

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Windle Parish Council, held on Tuesday 18th June 2013, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present: Cllr. W. Ashcroft (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft
Cllr. Mrs. K. S. Barton
Cllr. R. W. Barton
Cllr. S. A. Bligh
Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty

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

30.) Prayers; The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

31.) Apologies; had been received from Councillors Mrs. A. Bate, K.D. Roughley and Mrs. E. Uren- all away on holiday.

32.) Declarations of Interest ; No declarations were made.

33.) Parish Matters (a) Some concern was expressed that whilst some work was being carried out at a house at the corner of Bleak Hill Road and Stuart Road, it was proving necessary for the owners to park on Bleak Hill Road itself. The house is at the crest of the hill, and the parked vehicles are making it even more hazardous for vehicles and pedestrians on Bleak Hill Road.

Resolved that Highways Dept. be contacted, or, alternatively, the residents themselves be politely requested to park in a safer spot. It was expected that the situation would rectify itself when the building alterations were completed.

34.) Minutes The Council received the minutes of both:

- (a) the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st May 2013 and
 - (b) the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting, also held on 21st May 2013.
- Copies of both sets of minutes had been circulated previously.

Resolved that: (a) the minutes of the Annual Meeting be accepted, and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

(b) that the minutes of the May ordinary meeting be accepted and be signed by the Chairman , as a true and correct record.

35.) Matters Arising (a) There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Meeting.

(b) The Clerk was pleased to advise that the £300 cheque from St Helens Council had been received towards the end of May (Ref. min 18- 21/05 13)

36.) Planning Matters The Clerk gave opportunity for comment on the following

(a) Planning Applications

- (1) P/2013/0383 – 66 LYNTON WAY= S.STRY. EXTN. TO FRONT
- (2) P/2013/0438- 26 CORONATION ROAD- 1st FLR. REAR EXTN. OVER KITCHEN.
- (3) P/2013/ 0441- 79 RAINFORD ROAD- CONVERSN. OF GARAGE INTO AN HABITABLE ROOM,ALONG WITH A DETACHED OUT-BUILDING TO FORM HOBBY –ROOM.

(b) Approvals – P/2013/0303 – 4 WOODFORD ROAD-DEMOLITN. OF EXISTING GARAGE AND ERECTIO N OF 2 STRY. SIDE/REAR EXTN.

Resolved that the approval in (b) be noted and that no objections be raised concerning the 3 applications in (a) except to ensure that the footings of the kitchen in the application P/2013/0438 are of sufficient strength to carry the weight of the extension as well as the original kitchen building.

37.) Other Correspondence - The Clerk submitted the following items of correspondence, to be dealt with as indicated:

(a) latest email bulletin from Halton & St Helens VCA – Received & Noted.

38) Garden Competition 2013- It had proved necessary to put back the dates for the closing of entries to Friday 28th June and the judging day to Friday 5th July. This was due mainly to the effects of the very cold Spring weather which was delaying gardens coming into bloom. An entry form leaflet, with these amendments made, had been produced for distribution with the Newsletter in the next few days. Details were given of the intended Mystery Prize Raffle – open to all entrants of the Garden Competition, but which information was to be kept secret for the time being.

39.) Ecclesfield Sports Facility- Report

A meeting of the committee had been held on 4th June. A request from Liverpool-St Helens R.U.F.C. to play rugby union on Ecclesfield had been turned down, because no pitch space was available.

There may be some re-arrangement of pitches, and it had been requested not to re-instate the pitches behind the houses on Broadway.

An incident had occurred of someone riding a quad-bike on the field, which had been followed up by the Police.

40.) NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC

A copy of the report – update of the meeting with the DCLG Minister and the Chairman of NALC-(see min 23a May 21st meeting) had been supplied previously to all members and a short discussion of this took place. Received & Noted

41.) Lynton Way Play Area – Report

Chairman Cllr. W. Ashcroft and the Clerk had discussed the proposed communication with Paul Sanderson, and were inclined to believe that some consultation with the three Ward Councillors should be carried out – possibly an informal meeting might prove beneficial in order to explain the situation with the L.W. P. A.

Resolved that such a meeting be arranged.

42. J. Malone Garden – Cllr. Marie McNulty reported that the garden was in good condition, but it was felt that there was a need for a working party to carry out some necessary weeding and tidying up.

Resolved that this be arranged, and also Cllr. W. Ashcroft and the Clerk hoped to restore the Millenium Bench etc. to its former glory at an early opportunity.

43. Parish Newsletter – Publication of the June issue had been completed and distribution was to be made as soon as possible. Brian Walsh had put in a sterling effort, and the Chairman requested that the grateful thanks of the Council for his efforts be expressed to Brian.

44. Bleak Hill School Annual Awards Presentation of these would take place on Monday 8th July, by the Chairman, and Councillors attending were requested to be there at 9.00 a.m. for a 9.15 a.m. start.

45. Reports from other Bodies

(a) Bleak Hill School Governors –

A meeting was to be held tomorrow.

46. Internal Audit 2012/13 - Mr. P. Fairclough had completed his report on 30/05/2013 for the y/e 31st March 2013. He had carried out auditory checks on the:

a). Receipts & Payments Books and the Minutes.

b). Verification of reconciliation of balances in relation to Bank statements and completed a check on certain paid Cheques.

All checks proved satisfactory and he confirmed his satisfaction with the current level of internal financial control that exists.

c). Balance Sheet and Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Y/E 31/03/13 –
Copies of these had been supplied by the Clerk.

Resolved that these be approved and noted. Y/E Balances were

*£2,660.57 current a/c, £6,034.25 Bus. Res. a/c.

*Due to the delayed receipt of one cheque for £300 and one invoice for £840, which were thus not included in the R&P a/cs in 2012-2-13. The figure for the current a/c balance would thus have been some £500 less than £2,660.57. This will be adjusted in the 2013-2014 accounts.

d). Payment of Accounts – resolved that payment of the following accounts be made:

		£
NATWEST BANK	VOUCHER STATEMENT FEES	3.25
ECCLESTON PC	ROOM HIRE 18/6/13	21.00
PC PRINT	NEWSLETTER	527.00

e). External Audit 2012-13

Completion of the Annual Return for 2012-2013 was carried out (Sections 1 & 2) and signed by the Clerk and Chairman, with the Council's approval. The required legal notice concerning the exercise of 'electors' rights would be posted on the Parish Council's Notice Board from 24th June until 19th July, 2013. The date of the audit would be 22nd July, 2013.

47. Date of Next Meeting – to be held on Tuesday, 16th July, 2013 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed.....(Chairman).....(Date)