

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2009 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present: Councillor K. D. Roughley (Deputy Chairman)-in the Chair
Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft
Councillor W.Ashcroft
Councillor Mrs.A.Bate
Councillor S.A.Bligh
Councillor Mrs.M.McNulty

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

65. Prayers

Cllr.K.D.Roughley (Deputy Chairman), chaired the meeting, in the absence of the Chairman, Cllr.R.W.Barton.

He welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

66. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. R. W. and Mrs.K.S.Barton – holidays - and Cllr.Mrs.E.Uren- prior appointment.

67. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

68. Parish Matters

a) The new speed indicator on Bleak Hill Road near the School appeared to be having the desired effect on motorists, of slowing them down when coming down the hill and approaching the School.

b) The Allotments, at Alder Hey Road had again been subjected to acts of vandalism, including the burning down of the polytunnel . Various consultations were taking place to determine the best courses of action to prevent this in the future.

c) Council members had attended the recent funeral of Mr.Harry Thompson, of Windle Grove – a former Chairman of Windle Parish Council .His neighbours had expressed their appreciation for this.

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69. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on the 21st July 2009, which had been circulated previously.

It was necessary to indicate in min.63.(2) Payment of A/c`s. that the payments made to the R.B.L.A.- Poppy Wreath Donation £40.00 and £140 School Awards were “Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with its powers, under Sections137 and 139 of the Local Government Act of 1972 as being, in the opinion of the Council,in the interests of the area and its inhabitants.”

After this amendment had been made, it was

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

70. Matters Arising

1. Ref min50.(d)- the residents consulted ref the installation of trees or planting troughs etc. had indicated that they did not want any such improvements.
2. Min. 54 .1 the Environment Agency were pursuing this matter.

71. Planning Matters

A) Applications

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following:

- 1.P/2009/0633 – Bleak Hill School – Installatn.of roof-mounted photovoltaic solar panels to the pitched-roof of the School.
- 2.P/2009/0672 – Mrs.C.Lyon 71 Windle Grove – single stry.extn.to side and rear elevations.
3. P/2009/0734 -Mr.& Mrs.C.Mousdale 45 Coronation Rd.- Small single stry.rear extn.plus 2 stry .side and rear extn plus creation of widened driveway and dropped kerb(n.b.this is a replacement application for 0550 made in July 2009.

B. Approvals

- 1.) P/2009/0451 – Mrs.C.Hastings 30 Calderhurst Drive – Consevatory to rear.
- 2.) P/2009/0463 – Mr.C.Richards 51 Rainford Rd.- Dem.existing dwelling-erectn. of 2 stry.bldng. for the creation 5 x 2bedrm.apts.with associated land- scaping and car parking.
- 3.) P/2009/ 0553- Mrs.G.Foster- 84 Kiln Lane- single stry.extn to rear to replace existing out-bldng.

Resolved that no comments be made ref.the 3 applications in A.and also that the 3 approvals in B be noted .

72. Other Correspondence

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

1. Letter from Paragon Building Services (St. Helens) Ltd. informing that , due to the growth of the company , it had now been renamed Paragon Construction Group Ltd.
Received and Noted.

2. Letter from A.H.Jenkins , Mayor`s Officer, inviting the P.C.Chairman and guest to attend the RAFA- Battle of Britain Church Service –Sun.13th September2009.
Chmn. Cllrs.Richard & Sheila Barton had attended – A.H.Jenkins infmd.

3. Letter and posters from the School Governors` One Stop Shop, London to encourage people to become school governors. Clerk has placed posters on notice boards.

73. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

The Bank balances were Current A/C at 30/06/09 = £250 and Reserve Account £684.81 at 30th July 2009.

Eccleston Parish Council has been forced to pay out £9,000 approx. for extensive repairs ,renewals and extensions to the drains on Ecclesfield as the pitches were unplayable in some areas. It is hoped to recover about £8000 by claiming from a youth capital fund – currently in hand.

Problems persist with improper use of the car park by retailers and staff. Mr. Clintworth has offered to take sole responsibility for the key and new padlock.

Request received for early payment of contributions due from Windle P.C. to ease the financial position somewhat – especially those due early in the financial year. Resolved to agree to this request

74. NALC/MAPTC/LALC/SLCC

Details had been received from both LALC and SLCC of the latest salary scale increases agreed for Parish Council Clerks- to be back-dated to 01/04/09. Clerk to supply further information at October meeting.

75. Lynton Way Play Area - Report

The wet August weather had, no doubt, helped to keep trouble away from the play area during the long summer holidays. This, plus the use of the security force for the peak periods from 10/08/09- 08/09/09 had proved effective this year. Currently the area was being closed on Fri and Sat. evenings and opened on Sat. and Sun .mornings.

76. Jim Malone Garden- Report

The Clerk reported that he had managed to clean the Millennium Bench and treat it with preservative, and the notice-board with a wood stain. In addition a replacement brass plaque for the bench had been obtained and fitted.

Cllr. Marie McNulty reported that the garden was in good condition at the moment.

77. Parish Newsletter –Report

Cllr. Ken Roughley requested articles for inclusion a.s.a.p.

78. Garden Competition 2009 - Report

The presentation of the awards had been made to the winners, prior to the start of this meeting. Cllr. Marie McNulty stated that the competition had been a success once more.

79. Christmas Tree Lighting 2009 / Pre-Christmas Reception

This event would take place on Friday December 4th 2009- arrangements were proceeding .

Resolved that the Christmas Reception be held on Tuesday 15th December after the conclusion of the P.C.Meeting at 8.30pm. Catering to be organized by the ladies on the Council, and further refreshments by the Clerk.

80. Reports from Other Bodies

Police

The Police had been thanked for their campaign in Victoria Park which had reduced crime there.

Sports Council

Cllr.W.Ashcroft informed that the Sports Council Awards would be made on 7/10/09, and that this body had benefitted from increased funding.

The Sports Council had been re-constituted so that it was now possible for it to give grants to individuals as well as organisations.

81. Finance

1. Balances – The Council noted that the bank balances, at the 27th August 2009, were

	£		£
Current A/c	1496.49	Capital Reserve A/c	13219.66

2. Payment of Accounts:

Resolved that approval be given for the payment of the following accounts :

		£
DSG Retail Ltd	Ink Cartridge & Stationery	65.94
Easily Ltd.	Renewal of website,email address &domain name	67.77
*Beesley & Fildes	t/a Whitakers- Garden well for Bleak Hill School	34.99
* Timpsons	Replacement brass plaque for millennium bench	24.99
Wilkinsons	Refurbishment Materials for “ “ etc.	24.47
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary &Postage	304.53
Ecclesfield Project	Revenue A/c – Early Payment of 3 rd Qrtly.amount	355.00
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP-	Ext.Audit Fee for 2008-2009	155.25

Garden Competition. Prizes

<u>Open Section</u>	1 st Prize	Mrs.M.Rhodes	30.00
	2 nd “	F.Bishop	20.00
	3 rd “	A.Burns	15.00
<u>Senior Citizen Section</u>	1 st Prize	Mrs.C.Hardman	30.00
	2 nd “	C.Prior	20.00
<u>New Entrants Section</u>	1 st Prize	A.Richards	30.00
	2 nd “	Miss P.Barton	20.00

<u>Courtyard Garden</u>	1 st Prize	Mrs.S.Hayes	30.00
	2 nd “	T.Fillingham	20.00
	3 rd “	Mrs.E.Garner	15.00

Winner of Windle Roofing Shield - Mrs.I.Oxford 25.00

Winner of Chairman`s Trophy-Rose Bowl Mrs.P.Cherry 25.00

(Also –“Highly Commended Entry” from Mr. & Mrs .D.M.& Appleton) 10.00

Eccleston Parish Council	Hire of Room 15/09/09	20.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary & Postage & Engraving of trophies	307.27
*L.J.Kilshaw / Threshers	Hospitality at G.Comp. Prize Giving	45.92
Toye Kenning & SpencerLtd.	{ Two additional engraved links – {Chmns. Chain}	58.42

* Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 &139 of the Local Government Act of 1972 as being , in the opinion of the Council, in the best interestsof the area and its inhabitants.

3. a) External Audit 2008-2009

This audit had been completed on the 4th August 2009 and no matters had been raised for consideration by the Council.

Resolved that the Audit Report for 2008-2009 be accepted and the necessary Notices of Conclusion and the Statement of Accounts and Annual Review posted on the Council Notice Board for the requisite two weeks, as required by law.

In addition copies of these documents will be made available on request, upon the payment of a nominal fee of 10p per sheet, to any resident requesting them. A notice to this effect is also displayed.

3 b) Internal Audit 2009-2010

The Council also received the Internal Audit report for the period 01/04/09 to 31/07/09. No matters had been raised for the attention of the Council.

Resolved that the report be accepted.

82. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October 2009, commencing at 7.00p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed _____(Chairman) Date_____