

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday,  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at Eccleston Village Hall

PRESENT : Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft (Chairman)  
Councillor W.Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton  
Councillor R.W.Barton  
Councillor Mrs.A.Bate  
Councillor S.A.Bligh  
Councillor Mrs.M.McNulty  
Councillor K.D.Roughley  
Councillor Mrs.E.Uren

Also in Attendance : L.J.Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

### 13. Prayers

Prayers for the work of the Council had already been said at the AGM, which had preceded this meeting.  
The new Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially the new councillors. Ann Bate and Steve Bligh.

### 14. Apologies

There were no apologies.

### 15. Declarations of Interest

The declarations had been made at the AGM, which had preceded this meeting – no further declarations were made.

### 16. Parish Matters

a) There had been a serious incident involving youths from Cowley School at the shops at Kiln Lane /Coronation Road . This had now escalated and the Police were involved. This , was but the latest in a series of incidents there , and the proprietor had asked for support from the Council to help improve the situation. After discussion it was;

Resolved that a letter should be sent to the Police to request that the the Mobile C.C.T.V. Unit be deployed in the vicinity in order to identify the trouble makers, and act as a deterrent and put a stop to these incidents. and also it was agreed that this matter be brought to the attention of the Community Ward Meeting on 21<sup>ST</sup> May 2007.

b) Residents had complained about the untidy state of the car-park and the ramshackle fencing behind the Lynton Way Shops. Furthermore there appeared to be a skip

permanently located there, which was used by the double-glazing firm occupying one of the retail units, and was nearly always overflowing with debris. The Clerk was requested to write to Hendersons – House Bldrs. Ltd. - the owners of this site, -concerning these matters.

c) There was damage to the wooden fencing bordering on the Brook, by the bridge on Bleak Hill Road, opposite the School Entrance. This was now providing an easy access to the Brook for children. The Clerk was endeavouring to determine which body was responsible for the fence maintenance, i.e. St Helens Council or United Utilities, in order to request that it be repaired.

d) It was reported that tree planting and land-scaping was being done on the East Lancs. Road near to the Windle Island Traffic Light Junction, and also that a new car park for the Cemetery was under construction. This latter involved the provision of a temporary road for use by the construction traffic.

e) Exit onto Bleak Hill Road from Stuart Road, was currently proving to be even more difficult than normal for vehicles, due to the overgrown hawthorn – hedge, belonging to the corner house, restricting the vision of motorists. Additionally the hedge was impeding the progress of pedestrians on Bleak Hill Road at this point.

Resolved that the householder be asked to trim the hedge to alleviate the situation.

#### 17. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

#### 18. Matters Arising

a) Ref. min.205 – Footpath No.14 / Rights of Way – this matter was under negotiation with Peter Coulson, St Helens Council Rights of Way Officer. Cllr. K.D. Roughley drew Councils' attention to an article published by the Rambler's Association, and made the point that regarding "Public Rights of Way", it was the responsibility of the Local Highways Authority to sign-post public footpaths.

#### 19. Planning Matters.

A. The Clerk gave invitation to comment on the following applications :

1) P/2007/0492 – C. Richards 20 Moss Lane – Conservatory to Rear.

2) P/2007/0498 – P. Forbes 19 Stuart Road – Erection of 2 stry. side extn. incorporating pitched roof over existing garage

3) P/2007/0530 – C.Lawler – Alterations to existing bungalow to 2 sry.dwelling ,including 2 sry.rear extn.and 2 sry.side extn.and new pitched roof to existing 2 sry.at rear.

4) P/2007/0573 – Mr.& Mrs.Collard -24 Moss Lane  
Amendments to P/2005/1351 – For a single sry.rear extn.to form garage & Utility room.

## B) Decisions

1.P/2007/0251– Application for Listed Building Consent – Alterations – Replacement of existing windows with timber frame dble.glzng. at Nos.53-59 Rainford Road (Cockleshell Cottages) **Permission granted.**

2. P/2007/0323 – A.Magowan – 1 Sackville Road –Single sry.porch to the rear elevation and pitched roof over existing flat roof garage. **Permission granted.**

3. P/2007/0243 –Mr.M.Estupinan/Mrs.J.Martin 74 Lynton Way- Retro-Planning App.for approval of a 1.5m fence with brick columns to front.  
**Permission refused** because by virtue of its height,siting,design and materials the fence would prejudice the openness of the residential area and.would have an over dominant impact on the street scene,to the detriment of the character and setting of the area. Therefore contrary to GEN1 “Primacy of the Development Plan” and GEN2 “Good Environments” of the adopted St Helens Unitary Development Plan (1988).

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the four applications in A. and also that the two approvals and the refusal in B,should be noted .

## 20. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following correspondence ,to be dealt with as indicated:

A) Contact – StHelens CVS Magazine – latest edition- Received.

B) Invitation for a representative of the Parish Council to attend the Mayor’s Sunday-20 May 2007.- The Chairman would be attending.

## 21. Quality Parish Councils -

Nil Report.

## 22. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

A new replacement metal gate had been fitted at the Watery Lane entrance , off Bleak Hill Road.

The next meeting of the Management Committee was due on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007.

## 23. LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC – SLCC

The Council approved the membership fees due to LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC and also a request from the Clerk for membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks, which he said would be useful, as a source of information and advice, in the performance of his duties as Clerk to the Council.

Resolved that the fees be paid for membership of LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC and that two subscriptions only for the NALC magazine be included viz. one for Cllr. S. Bligh and one for the Clerk.

In addition it was agreed to meet the cost of a year's subscription for membership of the SLCC for the Clerk.

#### 24. Parish Newsletter

The next edition was due to be distributed in June and arrangements were well in hand.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be made to Cllr. Ken Roughley for all his hard work as editor in compiling the Newsletter.

#### 25. Lynton Way Area

Resolved that the agreement for 2007/2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk and returned to St Helens Council Security Services. This was done and it was further decided that some discussion should take place so that security may be improved at the site. Clerk to initiate and report back.

#### 27. Jim Malone Garden – Report

Cllr. Mrs. Marie McNulty reported that action was being taken to tidy up the JMG.

#### 28. Amended Code of Conduct

Training with regard to the modified Code of Conduct would be provided by St Helens Council, and it was:

Resolved that Peter Blackburn should be informed that all members of the Parish Council, plus the Clerk, were willing to attend any training sessions, subject to availability. The three District Councillors would also be undergoing training.

#### 29. Insurance – Renewal /Risk Assessment

An invitation to renew, at a cost of £460.63 (c.f. £460.20), was submitted from Allianz Cornhill.

After a detailed consideration of the items covered and the risk assessment, it was indicated that some slight additional cover was needed for the new Epson Printer. An enquiry to the insurers had indicated that this would only increase the premium very slightly.

Resolved that the renewal of cover be approved.

### 30 .Bleak Hill School Awards 2007

Provisional arrangements had been made with Mr. Wellens, the Head Teacher, for these to be presented on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007 . The ceremony to start at 9.30 a.m.

Resolved that these arrangements be confirmed and the prize levels be maintained at the same levels as those for 2006.

### 31. Garden Competition /School Poster Competition

Cllr. Marie McNulty had previously agreed to organise this year's competition, with the help of a committee. Judging Day would be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

Resolved that an entry form would be published in the forthcoming Newsletter indicating the different categories of the competition i.e.

Open Competition - Rear Garden	Under 18 – Rear Garden
Senior Citizen - Rear Garden	New Entrant – Rear Garden

(Plus the Chairman's Trophy Award for the best Front Garden – to be chosen by the Chairman. }

In addition the pupils of Year 6 would again be invited to design suitable advertising posters for the Garden Competition. the best of these to be featured on the Parish Council Notice – Boards, and qualify for prizes.

The Clerk advised Council that a provisional date for the Christmas Tree Lighting at Bleak Hill School was Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

### 32. Reports

Nil Reports.

### 33. Finance

#### (a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 were:

Current Account	£6082.58
Capital Reserve A/c	£6039.20

#### (b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that approval be given to payment of the following accounts;

LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC	Annual Subscriptions	£	372.48
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Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 15/05/07	19.00
Allianz Cornhill plc	Annual Insurance Premium	460.63
J.Friar	Internal Audit Fee 2006/07	130.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary & Post & Annual Rent For L.W.P.A.	276.59
S.L.C.C.	Annual Membership Subscription for the Clerk.	75.00

(c) Completion of Annual Return for y/e 31/03/2007

Resolved that this item should be considered at the June Meeting.  
Clerk to put on the agenda.

(d) Internal Audit 2006/2007 – Report

The Internal Audit was being carried out and a report due shortly.

34. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Before the meeting closed a vote of thanks was recorded for the outstanding service given by Councillors Mrs.Pat Fraser and Mrs.Barbara Walsh, to the Parish Council and the Windle Residents during many years of service .Both these ladies had retired from the Parish Council ,prior to the recent elections ,and the Council wished them well in their retirement .

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed------(Chairman)

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