr R Barton reported on behalf of a resident the parking of an advertising van at Windle Island, in the turning circle for residents. **Resolved that the Clerk report it to St Helens Council** (b) Cllr Cunliffe asked whether he would still be eligible to be a Parish Councillor as he now lived more than 3 miles away from the Parish. **The Clerk would report criteria for eligibility at the next meeting.**
- 124 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2015.  
**Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**
- 125 Matters Arising: The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to St Helens Council on behalf of Windle Parish Council with comments regarding the Remembrance Service at the Town Hall. As yet, there had been no response to the letter.
- 126 Planning Matters: (a) No applications for comment.  
(b) Decisions –  
**25 Fistril Drive** Granted 27 Nov 2015  
**137 Rainford Rd** Granted 3 Dec 2015  
**31 Fistril Drive** Granted 3 Dec 2015  
**91 Windle Grove** Granted 10 Dec 2015  
**Applications and approvals were noted**
- 127 Other Correspondence: (a) St Helens Council – proposed precept payment dates as 21 April and 23 June 2016 **Clerk to contact St Helens Council to confirm** (b) Email from a resident requesting more litter bins at Lynton Way Play Area **Clerk to contact St Helens Council** (c) Invitation to the Chairman to Lancashire Civic County Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral on Sun 31 January 2016 **Clerk to reply – no one able to attend**  
(d) Chairman received a Christmas card from Mayor Cllr S Glover and Mayoress Cllr L Glover
- 128 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: **Resolved to note** Cllrs Bate, R Barton and S Barton attended a meeting on 1 December 2015 and reported:
- Caretaker reported there were no issues with the changing facilities. He had removed the graffiti from the changing rooms but it was more difficult getting it off the flags. He would keep trying. He would also grout the tiles in the shower area in January when there were fewer teams. Cllrs thanked Bob for his hard work.
  - Teams were requested to remind players not to bang the mud off their boots in the car park area.

- Mike Horton, Ecclesfield FC, reported the changing rooms to be in good condition and pitches were not too bad considering the heavy rain recently. He commented that it was the referee's decision to call off a game.
- Cllr A Ashcroft had asked teams not to train on the pitches in the week in order to protect them
- Proposed budget for 2016/17 presented to Councillors – in summary: no increase in Parish contributions; no increase in caretaker's salary or secretary's hono; pitch fees – no increase for seniors £440, juniors £85 or under 10's £25

129 LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC: December newsletter. **Resolved to note**

130 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report

131 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report

132 Parish Newsletter: It was reported that all newsletters had been delivered. Cllrs again thanked the Clerk for producing the newsletter. **It was resolved to discuss delivery options at a later meeting.**

133 Christmas Tree Lighting/Christmas Reception: Cllrs reported that the tree lighting ceremony had been enjoyed by a large number of people who attended with some commenting that they saw it as the start of Christmas and a real community event. Cllrs felt that Wally Ashcroft and Lenny Lowe both did an excellent job in their respective roles of Father Christmas and Master of Ceremonies. It was suggested that the seating area possibly be moved to the bottom near to the school as any sun on the day, being low in the sky, was blinding. All arrangements had been completed for the reception after the meeting with thanks given to all who had been involved in organising the event especially the catering.

134 Reports from Other Bodies: Cllrs S Barton and N Ashcroft had attended a full governors meeting at Bleak Hill School.

135 Finance:

a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 November 2015 were:

Current Account	£ 7,038.18
Business Reserve Account	£ 6,042.06
TOTAL	£13,080.24

b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:

J Anderson – parish magazine	337.24	Chq 2280
Four Seasons – J Malone garden maintenance – 1 visit	30.00	Chq 2281
Eccleston PC – room hire, phone, copier	56.11	Chq 2282
J Anderson – December + expenses (refreshments)	420.11	Chq 2283
A Bate – refreshments for reception	14.23	Chq 2284
E Roughley – refreshments for reception	12.56	Chq 2285
N Ashcroft – refreshments for reception	52.05	Chq 2286
S Barton – refreshments for reception	51.32	Chq 2287
R Barton – refreshments for reception	7.00	Chq 2288

**Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:

Interest – Sept and Oct	0.52	
Dignity Funeral Care (Gornall's) – magazine advert	20.00	PI526

136 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 19 January 2016 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: