

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 December 2016 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)
4 residents

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

119 Parish Matters:

St Helens Council's Local Plan Preferred Options – With the Parish Council's permission the Chairman varied the agenda and took comments from residents that had attended the meeting with questions regarding the proposed release of land from the green belt south of A580 between Crantock Grove and Houghtons Lane. Points raised by residents:

- had a soil profile been taken?
- concern over the already high water table
- water springs appearing at Crantock Grove, Lynton Way and Windlebrook Crescent
- traffic management – already very congested area around the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road
- Cllr Bate had attended a recent meeting at Eccleston Library and it was reported that there would be an exit on Houghtons Lane but no guarantee there would not be other exits
- as the land is already a flood plain concerns were raised that any run off would raise the levels of the brook
- Cllr Bate reported that the officers at Eccleston Library commented that an underground reservoir would be built to take away excess water
- Cllr Barton commented that at a recent meeting of Ecclesfield Management Ctte concern had been raised of potential flooding of the football pitches
- Cllr Bate reported that the officers at Eccleston Library reported that Bleak Hill School would become a 3 or 4 form entry school
- Cllr Cunliffe informed the meeting that he had researched previous campaigns against releasing land and 3 out of approximately 1,000 campaigns had been successful. Others had failed as the campaign had been purely about saving green belt land
- Cllr Roughley informed the meeting that St Helens Council had considered 153 brownfield sites in the Plan

Cllr Ashcroft, as Chairman, thanked the residents for attending and invited the residents to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 17 January 2017 when she hoped there would be some answers to the queries raised. The 4 residents left the meeting.

There were no further Parish Matters.

120 Apologies: Councillor E Uren

121 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

122 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2016.

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

- 123 Matters Arising: Cllr Neal had not attended the meeting therefore there was no further information regarding Parish matters raised at the November Parish Council meeting **Ref 103**.
- 124 Planning Matters: (a) Applications
Windle Grange, Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to 2no sycamores
Rainford Road (T19,T20) and 1no beech (T23)
28 Coronation Rd Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of part single storey rear and part first floor rear extension
Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications
- (b) Decisions –
61 Bleak Hill Rd Granted 30/11/16
Applications and decisions were noted
- 125 Other Correspondence: **Resolved to note** (a) St Helens Council – proposed precept payment dates as 20 April and 22 June 2017 **Clerk to contact St Helens Council to confirm**
(b) St Helens Council – inviting Parish Council representatives to attend a meeting regarding consultation on Local Plan Preferred Options, Thursday 22 December, 2pm Town Hall. **As no one was able to attend from the Parish Council due to it being so close to Christmas, the Clerk was asked to invite a member from Planning at St Helens Council to attend the January meeting of the Parish Council**
(c) Email from Cllr Glover agreeing to a donation of £300 towards the tree lighting at Bleak Hill School
- 126 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: **Resolved to note** Cllrs Bate and Barton attended a meeting on 6 December 2016 and reported:
- The condition report update – electrics had been checked, the fuse would be taken out for one socket and a blank plate put over it to stop it being used; it was agreed to have a risk assessment carried out on the water system; quotes had been obtained for removing flags and replacing with tarmac, it was agreed that it was too expensive to have work carried out; a sign indicating the midweek closing time of the car park had been put up.
 - Caretaker reported he was concerned that one team not using the changing rooms still had keys even though the Secretary had tried to retrieve them. Bob would contact the team. Concern was raised that the chain was being left open during the week. Bob had cleared the drain on the car park. Cllrs thanked Bob for his hard work.
 - Members from Bleak Hill Rovers presented a proposal for 2 new mini pitches. St Helens Council requested BHR to mark out the pitches and a site visit would be made to see if they were feasible.
 - Proposed budget for 2017/18 presented to Councillors – in summary: no increase in Parish contributions; no increase in caretaker’s salary or secretary’s hono; pitch fees increase – £10 for seniors to £450, £5 for juniors to £90 and £5 for under 10’s to £30 **Cllrs agreed to the increase in fees.**
 - Concern had been raised regarding any proposed developments on surrounding fields would increase the already flooded pitches
- 127 SLCC: Nothing to report
- 128 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report
- 129 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report. Four Seasons would begin again in April 2017.
- 130 Christmas Tree Lighting: Cllrs reported that the tree lighting ceremony had gone well and enjoyed by all. Cllrs thanked Cllr Wally Ashcroft who did an excellent job in the role of Father Christmas. Cllr N Ashcroft felt there should have been some traditional carols sung although other Cllrs felt that the modern carols suited the children.
- 131 Reports from Other Bodies: None received
- 132 Finance:
- a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 November 2016 were:
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| Current Account | £6,430.90 |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£ 6,045.11</u> |
| TOTAL | £12,476.01 |

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

PC Print – newsletter and leaflets	476.00	Chq 2359
Four Seasons – J Malone garden maintenance – 6 visits	180.00	Chq 2360
J Anderson – parish magazine	319.40	Chq 2361
Eccleston PC – room hire, phone, copier	56.87	Chq 2362
J Anderson – December + expenses (refreshments)	387.02	Chq 2363
L Dockerty – refreshments	9.00	Chq 2364
A Bate – refreshments	16.31	Chq 2365
JP Cunliffe/L Mackerel – refreshments	65.12	Chq 2366
N Ashcroft – refreshments	22.55	Chq 2367
E Roughley – refreshments	8.50	Chq 2368

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

Interest – Sept and Oct	0.51	
Dignity Funeral Care (Gornall’s) – magazine advert	20.00	PI691
JS Hedges – advert	20.00	PI691
PC Print – advert	15.00	PI691
Cabin Deli – advert	30.00	PI691

133 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 17 January 2017 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

Cllr Ashcroft thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: