

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 18th April 2006 at Eccleston Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor K.D.Roughley (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton(Deputy Chairman)
Councillor R.W.Barton
Councillor Mrs.E.Uren
Councillor Mrs.B.Walsh

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

222. Prayers

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

223. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors N.J. & W.Ashcroft – having to attend another meeting, Mrs.M.P.Fraser –away ,and A.F.Rigby – away.

224. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

225. Parish Matters

- Reports were given of persistent trouble at the Kiln Lane Shops viz: Windows being put through at the empty tanning-shop and a large rock being embedded in the Dry Cleaners window.
Cllr.K.D.Roughley informed that the Police had promised some action with a mobile C.C.TV Unit to attempt to identify the culprits.
- A cause for some concern were the attempts by residents to dash across Kiln Lane,from the bus stop on one side to the one on the other side, whenever there was the simultaneous arrival of two buses, going in different directions .

226. Chairman`s Report

Chairman Cllr.K.D.Roughley drew the attention of the Council to the item ,on the agenda of the St.Helens Council Meeting ,scheduled for discussion tomorrow i.e. the adoption of the alterations to the Windle Parish which would mean the properties to the North of the East Lancs.Road , in Moss Lane Rainford Road and Sadler`s Lane etc.,would become un-parished.

Resolved that the Windle Parish Council was opposed to any such move, and had on previous occasions and in previous correspondence made this clear to St. Helens Council, and urged that if possible, Cllr. Roughley, in his capacity as a Windle Ward Councillor to request an amendment to the proposal i.e. that the current status quo be maintained.

227. Minutes

- (a) The Council received the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, held on March 21 2006, which had been circulated previously.

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

- (b) The Council received, for information, the minutes of the Annual Assembly, held on March 21 2006, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that these be kept on file until the Annual Assembly Meeting in March 2007.

228. Matters Arising

Ref., min206 – Electric Fence at Sadlers Lane Footpath –

Resolved that the Clerk should ask Cllr. W. Ashcroft (not present at the current meeting,) as to the results of his enquiries.

229. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted:

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of:-

- (1) P/2006/0429 – Mr. & Mrs. P. Houghton, 27 Hamilton Road – Single stry. extn. to side & rear.
- (2) P/2006/0455 – Mrs. C.A. Bass 8 St. Mawes Way – Single stry. rear extn. with pitched roof, forming extended dining-room.

(b) Approvals in respect of:

- (1) P/2006/0102 Mr. & Mrs. Morris 9 Windle Grove – Pitched roof over existing garage.
- (2) P/2006/0140 A. Houghton 56 Queens Drive – 1st Floor side & rear extn. plus porch to front elevation.

(3) P/2006/0163 M.Bishop 10 Windle Grove – Single stry.rear extn.plus demolition of existing garage and erection of a new garage.

(4) P/2006/0214 P.Wellens 34 Windle Grove – 2 stry.side extn. – and garage conversion to rear-plus summer room.

Resolved that no comments be made regarding the 2 planning applications detailed in (a), and also that the 4 approvals in (b) be noted.

230. Other Correspondence

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

- a) “Contact” April Edition – Received
- b) Details of the next stage of the preparation of the Local Development Framework received from T.Ferguson, Dev.Plans Manager, Urban Regeneration and Housing – St.Helens Council.- Received & Noted.
- c) Minutes of the Development Services/ Parish Councils Meeting held @ the Town Hall 3 April 2006. Received.

231. Quality Parish Councils

Nil Report.

232. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

The Clerk confirmed that he had informed Mrs.Lynne Scott (Secretary) that Cllr.Mrs.K.S.Barton had been appointed by the Parish Council to take over the post of Chairman of the Ecclesfield Management Committee.(see min. 210).

233. L.A.P.T.C.

The LAPTC Conference would take place at Park Hall, Charnock Richard on 12 -14th May 2006.

Details and summaries of Parliamentary Briefings had been received from NALC on ;

- “Office of Communications”-Final Report on the Review of the Universal Service Obligation”i.e.ensuring that basic fixed line services are available at an affordable price across the UK.
- “What does your Council do for your Community?”
There were to be a new series of awards ,across 4 categories- for The innovations and best practice from parish and town councils in The areas of housing: young people: older people and Gypsies, Travellers and migrant workers.

Resolved that discussion and consideration of the fees etc., due for 2006-2007 should now take place at the May Meeting of the Council.

234. Parish Newsletter

It was requested that any outstanding articles be forwarded to the Editor (Cllr.K.D.Roughley as soon as possible.

235. Lynton Way Play Area

The new 2.4m fencing and gates had now been installed. It was to be hoped that the extended stronger type of mesh and the improved locks on the gates would be more successful at preventing unwanted trespass at the play park.

Resolved that the Clerk should enquire with St.Helens Council Security Force regarding the provision of duplicate keys for any emergency access.

236. Jim Malone Garden

The new litter bin had not yet been supplied by St.Helens Council. When visiting the notice board the Clerk had discovered some discarded used syringe-needles and would be requesting their removal.

237. Bleak Hill School/ Presentation of Bird Tables Report

The presentation had taken place on Monday 27 March 2006 and the occasion had been enjoyed by the pupils and staff and members of the Parish Council attending

One of the high spots proved to be the "lecture" given by Mr.Alan Hull(Chairman of Alder Hey Road Allotments) on the planting and growing of potatoes in small plastic buckets.

The School had been very pleased with the gift of the two bird – tables for their "Wild – Life Garden" and it was hoped to develop this initiative further.

238. Footpath Walks 2006 /Garden Competition 2006

It had previously been decided that there would not be an official programme of walks this year(see min.215 Mar.21 2006) but Cllr.Mrs.B.Walsh had provided a map ,illustrating details of the footpaths,which was to appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Resolved that the Garden Competition for 2006 would be held in July,and entry details be published with the next Newsletter.Prize levels would be the same as for the 2005 Competition.

239. Reports from Other Bodies

1) The Whiz Kids(after school)Club would be starting up after the Easter Holidays at Bleak Hill School.with a maximum of 60 places.An open night which had taken place prior to Easter had been well attended.

2) Police Report

Chairman Ken Roughley gave a detailed analysis of crime statistics over the past month.It gave food for thought that Windle had suffered a total of 80 crimes,by far the largest number in the town.

240. Finance(a) Balances

The Clerk reported that the balances at the 31 March 2006 were:

Current Account - £218.18
Capital Reserve Account - £8738.35

(b) Payment of Accounts

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

	£
Post Office-BT Tel.A/C –Dedicated Line/ includes Broadband Rental	97.14
Eccleston Parish Council – Room Hire (April 18 th)	18.00
Ecclesfield Project Revenue A/C – 1 st Quarterly Payment	325.00
L.J.Kilshaw - Salary,Post & Purchases	292.46
* St.Helens Council –Security Provision/LWPA 2005/06	2579.64

*Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 &139 of the Local Government Act of 1972 as being,in the opinion of the Council,in the best interests of the area or its inhabitants.

(c) VAT Return 2005/06

The Clerk confirmed that this return had now been completed and would be sent to HMCE this week.

(d) Balance Sheet – Receipts & Payments Book and Accounts

The Clerk informed the Council that the BalanceSheet/Receipts & Payments Accounts would be presented at the May Meeting.

Resolved that the Chairman and the Clerk sign off the Receipts & Payments Book for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2006. This was then completed.

(e) External Audit 2005/06

The date for this had been advised as Friday 28th July 2006.

The final internal audit for 2005/06 was expected to be completed by Mr. J. Friar within the next few weeks.

241. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 16 May 2006 after the rising of the Annual Meeting, which would commence at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____