

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 February 2018 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor R Barton (Chairman)
Councillor A Bate (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor W Ashcroft
Councillor A Dockerty
Councillor R Greatorex
Councillor K D Roughley
Councillor E Uren

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

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

150 Apologies: Councillor J Cunliffe

151 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

152 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Greatorex reported that trees had been removed from Windle Island as part of the works to improve the junction. **The Clerk was asked to contact Ward Councillors to check if replacement trees had been or were planned to be planted.**

(b) St Helens Council had sent 2 air quality reports as requested. Cllr Greatorex had examined the reports and **would contact St Helens Council to discuss the reports further.**

153 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2018.

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

154 Matters Arising: (a) Ref 139 (a) – the fence at Windle Grove had been removed
(b) Ref 141 (a) the 'Keep Clear' markings at the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Crantock Grove had not been remarked as requested at the last meeting **Clerk to contact St Helens Council.**

155 Planning Matters:

a) Applications:

None

b) Decisions:

49 Lawrence Rd Single storey pitched roof wrap around extension to side and rear **Granted 25/1/18**

82 Kiln Lane Formation of a vehicle parking area to the front of the shop for use in association (deliveries) with unit **Granted 31 /1/18**

49 St Georges Ave Single storey side and rear extension **Granted 15/2/18**

156 Other Correspondence: (a) letter from St Helens Council confirming the Council Tax Base for the Parish as 978 band D equivalent properties for 2018/19.
(b) email from St Helens Council inviting feedback on the consultation regarding the maintenance of parks and open spaces.
(c) email from St Helens Council confirming that at this time, there were no plans to directly charge Parish Councils for any grounds maintenance work on open spaces. If this were to change there would be full discussion with Parishes and adequate lead-in times.

157 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: The next meeting would be 6 March 2018.

158 SLCC: The Clerk had attended training organised by SLCC on the new data protection regulations which had been very useful.

159 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

160 J Malone Garden: The Clerk reported that the new noticeboard should be installed on 28 February 2018. **It was agreed that the brass plaque be renewed and the Parish Council name be added to the board.**

161 Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing reported.

162 Finance:

a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 January 2018 were:

Current Account	£6,252.83
Business Reserve Account	<u>£6,046.21</u>
Total	£12,299.04

b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following payments be made:

	£	Chq
Eccleston Parish Council – room (Feb), training, copier and phone (Jan)	62.28	2436
J Anderson – February	275.20	2437

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

c) Finance Meeting – Cllrs Barton, Bate and Dockerty along with the Clerk met on 5 February 2018 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 2018 £8843.00

The Finance Sub Cttee had met and proposed to request a Precept of £12,176.10 for 2018/19 which results in a cost to residents of £12.45 per year – same as last year.

The following broad based budget was accepted for 2018/19:

<u>Payments (Net of VAT)</u>	£
Fees and insurance	700.00
Salary and PAYE, travel	3972.00
Election costs provision	1000.00
Post, telephone, copier and stationery	435.00
Website and domain name	210.00
Room hire	231.00
Donations (wreath)	50.00
Newsletter	800.00
School awards	120.00
Update of Honour Board	40.00
Ecclesfield	2426.00
Jim Malone Garden and plants	650.00
Lynton Way Play Area (opening/closing)	1400.00
Garden competition inc engraving	360.00
Christmas tree lighting/tree/lights	535.00
Hospitality	100.00
Noticeboard	300.00
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TOTAL	13329.00

<u>Receipts (estimated)</u>	
Bank interest	1.00
Advertising	130.00
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TOTAL	131.00

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

163 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 7.00pm in Ecclestone Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: