

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

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

13. Prayers – for the work of the Council had been said previously at the commencement of the Annual Meeting, which had preceded this meeting, and the new Chairman for 2010- 2011 , Councillor K. D. Roughley, welcomed everyone to this meeting .

14. Apologies - No apologies had been received.

15. Declarations of Interest – these had already been declared earlier at the Annual Meeting:

16. Parish Matters

a.) Complaint received concerning persistent dog fouling outside 137, Regal Drive – Noted- Dog Warden to be informed and an attempt be made to progress the supply of the promised new warning notices concerning dog-fouling.

b ) The Clerk informed there had been a road accident this morning around School traffic time at the junction of Calderhurst Drive and Bleak Hill Road, which had subsequently resulted in this section of Bleak Hill Rd. being closed to traffic for 2 hours approximately.

c ) A resident had expressed concern over the dangers which Rainford School pupils exposed themselves to, when making hazardous last ditch attempts to cross Bleak Hill Rd. in order to catch the School Bus to Rainford.  
Resolved that a letter be sent to the School to urge them to take much more care when performing this dangerous manoeuvre.

d ) The footpath outside Bleak Hill Road School Gate is quite slippery as a result of the sand and grit etc. which was scattered on the road during bad weather, but which has since remained on the footpath. Highways to be informed.

17. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010, which had been circulated previously.

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

18. Matters Arising- There were no matters arising.

19. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment in respect of -

a) Planning Applications

1. P2010/0336 – M.Richmond,22 Calderhurst Drive, Windle – Certificate of Lawful Use for single stry.rear extn

2. P/2010/0351 – Mr.& Mrs. K. Joyce, 81, Bleak Hill Rd.- New roof to garage and entrance canopy

3. P/2010/0373 – Mrs. Harrison -12 Regal Drive – 2stry. side extn. plus single stry.rear extn.

b ) Approvals:

1. P/2010/0176- 22 St George's Ave.- 2stry.side extn./sing.stry.rear extn.

2. P/2010/0131. - 33 Windle Grove – s.stry. rear extn.

Resolved that no objections be raised concerning the three applications in ( a ) and the 3 approvals in (b) be noted.

20. Other Correspondence

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

a). Letter from the Mayor's Officer, Alan Jenkins, issuing an invitation for a representative of the Windle Parish Council .and guest to attend the Mayor's Church Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010.This would be the new Chairman, Cllr.K .D. Roughley and Mrs. E. Roughley -----Clerk to inform Mr.Jenkins.

b). Letter from St Helens CVS to inform that they were now merging with Halton Voluntary Action  
Received & Noted.

21. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Next meeting scheduled towards the end of June.

22. LALC/MAPTC/ NALC—SLCC

The Clerk gave details of the planned LALC Visit to Lancaster Castle on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at a cost of £10 per person. Total numbers in the party not to exceed 120- therefore applications limited to one councillor plus one companion, who could be another councillor, per parish councillor. Anybody wishing to take part should inform the Clerk a.s.a.p.

Received & Noted

Notice of the LALC Autumn Conference to be held at Leyland Hotel, Leyland Way, Leyland PR25 4JX on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2010- cost £33.00 per delegate.

Received & Noted

22. L.W.P.A.- Report

The Clerk reported on two incidents which had happened over the last few weeks at the Play Area both involving youths .

The first one had been reported to the police but when they arrived everything was quiet and normal. The Clerk had been round to see the resident and spoke to her husband concerning the complaint.

The second incident had involved the litter bin in the play area being set on fire and the Clerk had managed to extinguish it with water.

As a result of these incidents the opening and closing of the park by St Helens Security Force on Fridays and Saturdays plus Sunday morning, is continuing until after the half-term school holidays.

23. J. Malone Garden- Report

Cllr. Marie McNulty reported that she had planted some new plants and Mr. Palfrey, who lives close by the garden, had kindly donated some extra plants.

24. Parish Newsletter- Report

All outstanding articles needed to be supplied to the editor, Cllr. Ken Roughley, a.s.a.p.

25. Bleak Hill School – Report

The Clerk informed that the Presentation of School Awards would be made on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010.

Resolved that the prize amounts be kept at the same levels as 2009.

Resolved that some Meerkat Garden Ornaments be purchased for presentation to the School, for use in the garden. Clerk to arrange purchase etc.

26. Glass Plaques / Roll of Honour Project

Further research would be necessary to determine the finer detail of this project and initially some consultation with Mr. Wellens would need to take place

27. Christmas Tree Lighting 2010

The Clerk and Cllr. Richard Barton had already had a preliminary meeting with Mr. Wellens regarding the problems to be faced, and another meeting was now needed. This to be arranged and in addition Cllr. Ken Roughley would attend. The

Resolved that these be approved and accepted by the Council, and be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

(e) Internal Audit Report – The Council received the final written report for the y/e 31/03/10, from the Internal Auditor, Mr. P. Fairclough – there were no items to be brought to the attention of the Council.

(f) External Audit – Completion of the Annual Return for y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

Copies had been supplied earlier and the Clerk re-iterated the responsibilities with regard to completion of the form as previously discussed.

Resolved that Sections 1-Statement of accounts, and Section 2- Annual governance statement, - be approved and accepted, and be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer.

There now remains only Section 4-Annual internal audit report, which will be completed by the Internal auditor within the next few day: and the form and supporting documents will be sent off in good time, by registered post, for the External Audit to be conducted on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

#### 31. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010, commencing at 7.00pm.at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)