

## WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at Eccleston Village Hall

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

Also in Attendance: Mrs.A.Bate and Mr.S.Bligh (Residents)  
L.J.Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

### 200. Prayers

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

### 201. Apologies

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

### 202 . Declarations of Interest

Cllr.K.D.Roughley declared that as a current member of St.Helens Council Planning Committee,it would be necessary for him to leave the meeting during the discussion of Planning Matters. No other declarations were made.

### 203. Parish Matters

a) Parish Council Elections – the Clerk reported that the necessary notices,received from the Returning Officer, had been placed on the Parish Council Notice Boards.All other arrangements were in hand.

b) The Chairman paid warm tribute to Councillor Mrs.Pat Fraser ,who was not standing for re-election ,as she was retiring from the Parish Council after many years of devoted service to the Community.

In addition,Cllr.Mrs.Barbara Walsh was also retiring ,as reported in the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20/03/07.

c) Yet again incidents of indiscriminate parking in Fairway by parents etc. delivering their off-spring to School etc. were annoying the local householders. It was recommended that residents wanting to ensure that their drive entrances were not blocked, should be advised to contact George Houghton (Highways) to request the provision of a white H –Line on the road to denote

the extent of the entrance.

d) A resident of Fairway had suffered a brick through her window – the police had attended the incident and the window had been boarded up.

204. Minutes.

a) The Council received, for information, the minutes of the Annual Assembly, held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that these should be kept on file until the Annual Assembly Meeting to be held in March 2008 .

b) The Council received the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007, which had been circulated previously.

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

205. Matters Arising

Ref. min.187b – Cllr. Mrs .N.J.Ashcroft informed the Council that the matter concerning Footpath No.14 had been referred to the Rights of Way Officer, Peter Coulson, for further investigation.

206. Planning Applications

At this point Cllr.K.D.Roughley withdrew from the meeting during the discussion of planning matters, and only returned after this item of business had been concluded.

The Clerk gave invitation to comment on the following applications;

A.

(1) P/2007 /0345- B.Hogan, 3 Halls Cottages ,Rainford Road,Windle .  
Demolition of existing single-stry. rear extn.-Erection of part 2 stry.-part 1 stry.rear extn.

(2) P/2007/0387 – A.Carter – 36 St. George's Ave. –S/stry.side & rear extn.  
plus demolition of existing garage at rear.

(3) P/2007/0438 – P.Howard – 24 Regal Drive – s/stry.pitched roof extn.to side.

B Approvals

1. P/2007/0230 – 93 Rainford Road- Demolition of existing utility –room & erection of s/stry.extn.to rear.

2.P/2007/0129 – 32 Regal Drive – 1<sup>st</sup> Flr.Extn. over existing side & rear extn.

C. Refusal

20, Moss Lane – Amendment to previous application – P/2006/0817 –to have pitched roof over garage.

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the three planning applications detailed in A; and that the two approvals in B, and the refusal in C be noted.

206. Other Correspondence

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

1. April/May issue of “Contact” from St.Helens District CVS- Received
2. Letter from Peter Blackburn (Asst. Chief Exec.- Legal&Admin) ref.the amended “Members` Code of Conduct”, which must be adopted by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007. Training in the amended code is to be offered and all present indicated their willingness to attend –subject to their availability. Resolved that the Clerk should confirm this to Peter Blackburn, although the three Ward Councillors would possibly be attending separate sessions.

207. Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.

208. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

There had not been a meeting of the management committee.

The Clerk reported that the metal gate at the Bleak Hill Road /Watery Lane Entrance had been removed, apparently by some workmen requiring vehicular access to the field and had not been replaced. He had informed Mrs.Lynne Scott (Clerk of Eccleston P.C. and Secretary of the Ecclesfield Management Committee) but she had no information about this matter at the time.

209. LAPTC / NALC

The May Conference at Park Hall had been cancelled and re-arranged for October 2007.

210. Parish Newsletter

The dead-line for receipt of copy for the June Issue was now 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007.

211. Lynton Way Play Area

The Clerk reported that he had received the agreement for security provision for 2007/2008. As it appeared to have increased by some 25% over the amount paid for 2006/07- i.e. £2543.60 (excl. VAT) c.f. £3175.00 (excl. VAT) , - therefore increase is £631.40 = 25%-he had written to Mr.M.Gornall,Head of Security Services, to clarify the matter.

In a subsequent phone call he had been informed that the prices had been subjected to an overall average increase of 18%,and that credit adjustments were made to the charges, whenever the security force were unable to open and shut the Play Area for one reason or another. This would possibly account for some of the difference.

On account of the number of recent incidents reported by residents the Parish Council wished to consider the matter further before agreeing to the new agreement .For example it was hoped to ensure the provision of permanent signs to detail opening/closing times and restrictions.

212. Jim Malone Garden

Cllr.Mrs.McNulty,fresh from her Antipodean Adventures,reported that some planting would shortly be carried out. However it appeared that damaged car- parts had been dumped near the refuse -bin there and the necessary request to J.Robinson ( St.Helens Council) would be made for their removal.

213. Bleak Hill School – Presentation

The Chairman Mrs.K.S.Barton and the Council had attended a delightful little ceremony at the School on Wednesday,21<sup>st</sup> March 2007 when they had presented Garden Planters ,window boxes and plants etc.to the pupils and staff for use in their “Quiet Area”.

The items had been well received and much appreciated by Mr. Wellens ,Head Teacher,and everyone involved at the School.

214. Footpath Walks 2007 – Garden Competition 2007

Resolved that ,as in 2006 , no formal programme of scheduled walks would be arranged ,but residents would be encouraged to walk the footpaths by once more inserting a map of them in the Newsletter: and displaying maps on the Parish Notice Boards.

Cllr.Mrs.McNulty had agreed to take the lead in organising this years Garden Competition – format the same as last year.Cllr. Mrs.Pat Fraser ,although retiring from the Council,expressed a willingness to help if required.

215. Reports

Police

Cllr.K.D.Roughley gave details of a forthcoming Talk-Back Meeting at Saints Club, involving the public and the Chief Constable Merseyside, Bernard Hogan-Howe.

216. Finance ;

(a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 were ;

Current Account	£3850.76
Capital Reserve A/C	£6043.31

(b) Payment of Accounts

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

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Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire – April	18.00
Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account 1 <sup>st</sup> Qrtly.Payment	325.00
Post Office Tel.A/C-dedicated line ,including Broadband.	93.40
L .J.Kilshaw Salary & Postage	278.80
St.Helens Council Security Provision L.W.P.A. 1/04/06 – 31/03/07	2988.73

(c) VAT Return 2006/2007

The Clerk had completed the VAT Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and informed Council that the figure to be reclaimed was £628.13.

(d) Balance Sheet /Accounts / Receipts & Payments Book / 2006/07

The Clerk submitted the Bank Balance Sheet and Reconciliation with the Receipts & Payments Book for 2006/07 for approval.

Resolved that these be accepted and that the Receipts & Payments Book be signed off at the end of the 2006/07 entries by the Clerk, as the Recognised Financial Officer, and also by the Chairman.

These entries were completed.

The Clerk indicated that detailed Receipts and Payments Accounts would be available in time for the next meeting in May.

(e) External Audit

The external audit for the y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 will be carried out on

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007 by BDO Stoy Hayward LLP of Southampton.

( f ) Internal Audit

This would be completed over the next few weeks .

217. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was to be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 commencing at 7.00 p.m., followed by the ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

Before that the Elections were to take place on Thursday 3/05/07.

The Council took the opportunity to pay fond farewells to the retiring members – Councillor Mrs.Pat Fraser and Councillor Mrs.Barbara Walsh .

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

SIGNED-----(Chairman)      DATE-----