

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 March 2018 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 R Greatorex
Councillor E Uren

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

164 Prayers: Prayers had already been said at the Parish Assembly Meeting. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

165 Apologies: Councillor K D Roughley

166 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

167 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Cunliffe reported that the Minister of State for Housing would be visiting Windle on 22 March 2018. Cllr Cunliffe would show the Minister the proposed land for redevelopment and explain existing issues such as the congested junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road.

(b) Cllr Greatorex had contacted the Scientific Officer at St Helens Council regarding the air quality report received at the last meeting. The Officer explained that the air quality at Windle Island had been monitored from 2010-2014 and levels of nitrous oxide were below the national target of 40 micrograms per meter cubed. **It was agreed that Cllr Greatorex contact the Scientific Officer to request continued monitoring of Bleak Hill junction.**

(c) A resident had contacted Cllr Barton asking whether the speed of vehicles along Stuart Road was monitored as the resident was concerned at the speed of some vehicles. Cllr Barton advised the resident in the first instance to contact Windle Ward Councillors and he would report it to the Parish Council meeting. **It was agreed that the Clerk contact Windle Ward Councillors to ask advice.**

(d) Cllr Ashcroft informed the meeting that the Moss Lane rugby exhibition would be on display in Newton Library on 9 April 2018 and in Eccleston Library on 30 April 2018. It would then go the Liverpool Museum and the Records Office in Liverpool.

(e) Cllr Greatorex raised concern that the hawthorn hedge that had been planted at Windle Island to prevent pedestrians getting onto the East Lancashire Road had been removed during the road works.

168 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2018.

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

169 Matters Arising:

152(a) – Cllr Glover forwarded an email from St Helens Council, Highways, which reported that where trees and hedges had been removed at the Windle Island site, new ones would replace them around other areas of the site but not in the area where they had been removed from.

154(a) – St Helens Council, Highways, reported that a request for ‘keep clear’ to be re-marked at the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Crantock Grove had been issued to the contractor to be included within their programme

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

(a) Applications

Starbucks Coffee House Single storey front extension with canopy roof. **Response – Ensure no loss of parking at an already busy car park to allay residents’ concerns that customers park on residential roads close by**

63 St Georges Ave Erection of single storey side extension

Resolved: to respond to Starbucks application and that no objection be raised concerning the St Georges Ave application

(b) Decisions –

82 Kiln Lane

Retention of ATM **Granted 5/3/18**

82 Kiln Lane

Consent to display advertisements signs on ATM machine
Granted 5/3/18

171 Other Correspondence:

(a) email from St Helens Council, Highways Design, reporting work due to take place between Monday 26 March and Thurs 29 March at Windle Island

172 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Cllrs Bate and Roughley along with the Clerk attended on Tuesday 6 March 2018 and reported:

- Caretaker reported no more problems with fires being lit
- It was reported that the car park chain was not being replaced overnight. It was agreed keep the car park locked during the day
- Ecclesfield FC had not played many games since December because of bad weather and water logged pitches.
- Secretary to enquire about the cost of moving 2 pitches round with remarking and replacement of goal posts
- Pitch fees for 2018/19 were agreed and remain the same – seniors £450, juniors £90 and U10s £30
- Budget was agreed and accepted

173 SLCC: Nothing to report.

174 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

175 J Malone Garden: (a) The new noticeboard had been installed on 15 March 2018.

(b) Cllr Bate raised concern that the new lavender bushes had not thrived. **It was agreed to keep a check on them to make sure they had rooted and were growing. Resolved that Ransons continue with the maintenance work.**

176 Reports from Other Bodies: None

177 Finance:

a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 28 February 2018 were:

Current Account	£5930.35
Business Reserve	<u>£6046.21</u>
TOTAL	£11976.56

b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following payments be made:

	£	Chq
Eccleston Parish Council – room (Mar), phone (Feb) and copier	56.61	2438
J Anderson – March plus travel	255.58	2439

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

N Ashcroft – advert Pets Emporium	15.00	PI 973
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(c) Internal Audit – had been carried out for the quarter. The auditor raised an issue regarding apportionment of Ecclesfield payments between the 2 parish councils (70/30). He stated in his report that the apportionment being used was 66/34. The Clerk spoke to him to find out how he had calculated it. He would look at the figures at his next review. **Noted**

178 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 17 April 2018 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: