

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th July 2012, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

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

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

47. Apologies = None- all members present.

48. Declarations of Interest – None made

49. Parish Matters.

(a) It was reported that a deep hole had appeared or been dug in the grass verge outside the School on Bleak Hill Road. This matter to be investigated further.

(b)After further investigation the planned replacement notice board for the Bleak Hill School site had been deemed unsuitable, and the Clerk would explore other possibilities.

50. Minutes.

The Council received the minutes of the of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th June 2012, which had been circulated previously.

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

51. Matters Arising

Ref min 33(a) the matter of the resident displaying and selling second-hand cars from a private address had finally been dealt with, by both St Helens Council Trading Standards Officers, and the Planning Officer concerned, resulting in the practice now being discontinued.

52. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following :

a) Planning Application – P/2012/0522- 13 Hamilton Road- Conservatory to the rear.

b) Decisions: Approvals for the following applications

P/2012/0351- 7 Padstow Drive –Single stry. rear- extn.

P/2012/0356- 12 Fistral Drive- s/stry. rear extn

Resolved that no objections or comment be made concerning the application in (a) and that the 2 approvals in (b) be noted.

53. Other Correspondence

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

a) Latest bulletins from Halton & St Helens VCS- Received & Noted

The Clerk confirmed that, as decided at the 19th June meeting-see min 36c, - a letter of support had been sent to St Helens Council- Environmental Health & Trading Stds. Div. expressing approval for their proposed Dog Control Orders and other measures suggested in their letter ref. Clean Neighbourhoods & Env. Act 2005 –Consultation.

54. Garden Competition 2012- Report

The competition, which had been judged on Friday 29th June, had proved to be a success this year and it was:

Resolved that the winners should be invited to the prize giving on Tuesday, 18th September 2012 at 7.00pm. Clerk to arrange.

Cllr. Mc Nulty and all who had participated in the judging etc were thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

55. Ecclesfield Facility

Annual maintenance was now due to be carried out.

Two new clubs had wished to join but had been turned down for the time being,, because of concern regarding the over usage of the pitches.

56. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC/-

No report.

57. Lynton Way Play Area –Report

All continues to be quiet on this front. However the schools summer holiday break is usually a testing time.

58. J. Malone Garden

Excellent tidy –up work had been carried out on the garden. Councillors W. Ashcroft, A. Bate, S. Bligh and K. Roughley were congratulated for their efforts by Cllr. McNulty and other members present.

59. School Awards- Report

The presentation of these had been made on Monday 9th July 2012 by the Chairman, Cllr. Nancy Ashcroft, accompanied by several members of Council. As usual this had proved to be an enjoyable and rewarding occasion.

Christmas Tree Lighting – the invitation to the Mayor would be sent within the next few weeks.

Resolved that a Pre- Christmas Reception should be held following on from the end of the meeting on Tuesday 18th December 2012, commencing at 8.30pm and catering to be carried out by the lady councillors.

60. Reports from Other Bodies.

Sports Council Cllr. W. Ashcroft informed that the CRB Test which normally costs £65.00 was being carried out by the Sports Council for a £10.00 charge only. However this service has now stopped.

61. Finance ; (a) Balances- The Clerk informed that the balances at the 1st July 2012 were : Business Current A/c £10381.49 Business Reserve A/c £6032.00

(b) Payment of Accounts- Resolved that payment of the following accounts be made;

	£
Eccleston PC Room Hire 17 th July 2012	21.00
Ecclesfield Project Rev A/c 3 rd Qrtly. Payment	353.00
Bleak Hill CP School - Photocopying Apr-July	14.40
B. Walsh Website Computer	35.00
Post Office BT Tel A/c dedicated line	98.65
R.B.L. Poppy Appeal- Wreath for 11 th November 2012 Remembrance Sunday	50.00

62. Localism/ New Code of Conduct

The Localism Act 2011 received royal assent on 15 November 2011 and contains new provisions replacing the standards framework previously established by the LGA2000, and subsequent secondary legislation, which, in the future, will regulate parish councillors' conduct, disclosure of interests and how complaints about their conduct will be handled.

Angela Sanderson (St Helens Council) had sent out details of the report she had compiled for St Helens Council approval.

Parish Councils are not obliged to accept the same code as the District Council, but NALC recommend this course of action. It is intended that some training by Angela Sanderson will be available regarding the new requirements, probably in September. Resolved that there be provisional agreement to adopt the code adopted by St Helens Council- subject to a later perusal after receipt and possible necessary adaptation, and confirmation of this course of action.

63. Date of Next Meeting-

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18th September 2012, following on the presentation of the Garden Competition Prizes, which will commence at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____