

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 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

\*Councillor Roughley was delayed and only arrived later in the meeting,as indicated.

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

### 92. Prayers

The Chairman,Councillor Mrs N.J.Ashcroft,welcomed everyone ,and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

### 93. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

### 94. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

### 95. Parish Matters

a ) The empty premises of the tanning shop on Kiln Lane continues to attract vandalism etc. A “newsletter “ concerning these matters had been sent round to some residents – at first ,it was thought not to be genuine,but it later emerged that it had originated from the Police CSO`S. Apparently the premises may now well have been sold.

b) The Police had informed residents in Kiln Lane that the practice of vehicles parking with 2 wheels on the pavement would no longer be tolerated.

c) There had been an incident at the Scout Den in Dartmouth Drive,where some 14 scouts plus 2 Leaders were staying overnight,when a gang of youths complete with

fireworks ,had arrived at about 10.45 pm and had begun to make a nuisance of themselves. The Police had been contacted and did turn up, but by this time the gang had scarpered. They also promised to keep this site under observation.

#### 96. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007, which had been circulated previously.

Ref.min82 – it was pointed out that the old storage building had not in fact been replaced by a new one. The necessary amendment having been made, it was

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007, should be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

#### 97. Matters Arising

Reference min.76 f. the alleyway was still overgrown and had not yet been attended to as requested. A further request would be made.

#### 98. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following applications :

(A )1. P/2007/1174 – Mr.S.Toole, 149 Rainford Road, (Rainford) Windle - Construction of an external chimney –stack to the side.

2. P/2007/1203 – Mr.& Mrs.Abrathat, 2 Bleak Hill Close, Windle – Conservatory to side.

#### (B) Approvals

1. P/2007/0946- Jon Thompson, 3 Lawrence Road, Eccleston

2 stry. xtn

2. P/2007/1000 – B.O'Dwyer 15 Sackville Road Windle - single stry.rear xtn.

#### (C) Refusal

P/2007/1002 – Mrs .Cunningham, 40 Coronation Road Conservatory to rear

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the 2 applications in A. and that the 2 approvals in B. and the refusal in C. be noted.

99. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following items of correspondence -to be dealt with as indicated ;

a) Letter from the Mayor`s Officer ,Alan Jenkins ,inviting the Parish Council to send a representative of the Council and guest ,to attend the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

All arrangements were in hand.

Received and noted.

b) From the Standards Board – 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the revised”Town & Parish Standard “

Received

100. Quality Parish Councils

Nil Report .

101. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

No report.

102. LAPTC/ MAPTC / NALC /SLCC

It was noted that the LAPTC Annual Conference was due to take place on 19-21<sup>st</sup> October,2007 at Charnock Richard,and the AGM at County Hall,Preston on 3/11/07.

103. Lynton Way Play Area

There had been very few “invasions” of the Play Area, by youths during the summer months.However a couple of residents had informed of a recent incident,when a mixed crowd of teenage boys and girls had climbed the fencing and occupied the site for a while,before exiting and some of them making their way to catch the bus to Rainford.

No official notices regarding opening and closing times etc. survived at present. This matter to be taken up with Brian Johnson.( St Helens Council-Parks and Leisure).

104. Jim Malone Garden

Cllr.M.McNulty reported that there was some litter persisting at the JMG, and that some cutting back of the shrubs was needed. .

105. Parish Newsletter

It was at this point that Cllr.Roughley was able to join the meeting and make a request for any outstanding articles to be submitted immediately.as the November Newsletter was about to go to press shortly.

### 105. Christmas Tree Lighting

The Clerk informed that arrangements were progressing, but made a further request for help in obtaining an additional set of tree-lights. The young person accompanying the Mayor as her guest to the Tree Lighting will be James Pout, a remarkable 10 year old who has overcome some physical disability to excel at swimming at National Level.

### 106. Pre-Christmas Reception

Resolved that such a reception would be held after the conclusion of the Parish Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 for residents and invited guests. Catering would be organised by Cllrs. M. McNulty, N. Ashcroft, S. Barton, A. Bate and E. Uren. The Clerk would submit a proposed list of guests for approval at the next meeting in November 2007.

### 107. Reports from Other Bodies (including Police Representative)

a) Bleak Hill School Governors – Cllr. Sheila Barton reported that the School was pushing for extra premises within the School Grounds- possibly to be sited where the bike sheds are – to be used by the School in the day, and partly used as a community hall in the evenings.

b) Police – Cllr. Ken Roughley reported that recent burglaries in Windle had been carried out by one particular offender, who had now been apprehended. This should improve crime statistics the Police claimed. Nevertheless residents needed to remain alert to prevent opportunistic crimes.

### 108. Finance

#### a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were:

	£
Current Account	250.06
Capital Reserve Account	13740.69

#### b) Payment of Accounts

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

	£
Eccleston Parish Council      Room Hire 16/10/07	19.00
Ecclesfield Project Revenue A/C    3 <sup>RD</sup> Qtrly. Payment	325.00
B. Walsh                                  Website	30.00
Post Office BT Tel A/c –dedicated line incl, Broadband	97.75
L.J. Kilshaw                              Salary and Postage	277.08
P.C. World                                 Computer Ink Cartridge M/pack.	28.95

c) Internal Audit

The Internal Auditor, Mr. John Friar, had made several suggestions concerning the determining and checking the necessary areas to be covered by the Internal Auditor. Some of them were already being utilised, such as using an Internal Audit Check List which listed checks on items such as –Payments Approved by Minutes, Chq. Books and Stubs to be examined etc, After further discussion it was Resolved that, in order to comply with the current Audit Requirements the Parish Council would request the Internal Auditor to undertake, on a regular basis, a review of the financial procedures adopted by the Council in connection with payments and receipts, Insurance and other matters : as may be identified, from time to time, as part of an ongoing assessment of the Council's activities.

d) Budget, Half- Year Report

This item was deferred to a later meeting

109. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007, commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Date