

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 January 2016 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council) and Mr Dockerty

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

138 Apologies: Councillor A Bate, Councillor J Cunliffe and Councillor E Uren

139 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

140 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr R Barton reported that the advertising van in Min 123 (a) had been parked at Windle Island again around Christmas. The Clerk had reported it to St Helens Council but had had no reply. The Clerk was advised by Cllr Roughley to report it to the Chief Planning Officer. (c) Cllr Ashcroft reported overhanging trees at Rainford Road near to the Cemetery. The Clerk would report to St Helens Council Highways as they were obstructing the pavement.

141 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2015.

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

142 Matters Arising: (a) The Clerk reported the qualifications to become a councillor. It was reported that Cllr Cunliffe qualified as a Councillor as he had lived within 3 miles of the Parish 12 months prior to being appointed.

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

a) Applications:

26 Sackville Rd Single storey rear extension, along with garage conversion to play room/utility, and new pitched roofs over existing flat roofs to the rear

48 St Georges Ave Single storey side and rear extension

Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications

b) Approvals: None reported

Applications and approvals were noted

144 Other Correspondence: (a) Letter from Helen French thanking the Parish Council for her advert on the back cover of the magazine. She was pleased with the presentation. **Noted.** (b) Invitation from Mayor of St Helens to a Holocaust Memorial Service at St Helens Town Hall on Wednesday 27 January 2016 at 10am. Unfortunately no one was available to attend. **The Clerk would reply.**

- 145 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Nothing to report.
- 146 LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC: (a) Buckingham Palace Garden Party Tuesday 24 May 2016. Each Parish Council is asked to nominate one Councillor. **Resolved to nominate Cllr Ann Bate and guest.** (b) LALC annual report - **noted**
- 147 Lynton Way Play Area: St Helens Council would look into a resident's request of more litter bins in the play area.
- 148 J Malone Garden: Cllrs reported that it looked neat and tidy.
- 149 Christmas Reception: Cllr S Barton thanked everyone for their hard work. The catering had been a success and she thanked everyone who contributed. She also thanked Cllr Roughley for preparing the quiz which everyone had enjoyed.
- 150 Reports from Other Bodies: Cllr Ashcroft said that there were no meetings scheduled for Windle Charities at present. Cllr S Barton would attend Bleak Hill School resources meeting the following week.
- 151 Finance:
- a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 December 2015 were:
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| Current Account | £6,248.28 | |
| Business Reserve | <u>£6,042.32</u> | |
| TOTAL | £12,290.60 | |
- Payments –**
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| | | Chq |
| HMRC – PAYE Oct-Dec | 184.80 | 2289 |
| Brian Walsh – website maintenance | 35.00 | 2290 |
| Eccleston Parish Council room hire 20/1/15 | 29.97 | 2291 |
| J Anderson – January | 249.94 | 2292 |
- b) Receipts –**
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| Interest | 0.26 | |
| Advertisers – PC Print, Hedges and Beauty by Helen French | 65.00* | 528 |
- * Cheque from one of the advertisers had been returned by the bank – advertiser would make the payment by BACS £30.
- c) Budget/Precept – letter received from St Helens Council advising the Council Tax Base for 2016/17 was 948 Band D equivalent properties (down 27 on last year – 975). Payment of the precept would be 50% on 21 April 2016, and 50% on 23 June 2016.
Resolved the Clerk accept and confirm these dates on behalf of the Parish Council
- d) Finance Committee Meeting – arranged for 1 February 2016 at 7.30pm
- e) Risk Assessment – carried out and **resolved to accept and sign the document**
- 152 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: