

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th November 2010
at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

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

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

104. Prayers

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

105. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty- away on holiday.

106. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. W. Ashcroft, as a member of the St Helens Council Planning Committee, would not participate in discussion of Planning Matters, and together with Cllr. Mrs. N. Ashcroft, would not participate in the discussion concerning the Christmas Tree (item 14) because they were both members of the Windle Ward Committee.

107. Parish Matters

a) Parents etc delivering children to and from Bleak Hill School, continue to annoy local residents by parking and obstructing access and egress from their drives. In an effort to discourage this, the CSO had issued some tickets to offenders.

108. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday, 19th October 2010, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th October, 2010 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

109. Matters Arising

a) Ref. min92- The informal meeting with United Utilities had taken place as arranged on 26th October 2010. The residents from Hamilton Road, suffering from the flooding, had attended and expressed their feelings and concerns. It had been agreed that further exploration of the nearby drainage system for disposal of rainwater etc, would be conducted by camera, and representative householders would be present. After which action, a further meeting would be arranged to examine the results.

Cllr. Steve Bligh informed that he had visited the scene during very heavy rain last week, and had observed the effect on the drains e.g. Stuart Road was clear but in Rutherford Road at one of the grids, the water was going across the grid and not draining away. He had also visited one of the houses involved in Hamilton Road to observe the water penetration there.

b) The Chairman reported that he had attended the Remembrance Sunday Parade and reported on a moving and memorable service.

c) The Clerk reported that the new advertisement for J.S.Hedges had been received and forwarded to Cllr. Roughley as editor of the Newsletter.

110. Planning Matters

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

a)

There were no new applications to consider, but the Council was informed that an informal meeting had been held at the Beyond the Fringe Hairdressing Salon, 82, Kiln Lane to discuss the application being made by Mr. David Traynor (P/2010/0915). Those attending included Parish Councillors and the Clerk plus Mr. George Houghton (Highways Manager), Mr. Paul Mellor (Planning Officer) and Mr. Traynor and his business partner.

There had been a friendly and frank exchange of views - the Parish Council had already resolved to oppose the application on highway grounds (see min.94.19/10/10), as complaints from residents, concerning parking at this busy junction, had been received.

b) Approvals

1) P/2010/0781- Ms. S. Davies- 38 Moss Lane- Change existing flat- roof, above the bedroom on the rear elevation, to a hipped roof.

2) P/2010/ 0823- M. Wilson- 63 Windle Grove- Part 2stry./ part single stry. side and rear extns. plus porch to front.

Resolved that the 2 approvals in b. be noted.

111. Other Correspondence

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

1. Letter from MWDA i.e. Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority -- detailing the introduction of a Permit Scheme- to operate from 1st Jan 2011- for those residents delivering household waste and recyclates in a commercial- type vehicle, or when using a certain type of trailer. Received & Noted.

2. St Helens CVS Bulletin. Received and Noted.

112. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

More incidents of damage reported and, once again, cardboard rubbish from the Spar shop being set on fire.

The new improved drainage system seems to be working as the pitches are not becoming water-logged.

113. LALC/NALC/MAPTC/SLCC

Changes were expected from the coalition government and its policy of "Localism", but the details were not expected to be available until early 2011.

114. Lynton Way Play Area

No further incidents reported.

Resolved that the Play Area be left open from the end of November, until the 26th March 2011 i.e. when British Summer Time is reintroduced. Then the practice of locking the gates on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings and re-opening them on Saturday and Sunday and Monday mornings would be re-introduced.

The Clerk to inform St Helens Council Security Force.

115. Jim Malone Garden

Nil report.

116. Parish Newsletter – Report

The magazine would now be printed in December and available for distribution then.

117. Christmas Tree Lighting – Report

At the Windle Ward Committee last night, it had been confirmed that the 50% of the cost of the necessary electrical work at the new site for the Tree Lighting at Bleak Hill School would be met with a contribution from the Ward Committee. This is to draw power from one of the lights illuminating the School Drive and footpath. Thanks had been expressed for this: and also to Andy Dempsey for his efforts to expedite the matter. The total estimate for this was £1224.00 and thus the Parish Council would be due for £612.00 of this figure

Resolved that

- a) a live Christmas Tree be purchased – say 12ft-16ft. in height.
- b) a new set of LED lights be purchased for the tree
- c) The estimate- £370.69 for the installation of the tree and lights and attendance at the ceremony by an electrician from St Helens Lighting Dept. be accepted, and a letter of instruction for the work to be carried out should be sent.

118. Pre-Christmas Reception 2010

The Ladies Catering Committee would be meeting to finalise arrangements for the buffet etc. and the Clerk was to purchase the necessary liquid refreshments.

N.B. the Eccleston Village Hall would be open from 6.15pm on the 21st Dec.2010 to receive delivery of the buffet etc.

118. Reports from Other Bodies

St Helens District Sports Council – there was to be a meeting of the Council, in the Town Hall, on Weds.17th November 2010

119. Finance:

a) Balances

The Clerk reported that the balances @ 25/10/10 were

Current A/c £6656.60 Capital Deposit A/c £7825.65

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

DSG Retail Ltd.	Stationery- Printer Ink Cartridges	60.47
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 16/11/10	20.00
L. J. Kilshaw	Postage & Salary	306.05

c) Budget Report – This item was deferred to a later meeting.

d) Internal Audit - It was expected that the next audit would take place in early 2011.

120. Date of Next Meeting

This was scheduled to take place at 7pm. on Tuesday 21st December2010 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane, and would be followed by the Pre-Christmas Reception at 8.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ Date