

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th June 2008 at Eccleston Village Hall

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

Also in Attendance ; P. C. Colin Miller (Merseyside Police)
 L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

33. Prayers

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

34. Apologies

*Apologies had been received from Cllr. K. D. Roughley for the earlier part of the meeting only, as he was attending an earlier meeting of St Helens Council Planning Committee, and did, in fact, arrive later on.

35. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

36. Parish Matters

a) With Council' s permission the Chairman varied the agenda to incorporate the Police Report in with Parish Matters for the convenience of the Police Constable present.

Matters discussed included current local staffing arrangements within the Police Force and the seemingly permanent problem of the "tanning shop" in Kiln Lane .It was still boarded up and the pair of trainers still on the nearby telephone wires.

b) Residents had also complained of litter –especially cigarette- stumps – being prevalent in this area.

c) A resident had complained that the green electrical box ,at the end of Windle Grove , had been daubed with graffiti .

P.C. Miller was thanked for his contribution to the meeting and left to pursue his duties.

37. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of both the Annual General Meeting , and the ordinary Parish Council Meeting ,held on the 20th May 2008 ,which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of both these meetings be confirmed as true and correct records, and be signed by the Chairman.

38. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

39. Planning Matters

A. The Clerk gave invitation to comment on the following applications :

1.
P/2008/0544 – Mr.M. Woodward – “TIR – NANA- OG ” Moss Lane – 2 stry.front extn.to existing garage
2.
P/2008/0586 – St Thomas of Cantab.C.P.School Rainford Road ,Windle - Extn.to existing car park and associated works.

B. Planning Decisions

P/2008/0417- 88,Kiln Lane – Change of Use from dwelling to café

Permission refused –

1. proposal contrary to Policy RET4 in the Unitary Development Plan and SPG7 as the development would only provide 2 off street parking places for the café use. This is insufficient as the area is already heavily congested and the development would likely result in on street parking to the detriment of highway safety and residential amenity.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to PPS1 and Policies GEN1,GEN2 and RET4 in the U.D. Plan ,as it would have a detrimental impact on the character of the area by eroding the distinction between the parade of shops and the adjacent residential area and impacting detrimentally on the way that the area functions.
3. The proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of PPS1 and PPS6 in that the proposal is in an unsustainable location ,non-town- centre location and the applicant has failed to demonstrate that there is a quantative and qualitative need for the proposal, or that there are no sequentially preferable sites available.

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the two applications in A and that the

refusal in B be noted.

(Cllr.K.D.Roughley arrived at this point).

40. Other Correspondence

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

1. Invitation from the Mayor`s Officer (A.Jenkins) for a representative of the Parish Council and guest to attend the forthcoming Veterans Day Parade and the 90th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force – The Deputy Chairman, Cllr.R.W.Barton would be attending along with Cllr.Mrs.K.S.Barton.

2. From CVS – latest edition of Contact Magazine. Received.

41. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

It was reported and noted that the balances at 31/03/08 were - Current A/c £250.00
Capital Reserve A/c £ 2421.34

Details of Receipts and Payments were also received.

42. LALC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC

Details were given of the forthcoming conference for NALC.
Received and noted.

43. Lynton Way Play Area

The Clerk reported that the letter to residents concerning partial closure of the Play Area,during some of the Winter Months ,was still under preparation.

44. Jim Malone Garden.

The garden had recently been strimmed and tidied up, and was looking most attractive.

The Millenium Bench was in need of cleaning and re-staining.

Resolved that an attempt to do this would be made this summer , by Cllrs.W.Ashcroft,K.Roughley and the Clerk.

44. Parish Newsletter

Cllr.K.D..Roughley made a suggestion to include a colouring competition in the next issue of the Newsletter for children say under the age of seven or eight.

Resolved that this should be done.

45. Garden Competition / Poster Competition

Judging of the entries would be carried out tomorrow ,18th June 2008.

The poster competition entries had been belatedly received ,but the three winners were chosen and prizes would be presented at the School Awards Ceremony. Next year it was suggested that it might help if Cllr. M.McNulty were able to visit the School (Assembly)to advise pupils in Year 6 as to what type of poster was required ,and to “sell” the poster competition to them. She readily agreed to do this.

46. Bleak Hill School Awards

On account of the success of the School Tag R. U. Team in winning through to the later stages of a National Competition- they were the North West Winners and would now play at Rugby School in Warwickshire in the next rounds and, if again successful, would compete in the Final at Twickenham . A tremendous achievement.

However because the date at Rugby School was the 9th of July ,it had proved necessary to change the date of the School Awards Ceremony from the 9th,as arranged previously, to Monday 14th July- 9.00am for a 9.15 Start.

Resolved that the Clerk should write to invite the Chair of the School Governors, Mrs. June Thow , to attend the Awards Ceremony.

47. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony 2008

Resolved that the date for this be Friday 12th December 2008 and that an invitation should be sent to the Mayor Cllr. John Beirne to attend . Clerk to proceed with further arrangements.

48. Reports from Other Bodies

The Police Report had been incorporated with Parish Matters (see min.36 ante)

St Helens Sports Council

Cllr W.Ashcroft reported on a recent meeting and also that cultural awards would be made next February and presented at the World of Glass.

49. Finance

a) The Council noted that the balances at the 28th May were:

	£
Current Account	3548.11
Capital Reserve A/C	7546.36

b) Payment of Accounts

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

Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 17 th June 2008	£ 20.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary, Postage & Stationery	301.42
Peecee Print Ltd. T/A PC Print	Printing of Newsletter	494.00

c) Audits

1. External Audit 2007/08

The Clerk reported that the legally required notices had been displayed on the Council Notice Boards regarding this audit on the 18th July 2008.

2. Internal Audit 2008/2009

Mr. Philip Fairclough had confirmed his acceptance of the post of Internal Auditor for the year 2008-2009, and the 1st Quarter Audit would fall due in July/August.

48. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 15th July 2008.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Chairman)