

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 July 2015 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor K S Barton (Chairman)  
Councillor N Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor R Barton  
Councillor J Cuncliffe  
Councillor K D Roughley  
Councillor E Uren

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council) and one resident

- 49 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 50 Apologies: Councillor A Bate and Councillor M McNulty
- 51 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 52 Councillor Leave of Absence: **Resolved** that Cllr McNulty be given 6 months leave of absence due to ill health.

**Cllr S Barton welcomed Cllr John Cuncliffe to the Parish Council and to the meeting. Cllr Cuncliffe introduced himself and all Councillors welcomed him.**

- 53 Parish Matters: (a) A resident from Regal Drive attended the meeting to report his concerns about youngsters gaining access to the brook that runs behind his house. He had reported this to the Environment Agency and they replied that it was the land owner's responsibility to secure the land. The area of concern was at the bridge over the brook in Bleak Hill Road. The Councillors did not know who owned the land. **It was agreed that the Clerk contact St Helens Council and the Environment Agency highlighting concerns for the safety of youngsters in the brook and on the embankment. The resident was also advised to contact St Helens Council.**
- (b) Parking in Regal Drive was also discussed and the uneven pavements along Regal Drive. **It was agreed that the Clerk report this to St Helens Council.**
- (c) Cllr Roughley reported that PCSOs were patrolling the area.
- (d) Cllr Cuncliffe reported problems with traffic travelling from Rainford towards Windle Island and that some vehicles cut through the line of queuing traffic to turn left along the East Lancs Road. **It was agreed that Cllr Cuncliffe contact St Helens Council, Highways Dept.**
- (e) Cllr S Barton had attended the leavers' assembly at Bleak Hill CP School in her official role as Chairman of the Parish Council. She reported an excellent evening at the school.
- 54 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 and **Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**
- 55 Matters Arising: Cllrs S and R Barton and Cllr Ashcroft had attended Armed Forces Day in June and reported a successful event.

- 56 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
- a) **Applications**:
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| <b>143 Rainford Rd</b> | Conversion of garage, and erection of porch and single storey rear extension to form granny annexe |
| <b>16 Crantock Gr</b>  | Conversion of existing integral garage to habitable space                                          |
| <b>149 Rainford Rd</b> | Replacing existing flat roof to garage with pitched roof                                           |
- Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications
- b) Approvals:
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| <b>16 Regal Drive</b>   | 9/7/15  |
| <b>50 Coronation Rd</b> | 13/7/15 |
- 57 Other Correspondence: (a) Cllr Ashcroft read out a letter from Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club to Windle Charities thanking the Charity for contributing to the World Cup event on 28 July 2015 and inviting Cllr Ashcroft to take part in the medal-giving ceremony at the event
- (b) The Clerk read out a thank you letter from Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club to Cllr S Barton and Windle Parish Council for contributing towards the event. Also inviting Cllr Barton to attend as a guest of the rugby club and to present the medals to the youngsters taking part in the event
- 58 Garden Competition: Cllr Ashcroft reported a larger than usual number of entrants to the garden competition and informed the Parish Council of the results for 2015.
- Cllr Barton thanked Cllrs Ashcroft, Bate and Uren for organising the event and for their time and hard work in visiting all gardens and judging them, especially with the record number of entrants this year.**
- It was agreed that all non-prize winners be entered into a draw to win a £10 garden voucher.**
- 59 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: No Report
- 60 LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC: invitation to LALC 71<sup>st</sup> AGM to be held on Saturday 7 November 2015 at County Hall, Preston and LALC newsletter – **noted**
- 61 Lynton Way Play Area: **Agreed that the new sign should include the information on the old sign and also state the opening and closing times. Clerk to contact St Helens Council.**
- 62 J Malone Garden: The Clerk reported that no invoices had been received recently from the garden maintenance company even though the garden had been maintained and the company had been contacted.
- It was agreed that the bench in the garden required staining and Len Kilshaw had offered to carry this out with some assistance. Cllr R Barton would ask a local resident to assist.
- 63 Parish Newsletter: Cllr Roughley would pass on the format the newsletter to the Clerk to compile this year's copy. It was agreed to continue with A5 size and several articles were discussed to be included. Cllr S Barton would contact Bleak Hill School for information to be included such as term dates, a comment from the Head and school awards event. Regular articles such as Chairman's report, calendar of events, Remembrance Day and Christmas tree lighting events to be included as well as garden competition winners. It was agreed that the newsletter be published at the end of October. A sub committee to discuss the newsletter further would be held on Monday 7 September 2015 at Cllr Barton's house at 7.30pm.

- 64 Bleak Hill CP School Awards – these had been presented to the pupils on Wednesday 8 July 2015 by Chairman Cllr Sheila Barton at an enjoyable occasion also attended by Cllr R Barton and the Clerk.

Christmas Tree Lighting – the Clerk had confirmed the date with the school as Friday 4 December 2015. It was agreed to invite the Mayor and Mayoress as usual. Mr Alan Bate had agreed to act as compère and Mr Wally Ashcroft as Father Christmas.

Pre-Christmas Reception – Resolved that this would be held after the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 15 December 2015

- 65 Reports from Other Bodies: (a) Cllr S Barton reported that she and Cllr Ashcroft had attended Bleak Hill CP School full Governors' meeting.

- 66 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 June 2015 were:

Current Account	£11,235.56
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,040.79</u>
TOTAL	£17,276.35

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

L/pl St Helens FC – donation towards t-shirts for world cup event	50.00	Chq 2243
B Walsh – web site maintenance	35.00	Chq 2244
Eccleston PC – room hire, phone, copier/copies	43.49	Chq 2245
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE Apr-June	193.80	Chq 2246
J Anderson – July	251.24	Chq 2247

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

Interest – 0.25 and 0.24	0.49
Precept – second half	6069.50

- 67 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 15 September 2015                      Eccleston Village Hall

**To be preceded by the presentation of the Garden Competition Awards at 7pm**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: