

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 March 2017 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 165 Prayers: Prayers had already been said at the Parish Assembly Meeting. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
- 166 Apologies: None
- 167 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 168 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Roughley reported that some of the shrubs that had recently been planted at the top of Kiln Lane were missing. Cllr Neal explained that shrubs were planted to reduce the cost of putting in plants each year.
(b) Cllr Barton raised the issue of parking around the shops in Kiln Lane blocking the bus stop. Cllr Neal replied that possible ways of preventing vehicles parking dangerously on the road and on the pavements were being considered.
- 169 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2017. **Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**
- 170 Matters Arising: Cllr Roughley reported that posters had been produced by Windle residents in opposition to the greenbelt release and were being displayed by residents.
- 171 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
(a) Applications
54 Coronation Rd Two storey rear extension
41 St Georges Ave Erection of single storey detached garage to the rear
28 Moss Lane Erection of a single storey rear extension along with front porch extension and removal of chimneys
Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications
- (b) Decisions –
None to report
- 172 Other Correspondence:
(a) an email from a resident reporting a footpath sign near Windle Farm had fallen down. The Clerk had reported it to St Helens Council Contact Centre. They had replied stating that Grounds Maintenance would remove the sign. Clerk had asked if it would be replaced – awaiting a reply.
(b) an email from Cllr Gill Neal regarding overgrown bushes at Kiln Lane. St Helens Council has sent a letter to the landowner asking for them to be cutback.
(c) an email from Cllr Gill Neal in reply to an email sent to the Clerk by residents regarding parking on grass verges on Bleak Hill Road. Cllr Neal had requested that the Highways Dept take legal advice and ascertain the cost of implementing a bye law to prevent parking.
(d) a letter from the Pensions Regulator detailing action that should be taken before the staging date on 1 May 2017. The Clerk to complete the declaration of compliance.

- 173 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Cllrs Barton, Bate and Dockerty along with the Clerk attended on Tuesday 7 March 2017 and reported:
- Caretaker reported no problems with the changing facility except concerns for the security of the car park
 - Bleak Hill Rovers' request for 2 new pitches behind houses in Broadway had been rejected because of the close proximity to the houses
 - Ecclesfield FC had not played any games since December because of bad weather and water logged pitches.
 - Lengthy discussion took place regarding new pitches and drains. Resolved that Cllr Sims would look at the situation of the outflow pipes into the brook. Also a site visit would be arranged to look at the layout of the pitches
 - Pitch fees for 2017/18 were agreed. An increase of £10 for open age, £5 for both juniors and U10s
 - Budget was agreed and accepted
 - Since the meeting Cllr Sims met on site with John Boden from St Helens Council. They walked the length of the brook. He did not feel that clearing the drains would make any difference to the flooding of the field. Also, any new pitches adjacent to the brook would flood the same as the existing pitches. The ground was uneven as it was over the drain. User groups had been informed.
- 174 SLCC: Nothing to report.
- 175 Lynton Way Play Area: The Clerk reported that 2 invoices had been paid during this financial year. One in April 2016 for 2015/16 and then one in March 2017 for 2016/17. The Clerk had requested that St Helens Council send their invoice at the same time each year to avoid a year when no invoice was paid followed by a year with 2 being paid.
- 176 J Malone Garden: **Resolved that Four Seasons continue with the maintenance work.** Consideration would be given to the 2 shrubs that would be planted in memory of Cllr Marie McNulty and Cllr Sheila Barton.
- 177 Reports from Other Bodies: Cllr W Ashcroft reported that Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club had been successful in their bid for Heritage Lottery Funding to trace the history of rugby through to the present day. They will be working with Liverpool Museums and libraries to put on exhibitions.
- 178 Finance:
- a) Balances** – the Clerk advised that the balances at 28 February 2017 were:
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| Current Account | £4339.27 |
| Business Reserve Account | £6045.21 |
| TOTAL | £10384.48 |
- b) Payment of Accounts**
- Resolved** that the following payments be made:
- | | £ | Chq |
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| St Helens Council – security services LWPA 2016/17 | | 1575.60 2376 |
| Eccleston Parish Council – room (Mar) and phone (Feb) and copier | | 45.54 2377 |
| J Anderson – March, expenses (travel and stationery) | | 252.62 2378 |
| TOTAL | | £1873.76 |
- Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:
- None
- (c) Internal Audit** – had been carried out for the quarter with nothing to report other than to check with the external auditor the value to be used for the asset list.
- 179 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: