

Windle Parish Council

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

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 47 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
The Chairman asked for a few moments of silence for quiet thought for the terrible atrocities that had recently taken place across the world including in Nice, France.
Councillors observed a short moment of silence.
- 48 Apologies: Councillor J Cuncliffe and Councillor Uren
- 49 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 50 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr S Barton informed the meeting that a resident had contacted her to report that Stuart Way had been cleared.
(b) Cllr R Barton had been informed that the car parked on Rainford Road for several weeks had been moved.
(c) A discussion took place regarding the parking on the pavement in Kiln Lane outside the shops. Unfortunately Ward Cllr G Neal was unable to attend to update the meeting regarding this issue.
- 51 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2016 and
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 52 Matters Arising: Nothing reported.
- 53 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
a) Applications:
12 Moss Lane Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension, along with raising of roof height and conversion from hipped to gable, 2no dormers to the rear along with new windows and doors
Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning this application
- b) Decisions:
Former Little Chef Consent to display signage – refused 22/6/16
93 Windle Grove Granted 4/7/16
61 Rainford Rd Granted 12/7/16
- 54 Other Correspondence: (a) The Clerk had received a letter from Angela Sanderson, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Administrative Services), St Helens Council informing the Parish Council of her forthcoming retirement and giving details of the officers within the Council that will be taking on her duties.

- 55 Garden Competition: (a) Cllr Ashcroft thanked Cllrs Bate and Uren for organising the event and for their time and hard work in visiting all gardens and judging them, again with a high number of entrants this year. She also thanked Cllr Bate for taking the photographs. (b) Some residents had informed Cllr Ashcroft that Crantock Grove had not received garden competition entry forms. Cllr Ashcroft agreed to enter residents that wished to be entered. It was agreed that the distribution list would be revised to ensure no properties were missed. (c) Councillors thanked Cllr Roughley for agreeing to produce certificates for the winners. (d) Councillors also thanked Allan Bate for helping to deliver the garden competition entry forms. (e) Councillors were happy with the new rose bowl. (f) It was agreed that each entrant that had been judged as commended should receive a £10 prize instead of the usual draw for a garden centre voucher.
- 56 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: (a) Cllrs Bate and R Barton along with the Clerk met for a site visit with Property Services Manager, St Helens Council on Tuesday 19 July at 10.30am. It was reported as being in good condition. It was recommended that a check on the electricity and fixed wiring should be carried out along with a legionella check on the water system with Bob continuing to monitor the temperature. (b) The roof would need repairing along with flags to the outside path. (c) A complaint had been received regarding the car parking whilst unofficial games were being played. The car park had not been opened as the games were unofficial. (d) The Committee had been informed that the St Helens and District League had closed after 98 years. Ecclesfield FC would join the Wigan District League and would still use a pitch on Ecclesfield playing field.
- 57 SLCC: Nothing to report.
- 58 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 59 J Malone Garden: Councillors were happy with the maintenance and would thank the company at the Christmas reception. It was agreed that there would be a bush or shrub planted in memory of the late Cllr Marie McNulty.
- 60 Parish Newsletter: It was agreed that the Clerk produce the newsletter to be published at the beginning of November as last year. The Clerk and Chairman requested articles.
- 61 Bleak Hill CP School Awards – these had been presented to the pupils on Thursday 7 July 2016 by Chairman Cllr Nancy Ashcroft.
- Christmas Tree Lighting – the Clerk had confirmed the date with the school as Friday 2 December 2016. It was agreed to invite the Mayor and Mayoress as usual.
- Pre-Christmas Reception – Resolved that this would be held after the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 20 December 2016
- 62 Reports from Other Bodies: (a) Cllr S Barton reported that Bleak Hill School were recruiting 3 new teachers and the intake in September had been increased to 90 children. Whizz Kids would be finishing in August and hopefully the school would be running a similar scheme. (b) Cllrs N Ashcroft, W Ashcroft, Bate, Cunliffe, Roughley and Uren attended a meeting to discuss the Windle Island Improvement scheme funded by Liverpool City Region. Cllrs felt that money was being spent on the Rainford side of Windle Island but not on the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road which needed to be addressed as the most dangerous part of the junction. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of concern to St Helens Council and Liverpool City Region.

63 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 June 2016 were:

Current Account	£10,010.41
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,043.84</u>
TOTAL	£16,054.25

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

HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE Apr-June	184.80	Chq 2314
B Walsh – web site maintenance	35.00	Chq 2315
Eccleston PC – room hire, phone, copier/copies	45.25	Chq 2316
J Anderson – July	287.37	Chq 2317
K Roughley – 3 x A4 paper	7.50	Chq 2319

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

Interest	0.26
Precept – second half	5901.30

64 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20 September 2016 Eccleston Village Hall

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

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: