

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor N Ashcroft (Chairman)
 Councillor R Barton (Deputy Chairman)
 Councillor J Cunliffe
 Councillor A Dockerty
 Councillor K D Roughley
 Councillor E Uren

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

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

151 Apologies: Councillor W Ashcroft

152 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

153 Parish Matters: (a) 3 residents attended the meeting regarding green belt land release. Residents had attended the consultation event held at Bleak Hill School in January. They reported that it had been similar to the event held at Eccleston Library. Cllr Cunliffe also attended and explained that the information was presented in a positive light with the emphasis on how St Helens Council think the developments would help St Helens prosper.
(b) One resident informed the meeting that a leaflet had been produced by a resident and delivered to approximately 400 homes in Windle encouraging residents to attend the next St Helens Council meeting on Wednesday 1 March 2017.
(c) A resident also asked whether it would be possible for the Parish Council to contribute towards the cost of printing A4 size posters objecting to losing green belt land in Windle. Other local areas were displaying posters in houses and on road sides. Cllr Cunliffe explained that it would not be possible for the Parish Council to pay towards the cost of posters as money the Parish Council received was a precept from residents' and not all residents would agree with the expenditure. Residents were advised to form a committee and possibly raise funds as other local areas were doing.
(d) Residents enquired about the timescales with regard to decisions being made. Cllr Cunliffe explained that the next stage would be a meeting to decide which sites would be released for development. He felt this may be done in stages to avoid opposition. Also some sites may not be released for development for possibly 10-15 years. Cllr Roughley also explained to residents that St Helens Council could also put a compulsory purchase order on some land that would then be owned by St Helens Council.
(e) Cllr Roughley had received an email from a resident concerned that tree roots were causing a trip hazard in the public pathway from Windle Grove to Rainford Road. The Clerk was asked to report it to St Helens Council.
(d) Cllr Cunliffe had recently received spam emails from a major retailer offering a refund on an order. He reported it to be very convincing. His advice to residents would be not to click on any link that may be offering a refund requesting bank details. If the link is clicked in error, do not check bank details using the same device, use a different laptop, tablet or mobile telephone.

154 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2017.

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

- 155 Matters Arising: No matters arising
- 156 Planning Matters:
a) Applications:
65 St Georges Ave Single storey front, side and rear extension
b) Decisions:
None
- 157 Other Correspondence: (a) an email and photographs had been received from a resident regarding parking on the grass verges on Bleak Hill Road. The Clerk had sent the email to Windle Ward Cllr Gill Neal who had reported it to the St Helens Council contact centre. (b) All Councillors had received through the post an advertising leaflet regarding a new community based day care service run by a private company.
- 158 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: The next meeting would be 7 March 2017.
- 159 SLCC: Nothing to report.
- 160 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 161 J Malone Garden: Cllrs reported that it looked neat and tidy with spring flowers appearing.
- 162 Reports from Other Bodies: None reported. Cllr N Ashcroft would contact Bleak Hill School to requested a report from the next Governing Body meeting.
- 163 Finance:
a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 January 2017 were:
Current Account £4339.27
Business Reserve Account £6045.21
Total £10384.48
- b) Payment of Accounts**
Resolved that the following payments be made:
Eccleston Parish Council – room (Feb) and phone (Jan) 30.37 Chq 2374
J Anderson – February 255.12 Chq 2375
- Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:
Advertiser – BACS 30.00 BACS
Advertiser – cheques 15.00 PI36
- c) Finance Meeting** – Cllrs N Ashcroft, Barton and W Ashcroft along with the Clerk met on 6 February 2017 to discuss the budget and proposed precept.
d) Budget/Precept – The Clerk reported the anticipated balance at the end of the current financial year.
- Projected Balance at 31 March 2017 £9493.00

The Finance Sub Ctte had met and proposed to request a Precept of £11,790.15 for 2017/18 which results in a cost to residents of £12.45 per year – same as last year.

The following broad based budget was accepted for 2017/18:

<u>Payments</u> (Net of VAT)	£
Fees and insurance	685.00
Salary and PAYE, travel	3858.00
Election costs provision	1000.00
Chairman's Chain	150.00
Post, telephone, copier and stationery	440.00
Website and domain name	210.00
Room hire	231.00
Donations (wreath)	50.00
Newsletter	800.00
School awards	120.00
Ecclesfield	1426.00
Jim Malone Garden and plants	650.00
Lynton Way Play Area (opening/closing)	1400.00
Engraving garden trophies	10.00
Garden competition/new shield	350.00
Christmas tree lighting/tree/new lights	500.00
Hospitality	250.00
Noticeboard	50.00
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TOTAL	12180.00
<u>Receipts (estimated)</u>	
Bank interest	2.00
Advertising	130.00
Cllr Impr Fund	0.00
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TOTAL	132.00

The Council will need to consider carefully any other items of expenditure to be taken into account and will need to be prudent in the preservation of adequate balances.

Resolved that the budget be accepted and the amount of the precept be requested.

Cllr Ashcroft thanked the Clerk for putting all the information together in a way that was easily understood.

164 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: