

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance Windle Ward Councillor L Glover
J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 28 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 29 Apologies: None received.
- 30 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 31 Parish Matters: (a) The Clerk reported that the Bleak Hill School awards assembly would be on Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 9.30am
- 32 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16 May 2017 and
- 33 the Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held the same date.
Resolved the minutes of both meetings be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 34 Matters Arising: 14(a) – St Helens Council’s planning enforcement department were looking at whether the sign on the shop on Coronation Road required planning permission.

Windle Ward Councillor Lynn Glover joined the meeting.

A key for the noticeboard at Coronation Road was passed to the Clerk by Cllr Glover.

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

a) Applications:

33 St Georges Ave Replacement dwelling

Resolved: that no objection be raised concerning this application

b) Decisions:

132 Bleak Hill Rd Granted 17/5/17

- 36 Other Correspondence: (a) letter of resignation from Cllr Nancy Ashcroft with immediate effect due to ill health **Clerk to inform Electoral Services**
(b) letter from Cllr Gill Neal addressing residents’ issues raised at April meeting: (i) regarding the enquiry from a resident about possible wasted money on the initial local plan, Cllr Neal’s letter included a comment from Mark Dickens, Senior Assistant Director stating that he felt that St Helens Council had not wasted money in preparing the initial local plan consultation documents (ii) regarding the green bin charge, Cllr Neal commented – due to £74m reduction in grant from government, St Helens

Council can no longer afford to provide the service free of charge (iii) with regard to the comment by a resident about the increase in council tax, Cllr Neal confirmed the increase included social care services. **All points noted**

Cllr Cunliffe commented that a resident had reported to him that if St Helens Council did not spend all the allocated money exclusively on social care services as promised the resident would be willing to take St Helens Council to court. Ward Cllr Glover assured the meeting that the money would be spent on social care services.

The issue of school crossing personnel was raised. Cllr Bate expressed concern for the safe crossing of Bleak Hill Road by school children if the patrol was removed.

Cllr Glover informed the meeting that there was a consultation form on St Helens Council's website for residents and parents to complete with a section for suggestions of how to make the crossing safe.

(c) email from Cllr Neal informing Cllr Bate that green belt signs had to be removed from lamp posts by St Helens Council as it was an offence under the Highways Act to affix signage to street furniture **Noted**

(d) annual insurance renewal documentation – slight increase on last year up £6.74 **Noted**

- 37 Garden Competition: Cllr Bate had received several entry forms so far. The Clerk reported that the new shield had been ordered.
- 38 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Cllrs Bate and Roughley attended Ecclesfield Management Cttee meeting on Tuesday 6 June 2017. The following points were discussed:
- The Caretaker reported fires being lit on the flags outside the changing room doors. The incidents had been reported to the police
 - The Secretary had contacted St Helens Council to take down posts as soon as possible after the last match
 - Bleak Hill Rovers explained how they were trying to develop the club into a community club and were looking for opportunities to involve parents, Councillors and residents
 - A request was made to change a full size pitch into a 9v9. Cllrs would take to Parish Council for consultation
 - An invitation was extended to all Cllrs to attend their AGM at Greenalls on 19 July 2017 at 7.30pm. Cllrs were also invited to a Presentation Day at De La Salle on 24 June 2017 from 10.30am-4pm
- 39 SLCC: The Clerk requested to attend a training seminar to be held in Barnsley on 16 August 2017. **Resolved that the Clerk would attend. The cost of overnight accommodation would be paid by the Parish Council for the Clerk.**
- 40 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 41 J Malone Garden: Cllrs reported that it looked neat and tidy.
- 42 Parish Newsletter: The Clerk requested articles for the newsletter. Cllr Roughley had a map of Windle footpaths to be included. Cllr Glover would forward a more detailed version to the Clerk for inclusion. The U3A poster about allotments at Victoria Park submitted by Cllr Bate would be included along with a report and photographs of the garden competition.
- 43 Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.

44 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 May 2017 were:

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| Current Account | £ 6959.98 |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£ 6045.41</u> |
| TOTAL | £13005.39 |

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

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| PC Print – garden competition leaflets | 123.60 | Chq 2389 |
| Eccleston PC – room (June), phone (May) | 30.61 | Chq 2390 |
| J Anderson – June + expenses (inc Bleak Hill Vouchers) | 409.62 | Chq 2391 |
| Zurich Municipal – annual insurance | 302.99 | Chq 2392 |

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

45 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 18 July 2017 7.00 pm Eccleston Village Hall

Cllr Roughley requested that a letter of condolence be sent to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea after the fire at Grenfell Tower resulted in the tragic loss of life and residents being made homeless. **Resolved that the Clerk send a letter on behalf of Windle Parish Council.**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: