

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th January 2007 at the
Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

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

148. Prayers

The Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. K. S. Barton, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

149. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. M. P. Fraser due to illness, and Merseyside Police.

150. Declarations of Interest

Councillor K. D. Roughley stated that, as a current member of the St. Helens Council Planning Committee, he would be obliged to leave the room whilst planning matters were being discussed.

No other declarations were made.

151. Parish Matters

1. Residents continue to complain of the difficulty in parking around the Kiln Lane / Coronation Road shops. It was hoped that eventually the slip road might be utilised to provide some car parking space.

152. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday, 21st December 2006, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st December 2006, be confirmed as a true and correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

153. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

154. Planning Applications

(At this point Cllr.K.D.Roughley left the room whilst planning matters were being discussed.)

The Clerk submitted:

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of ;

P/2007/0026 – Mr.& Mrs.Pigott – 33, Rutherford Road – single stry.rear extn.forming an extended lounge.plus new brickwork to the outside of the existing kitchen.

(b) Approvals in respect of:

1.P/2006/0817- Mr.Tony Richards – 20 Moss Lane- 2stry.side extn.+ single stry side extn.and loft conversion for bedroom.

2.P/2006/1308 – Installation of a 8m.camera pole for vehicle monitoring system at junction of Blindfoot Road and East Lanes.Road-A580

3.P 2006/1324 – Mr.M.S.Melia – 10 Sackville Road – 1st Fir.Rear Extn.

4.P/2006/1388 – Mr.D.Bottell – 10 Padstow Drive – Single Stry.Side – Extn.

5. P/2006/1431 – Mr.& Mrs.B.and D.Thomas – 17 Pentire Avenue – Demolition of part of garage and erection of part 2 stry./part single stry. extn.to the rear.

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the application detailed in (a) and that the 5 approvals in (b) should be noted.

155. Other Correspondence

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

1."Contact" from St Helens CVS- current edition – Received.

2.Letter from St Helens Council (Waziri Sumi) detailing listed buildings,and others of interest and worthy of preservation in the town.It was noted that the Church in the Cemetery was not among these and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Sumi to point out this omission.

156. Quality Parish Councils

The Clerk had applied for information concerning the next training course in April this year.

157. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

The next Committee Meeting would be in March 2007.

158. LAPTC/NALC

Nil Report.

159. Bleak Hill School

a) Review of the Christmas Tree Lighting

Resolved that for 2007 event the contractors be given a time schedule for the lighting hours required, and also more lights be purchased to improve the display.

b) Spring Activity

Resolved that the Clerk should determine exactly what the School wished to do regarding plants, shrubs or a tree that might be required for the new garden or grounds, and report back next meeting.

160. Parish Newsletter

The Clerk advised that there were still outstanding accounts due from three of the advertisers, and, as a consequence reminders would be sent out in February.

The next edition was now in preparation for publication in June 2007 after the May Elections- any articles are requested as soon as possible please.

161. Lynton Way Play Area

The complaint regarding the excessive noise from the "clanging" entrance gate in Lynton Way was being currently being progressed.

A resident of Pentire Avenue had complained that there was a gap between the hedge and the fencing – the help of John Broomhead (St Helens Council) had been requested to solve this problem.

162. Jim Malone Garden

Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty had been carrying out routine tidying and maintenance. The Millennium Bench would need sanding and re-staining in the Spring.

163. Pre-Christmas Reception- Review

This had gone very well and had been enjoyed by all who attended.

Resolved that a special vote of thanks be paid to Cllr. Mrs. Pat Fraser for making such a splendid buffet for the occasion.

164. Reports from Other Bodies

a) Windle United Charities – No meeting had been held as yet.

b) Police – Cllr.K.D.Roughley mentioned that the Police had said that they would like to attend the Parish Council Meetings when possible ,but they did not always get the advice of the meeting.

The Clerk commented that there had been problems of late.A copy of the minutes and the agenda was posted on the Tuesday or Wednesday of the week prior to the meeting ,which was normally held on the third Tuesday of every month – with the exception of August,when no meeting took place.

Prior to the last Police re-organisation, these documents had been sent to the Main St.Billinge,Police Station.In recent months they had been sent to the Moss Bank Station at 70 Bowness Avenue St.Helens WA11 7EQ.

However he had personally delivered the mins.and agenda for tonight`s meeting to the Bowness Avenue Address to the Helena Housing Reception last Tuesday 9th January 2007.

165. Finance

(a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at 31st December 2006 were:

	£
Current Account	215.23
Capital Res.A/C	11499.02

(b) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
The Post Office	Tel.A/C –dedicated line incl. Broadband	98.80
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 16/01/07	18.00
Ecclesfield Project Rev.A/C	4 th Quarterly Payment	325.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary,Post & Purchases	286.14

(c) Finance Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday 9/01/07,which were ratified as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(d) Budget / Precept 2007/2008

The Council was advised, in a report, of the anticipated position on balances ,viz.:

	£
Balance at 1.4.06	8874
Plus (Projected) Income 2006/07	<u>12673</u>
	21547

Less (Projected) Expenditure 2006/07 12392

Balance (Projected) @ 31.03.07 9155

St.Helens Council had advised that the Council Tax Base 2007/08 for the Parish had been set at 1014 for Band D properties and the Parish Precept would thus be for £12000 = £11.83,for £11500 = £11.34,for £11,270 = £11.11,for £11,00 = £10.85, for £10,500 = £10.36

The suggested payment dates were ;

50% on 27th April 2007

50% on 29th June 2007

which the Parish Council had already agreed to at the meeting on 19th December 2006- (see min 138) .The Clerk had been requested to confirm this ,by letter, by the 31st January 2007.

The Council was advised of the budget provision necessary to maintain existing levels and the report identified other items to be considered for inclusion for precept purposes.

The Finance Committee had given initial consideration to the position and the Council received a written report on the budget necessary to maintain existing levels,together with an indication of possible projects,which had been identified for consideration,insofar as provision in the precept was concerned.

Resolved

(1) that the following broad based budget be accepted for 2007/2008 :

<u>Expenditure (net of VAT)</u>	<u>£</u>
Fees & Insurance	1277
Salaries	3414
Election Costs	200
Post & Telephone –	73
Inc.Broadband	347
Website	120
Printing , Stationery & Publications	211
Room Hire	<u>209</u>
Carried Forward	5851

	£
B/Fwd.	5851
Advertising	000
Flowers/Donations	28
Newsletter	1028
School Awards	133
New Shields	83
Maintenance – Ecclesfield	1300
Maintenance – Malone Garden	20
Security – Lynton Way P.A.	2284
Engraving /Chairman`s Chain	50
Garden Competition	205
Footpaths	20
Trees/Tree Lighting	420
Hospitality	320
VAT	600
Contingency	000
Notice Board Repairs	30
<u>Bulbs etc./Jim Malone Gdn</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	<u>12392.</u>
 <u>Income</u>	
Precept	000
Bank	160
VAT	750
Advertising	430
Miscellaneous	000

<u>Matching Funding</u>	<u>000</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>1340</u>

The Council will need to consider any other items of expenditure to be taken into account ;

(a) recognizing the balances held in respect of Lynton Way Play Area equipment should be kept to approximately £2500.

(b) the balances include provision towards election costs (£500)

(c) in addition , the following projects, having been identified,consideration should be given to making appropriate provision in the budget for ;

Election Expenses	£600
Quality Parish Council Training	£500
Contingency Fund	£600
Possible additional notice board	£450

The Council will be aware of the need to be prudent in the preservation of adequate balances.

Audit Regulations

The Council is reminded that the regulations require the identification of any specific provision (other than contingency) made within the balances and the need to have a budget based on expenditure and income figures which must be contained within the resolution of the Council accepting the precept requirement. This does not preclude the use of virement during the year, which must, however, be approved by the Council.

The audit "trail" must also be clear to follow, particularly in relation to the accumulation of balances.

Resolved :

(ii) that the precept for 2007/08 be set at £11270 and that St.Helens Council be advised accordingly and immediately by letter.

166. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 20th February 2007 commencing at 7.00 p.m. The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed-_____ (Chair) Date _____