

## WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 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 K.D.Roughley  
Councillor Mrs.E.Uren

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

#### 53. Prayers

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

#### 54. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr.Mrs.M.McNulty – away on holiday.  
Cllr.S.A.Bligh had been delayed but would be present shortly. - he soon arrived during the discussion of Parish Matters.

\*Cllr.W.Ashcroft was attending another function but hoped to arrive as soon as possible.In fact he was only able to arrive near the end of the meeting.

#### 55. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

#### 56. Parish Matters

a) Cllr.K.D.Roughley reported that the residents ,at number 40 Regal Drive had now been given until the beginning of August to provide car park space for their vehicles.

b) Cllr.Mrs.A.Bate reported that the footpath-No.14- near Nabis Restaurant on the East Lancs . Road had been cut back and access improved.

c) Cllr.Mrs.K.S.Barton reported that Mr.Barrow's side window ,near the shops in Kiln Lane/Coronation Road had been put through again by footballing youngsters last night.

d ) Cllr.Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft informed of complaints from the Scout Leader concerning suspected drug activity near the Scout HQ at Dartmouth Drive. She had pursued the

matter and requested prompt action from St Helens Council in cutting back the surrounding shrubbery, and replacing it with more hostile species such as hawthorn. e )Ruth Clegg was a new journalist at " St Helens Reporter" .

#### 57. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2007.

It was pointed out that -ref.min.no.45 – that the councillors named were Cllrs. W.Ashcroft and Mrs.McNulty - i.e.not Cllr.K.Roughley.

After this amendment had been made it was:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2007, be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

#### 58. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

#### 59. Planning Applications

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

1. P/2007/0760 – Mr.Smith 8 The Grove – 1<sup>st</sup> Flr.. Rear Extn to form enlarged bathroom.
2. P/2007/0777 – C.Lawler 14 Moss Lane – Conversn. of existing bungalow to to 2stry.dwelling incl.2stry.rear & 2stry.side extn.plus new pitched roof to existing 2 stry extn. at rear.
3. P/2007/0835 – K.Rayne 30 St.George`s Ave. single stry.to side and rear,plus front porch
- 4.P/2007/0857 – G.Cameron 5 Windle Grove- single stry.extn.to side and rear with hipped roof ,garage,utility /kitchen extn.
- 5.P/2007/ 0867 – 36 St.George`s Ave - Demoltn.existing detached garage- erectn. of 2stry.pitched roof extn . to side and a single stry p/.roof extn.to rear.

#### B. Approvals

- 1.P/20070573 – Mr.&Mrs.Collard 24 Moss Lane – Amendment to P/2005/1351 for a single stry.rear extn. to form garage and utility room.
2. P/2007/0639 – J.Hunt – 16Hamilton Road - new pitched roof over the existing flat roof on the 2 stry.rear extn.

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the 5 applications in A, and that the 2 approvals in B.should be noted.

60. Other Correspondence

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

1. Contact Magazine – ex StHelens District CVS. -Received.
2. Update on National Incidents / increased police vigilance and activity etc. at airports etc. – from Bernard Hogan-Howe, Chief Constable Merseyside Police.- Received and Noted.

61. Quality Parish Councils

Nil Report.

62. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

The next committee meeting would be held in September.

63. LAPTC /NALC/MAPTC

Nil Report.

64. Garden Competition- Report

Judging had been carried out last week .Once again the entries had proved to be of a high standard, despite the inclement summer weather we have endured this year. Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty had organized it very well and would supply a full list of names of winners and their addresses to the Clerk in due course, on her return from holiday.

65. Parish Newsletter –Report

The account for the printing of the Newsletter had been received – the same figure as for previous editions i.e. £494.00.

Cllr. Ken Roughley indicated that he hoped to include a novelty item, featuring a photograph of an object from an unusual angle and perspective, in the next issue.

66. Lynton Way Play Area

Nil Report.

67. Jim Malone Garden.

Nil Report.

68. Bleak Hill School Awards – Report

This had taken place on Weds. 11<sup>th</sup> July, and had been attended by several members of the Council ,and the Clerk.

At the pleasant ceremony the Chairman, Cllr. Nancy Ashcroft had presented the awards and shields to the winning pupils, in conjunction with the Head Teacher, Mr. Ian Wellens. The School Choir had provided entertainment.

#### 69. Christmas Tree Lighting 2007 – Report

The Mayor and Mayoress of St Helens, Councillor Sheila Seddon and Mrs. Ann Forest have accepted the invitation to attend the ceremony, to be held on Friday, 7th December this year and have requested that, as last year, they be permitted to bring along a young person to the event.

Anticipating an affirmative reply the Clerk had provisionally said yes to this request. This action was endorsed by the Chairman and Council.

#### 70. Reports

No reports were received.

#### 71. Revised Model Code of Conduct – Confirmation of Acceptance

The Council had agreed in principle to accept the Revised Model Code of Conduct at the Annual Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007. Some six members, plus the Clerk, had attended the recent seminars, conducted by Peter Blackburn (St Helens Council). The remaining three members would be attending seminars to be held in September.

Resolved that

1. The Windle Parish Council would accept the Revised Model Code of Conduct, including Paragraph 12 (2).
2. That a letter be sent to inform Peter Blackburn of this decision - plus the additional ones detailed in 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Clerk to attend to this matter.
3. That Kimberley Connell of the Standards Board for England, in Manchester, should be sent an email to inform her of this decision. - Clerk to attend to this matter.
4. Regarding publication in the local Press – agreement that this would be covered by the global notice arrangements provisionally proposed by Peter Blackburn.
5. Copies of the Code would be made available to any resident requesting one from the Clerk Mon-Fri. 10am- 6pm

#### 72. Finance

##### (a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2007 were ;

	£
Current Account	10333.31
Capital Reserve Account	6065.59

Since then - on July 4<sup>th</sup> - £8600 had been transferred to the Capital Reserve Account from the Current Account.

(b) Bank Mandate

The NatWest Bank had written to inform that they still required Cllr.S.A.Bligh to call in the St.Helens Branch for verification of identity etc., before the new mandate could be applied.

This was due to the fact that Cllr.Bligh had suffered a close family bereavement recently, but he stated that he would be calling in tomorrow.

( c ) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
PC Print	Printing of June Edition of Newsletter	494.00
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 17/7/07	19.00
Ecclesfield Project Revenue A/C	2 <sup>ND</sup> Qrtly.Payment	325.00
Bleak Hill School	Photocopying Services – Apr.-July	32.10
Post Office	Telephone A/C –including dedicated line and Broadband Rental	92.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary,Expenses & Purchases (including £150.00 for W.H.Smith Vouchers for School Awards.)	427.38

(d) Audits

The External Audit for 2006-2007 was scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and the Clerk confirmed that the necessary documents had been posted off to the auditors. The internal audit for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 would be done within the next few weeks.

A report was given on the Finance Meeting on 29/06/07 with the Internal Auditor, Mr.J.Friar, together with members of Eccleston P.C. and Windle P.C. when clarification of the Internal Auditor's role in respect of the latest requirements of the External Audit was discussed in detail. This will be an ongoing concern and it was agreed that certain measures would have to be determined in order to comply with the terms of the External Audit. Mr.Friar and the two Parish Clerks had agreed to consult further on the matter and to recommend the necessary course of action.

73. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007, but would be preceded by the Garden Competition Prize Awards to residents at 7.00 pm. The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed------(Chairman)                      Date-----