

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 May 2016 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance Cllr L Glover and Cllr G Neal, Windle Ward Councillors  
J Anderson, Clerk to the Council

- 11 Welcome: Prayers had already been said at the AGM, which had preceded the meeting. The Chairman, Cllr Ashcroft, welcomed everyone to the meeting including Windle Ward Councillors.
- 12 Apologies: Councillor E Uren
- 13 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 14 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr S Barton reported large amounts of dog dirt along footpaths. The Ward Councillors reported that they would be providing more dog bins.  
(b) Cllr Bate reported that the grass verge along the footpath on the East Lancashire Road was overgrown. Ward Councillors agreed to have a look and deal with the issue.  
(c) The Clerk reported receiving 2 emails from residents regarding barbed wire and anti-vandal paint on a property along the pathway at Stuart Way. St Helens Council had visited the site and reported no issues. Both residents had been informed.  
(d) Cllr Ashcroft reported that residents had sent a petition objecting to the sex shop licence application. Ward Cllr Glover informed the meeting that the licence had been refused at a recent Licensing Committee meeting. There had been approximately 260 objections and it had been a split decision by the Committee. Cllr Glover informed the meeting that although the licence had been refused the company, who now owned the building, could open an adult shop but would not be allowed to sell DVD material.
- 15 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2016.  
**Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**
- 16 Matters Arising: No matters arising
- 17 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:  
**a) Applications:**  
**Former Little Chef** Consent to display 1no roof sign, 1no totem sign, 1no gable fascia sign and 1no wall mounted sign (all signage to be non illuminated)  
**Parish Council Response: The large totem sign and its location are distasteful and more consideration should be given to the surrounding area. This sign could also cause a distraction to motorists.**  
**10 Woodford Rd** Single storey rear extension projecting 3.6m from the rear, 3.67m high overall, and 2.35m to the eaves  
**93 Windle Grove** Demolition of existing conservatory, and erection of a single storey side and rear wraparound extension, along with replacement pitched roof to existing garage  
**Resolved**: that no objections be raised concerning the 2 further applications  
**b) Approvals:**  
**103 Rainford Road** Granted 4 May 2016

- 18 Other Correspondence: (a) an email from Bleak Hill School requesting a date for the school awards assembly. **Resolved that any date in week commencing 4 July in the morning would be suitable.**
- 19 Garden Competition: The flyer had been produced to be delivered week beginning 13 June 2016. Cllr Ashcroft thanked Cllr Bate and Cllr Roughley for producing and printing the leaflets. Cllr R Barton would organise the delivery of the leaflets.
- 20 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Next meeting would take place on Tuesday 7 June 2016 at 7pm.
- 21 SLCC: Notice of extraordinary general meeting regarding the structure of the society to be held in Stratford-upon-Avon on 10 June 2016 – Clerk unable to attend.
- 22 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 23 J Malone Garden: Cllrs reported that it looked neat. Cllr Ashcroft thanked Cllr R Barton for contacting the landscaping company initially.
- 24 Reports from Other Bodies: (a) Cllr S Barton reported that Mr Martin was retiring from Bleak Hill School and a replacement had been selected. It was also reported that WizzKids would be finishing at the end of August and the school would run a scheme themselves. Cllr Barton also reported that she had been involved in the invigilation of the recent SATs tests which had been a new experience for her.
- 25 Finance:
- a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 April 2016 were:
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| Current Account          | £ 5101.47        |  |
| Business Reserve Account | £ <u>6043.58</u> |  |
| TOTAL                    | £11145.05        |  |
- b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| SLCC annual membership (one third, two thirds paid by EPC) | 62.33  | Chq 2309 |
| Eccleston Parish Council – room (May), phone (Apr)         | 30.18  | Chq 2310 |
| J Anderson – May + expenses                                | 256.62 | Chq 2311 |
- Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:
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| St Helens Council – first ½ precept | 5901.30 |
| HMRC – VAT repayment 2015/16        | 200.86  |
| NatWest interest                    | 0.24    |
- (c) Internal audit – the internal auditor recommended that a quarterly statement from HMRC be presented to the Parish Council meeting to show a nil balance. This could be retrieved online. He also recommended adding to the asset list that the current value figure was taken from the insurance policy and to include any supporting evidence of the purchase cost.
- (d) Tonks update – the Clerk had completed a Proof of Debt form which had been sent to Official Receiver of Leeds on 22 April 2016.

**Cllr Ashcroft ended the meeting by thanking the Windle Ward Councillors for attending as it was the first time any Ward Councillors had been to a Parish meeting.**

26 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 21 June 2016      7.00 pm      Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: