

Windle Parish Council

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

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

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

119. Prayers

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

120. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. E.Uren- away on holiday.

121. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

122. Parish Matters

No matters were raised.

123. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17th November 2009, which had been circulated previously. It was mentioned that the minute 105a concerning the area in front of the shops and the demolition of the brick platform there, should have said that damage was inflicted on the pavement flags by the builders lorry. This had been brought to the attention of St Helens Council and the damage had since been repaired .

After this addendum had been made it was ;

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

124. Matters Arising and Not Otherwise on the Agenda

Ref.min.103d the Clerk had asked Mrs. L. Scott (Clerk of Eccleston P.C.), as to the cost of the glass plaques and the gold lettering .This information seemed to provisionally indicate that similar plaque(s) etc. might be produced for Windle Parish Council at a reasonable cost. A possible site would appear to be Bleak Hill School, if permission should be obtained.

Resolved that this situation be explored further and more details of cost and suppliers be obtained by the Clerk.

125. Planning Matters.

A. Application

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following application:
P/2009/1009 – 84 Kiln Lane- Mrs.G.Foster (of Windle Ashes Barn,123 Rainford Rd.)- Retention of alterations to shop front and the installation of shutters .

B. Decision on Previous Application

1) P/2009/0879- Hollytree Barn,Rainford Rd.Windle
Retention of UPVC windows, eaves & soffits to rear elevation

Permission Refused – Use of UPVC material considered inappropriate on this Grade 2 listed building.

Resolved that - no objections be raised concerning the application in A.
- the refusal in B. be noted.

126. Other Correspondence

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

1. Letter from Mr.P.McKenny, a resident of Rainford Rd. commenting on the hazards, presented to adults and school children by fallen leaves, especially near the road crossing near to St. Thomas of Canterbury C.P.School on Rainford Road.
The Clerk informed that he had brought the matter to Highways Dept. for their prompt attention and had advised Mr. McKenny of the action taken. Noted.
2. St Helens CVS – latest edition of CVS magazine, - Received.

127. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

It was reported that the drainage problem appeared to have sorted and they were now working satisfactorily, even under the intense pressure, to which they had been subjected to recently due to heavy rainfall.

The car park situation was improving due to the new arrangements introduced..

On the negative side the caretaker had drawn attention to an incidence of graffiti on the changing rooms.

128. LALC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC

A detailed report had been received by the Clerk from the SLCC, and he would attempt to pick out any salient points that might need to be considered by the Council at the January meeting in 2010 .

129. Lynton Way Play Area

The Clerk had instructed St Helens Security Force to leave the Play Area unlocked from now until Good Friday 2nd April 2010 i.e. in the next financial year 2010-2011.

130. Jim Malone Garden

Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty reported that the litter had been cleared from the garden.

131. a) Christmas Tree Lighting- b) Pre Christmas Reception

a) The Tree Lighting Ceremony had taken place on Friday, 4th December at Bleak Hill School and had been attended by the Mayor of St Helens Cllr. Terry Shields. All those present appeared to have enjoyed the occasion.

There were, currently, new, improved lamp- standards being placed on Bleak Hill Road and the electricity supply to the Christmas Tree appeared to have been disconnected.

Resolved that the Clerk should contact Mr. Rory Lingham over this matter.

b) All arrangements were in place for the reception which would follow on after this meeting. Mrs. Bessie Roughley – the longest surviving resident of Queen's Drive - would be attending.

132. Reportsa) School Governors

At the Tree Lighting the School had managed to raise some £200 worth of revenue, from the sale of mulled wine and mince pies to parents and guests on what had been a cold day.

133. Finance

a) Balances: The Council noted that the bank balances at the 12/12/2009 were ;
Current A/c £896.00 Capital Deposit A/c £10,521.24

b) Payment of Accounts – Resolved that approval be given for payment of the following accounts:

		£
DSG Retail Ltd. PC World	Ink Cartridges	60.98
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 15/12/09	20.00
Bleak Hill CP School	Photo- copying services Sept- Dec	22.36
L.J. Kilshaw	Salary, Post & Purchases	421.78
Flower Fashions	Hospitality- Pre Xmas Reception	15.00
Mrs. M. McNulty	“ “ “ “	25.77
R. W. Barton	“ “ “ “	38.27
Mrs. A. Bate	“ “ “ “	17.55
Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft	“ “ “ “	58.32
Mrs. H. Bligh	“ “ “ “	14.30
Mrs. E. Roughley	“ “ “ “	19.93

(c) Internal Audit Report The Clerk presented this report, by the Internal Auditor (Mr. Philip Fairclough), covering the period from 01/08/09 to the 19/10/09. The required standard audit checks and procedures had been carried out, and no matters had been brought to the attention of the Council.

However he had discussed with the Clerk possible alternative avenues to invest the money held in the Capital Deposit A/c, in a timed deposit investment to achieve a better return than currently being achieved by the Deposit A/c.

Resolved that more information be obtained on this subject to assist further discussion.

(d & e) Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.

It was intended to attempt to prepare the budget and precept requirement for the year 2010-2011 early in the New Year and, accordingly, it would be necessary to hold a meeting of the Finance Committee.

Resolved that a provisional date be set as Mon. or Tues. 11th and 12th Jan 2010- subject to confirmation or amendment.

A letter had been received from Mr. R. Anders -Assistant Treasurer (Accountancy & Exchequer Services) St Helens Council . notifying the proposed payment dates for the Parish Precepts 2010/2011 viz.;

50% on 23rd April 2010

50% on 25th June 2010

and requesting written confirmation that these dates were acceptable by 31st January 2010.

The letter further informed that the Council Tax Base applicable to Windle Parish Council for 2010/2011 financial year had been set at 1,003(Band D equivalent properties).

Resolved that the suggested payment dates be agreed to and that the Clerk should supply the necessary written confirmation as requested.

134. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th January 2010-starting at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)