

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th September 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 S. A. Bligh
Councillor Mrs. M. McNulty
Councillor K. D. Roughley
Councillor Mrs. E. Uren

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

73. Prayers

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

74. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. Ann Bate – away on holiday.

75. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

76. Parish Matters

- a) The problems at the empty Tanning Shop on Kiln Lane were still persisting.
- b) Ditto with the “Grot Spot ” that was the Henderson proposed building - site on Bleak Hill Road (formerly French’s Farm).

Cllr.W.Ashcroft informed the Council that these had been reported via the Windle Ward Committee Meeting to St.Helens Council Officers , and site inspection visits were to be made to investigate further.

- c) Some residents ,from near the crest of the hill in Bleak Hill Road, had complained of poor TV reception caused by the very tall conifers near to the Lynton Way shopping site – John Broomhead (St Helens Council) had promised to reduce the height of the offending trees.

- d) The promised new additional P. C. Notice Board was to be installed shortly . It would be free-standing and positioned near the end of the newsagents , at the Kiln Lane/Coronation Road Shops.

e) Cllr.K.D.Roughley informed the Council that the Arriva Bus Co.had made adjustments to their timetable of running times viz;

No buses travel up Kilm Lane after 7.30 p.m.

Also the No.31 & No.31a Buses are replaced by the 37 & 38 buses.

Mersey Travel are currently trying to bring Arriva into line , but once more they would appear to be acting independently , in making decisions regarding unprofitable routes.

f) Cllr.Mrs.M. McNulty reported that the alleyway between Windle Grove and Rainford Road was overgrown with overhanging branches at the Rainford Rd.end, which obstructed pedestrians progress.

Cllr.Wally Ashcroft would request John Broomhead to attend to the matter.

77. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council , held on Tuesday , 17th July 2007.which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council , held on Tuesday 17th July 2007,be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

78. Matters Arising

Ref. min.56(d) – Cllr .Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft informed that she had requested action from John Broomhead and Brian Johnson to the shrubbery etc.near the Scout H.Q. but no action had resulted.A further troublesome incident had occurred recently and she was again chasing the matter forward.

79.(A) Planning Applications

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

*1.P/2007/0922 – Windle Farm , East Lancashire Road – Replacement of existing 15m Mobile Phone Telecommunication mast by a 20m on a concrete base etc. Relocation of existing Orange antennae-installatn. of 3 x O2 transmission dishes and O2 Nokia Supreme Outdoor Cabinet wit SSU plus ancillary dedicated cabling and meters within the compound.

*2. P/2007/0946 – Jon Thompson ,3 Lawrence Road – 2 stry xtn. – 1st Flr.Extn.to rear & porch to front elevation.

*3. P/2007/1000 – B.O` Dwyer – 15 Sackville Rd.- Single stry.rear xtn.

*4. P/2007/1002 – Mrs. Cunningham - 40 Coronation Rd. – Conservatory to rear.

*5. P/2007/1053 – S.Maddox - 88 Bleak Hill Rd. – Demolitn. of existing pre-fab.detached garage and erection of new pitched roof ,brick wall,detached Garage on exactly same site.Roof to be made of plastic coated corrugated steel sheet .

6. P/2007/1084 – Mr.&Mrs.D.Rix - 23 Fistral Drive – Single stry.pitched roof xtn.to front elevation .

7. P/2007/1095 – Prior Notification – Overhead Electricity Lines Installatn – 9.7km-132v – Land between the Coach Road and land adjacent to the Borough Boundary between St Helens,Wigan and West Lancs. Coach Road Rainford

* These five applications all made and considered by committee during the summer recess –

Resolved that the no comments decisions made concerning them be endorsed ,and that no comments be made concerning the remaining two applications detailed in 6and 7.

B. Approvals

1. P/2007/0690-J McAllister -34 Moss Lane-Demolitn.of existing lean to – erectn of 2 stry.side xtn. with dormer window ,and conservatory to rear.

2. P/2007/0760- Mr.Smith 8 The Grove- 1st Flr .Rear Xtn. to-form enlarged bath room

3. P/2007/0777 – C.Lawler 14 Moss Lane – Existing bungalow to be converted to 2 stry. dwelling incldng. 2 stry.rear extn. and 2 stry.side extn and new pitched roof to the existing 2 stry. extn.at the rear .

4. P/20007/0835 K.Rayne – 30 St. George's Ave. – single stry.side and rear extn.plus front porch .

5. P/2007/0857 – G.Cameron – 5 Windle Grove - Single stry.extn.with hipped roof garage utility room and kitchen extn.

6. P/2007/0867 – 36 St.George`s Ave. – Demolition of existing garage – erectn.of 2 Stry.pitched roof xtn.to side and a single stry.xtn. to rear.

7.P/2007/0922 – Windle Farm, East Lancs.Rd. – see min. 79 . A.1 - ante.-for detail.

Resolved that these seven approvals in B. be noted .

80. Other Correspondence

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

a) Letter from Tony McDonough,- Merseyside Rights of Way Improvement Plan Officer – giving details of the Consultation Draft on ROWIP - and how to respond to it. Received & Noted .

b)Minutes of the Windle Ward Committee – Public Meeting on 23 July 2007 @ Cowley Language College plus Agenda for the meeting held at the Deafness Resource Centre on 3rd September 2007. Received & Noted.

81. Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.

82. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

The AGM of the Ecclesfield Management Committee had been held on the 10th September 2007 and a report was given by Councillors Richard and Sheila Barton. The Accounts for 2006-2007 had been received and, at the end of the financial year The balances on the Bank Accounts were Current A/c £250, Reserve A/c £2325.93 = £2575.93(Balance C.Fwd).

The old storage building had been replaced by a new building. All teams had paid their fees to date.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 4th December 2007.

83. LAPTC/ NALC/ MAPTC

The Clerk gave details of the LAPTC Conference entitled "After the White Paper" which would be held Friday 19th October to Sunday 21st October 2007 at Park Hall Hotel, Charnock Richard, nr. Chorley. Received and noted.

84. Garden Competition -Report

Cllr. Mrs. Marie McNulty, who had assumed the mantle of the Garden Competition Organiser this year, in succession to former Councillor Pat Fraser, who had fulfilled this role successfully for eighteen years, gave a report on the 2007 Competition.

Once again the high standard of entries had been maintained and the prizes had been presented to the winning residents at an Awards Ceremony, held prior to this evening's meeting. (For details of winners etc. see min. 90.(b)-post.)

Resolved that

- a) next year's competition judging should be carried out on a Wednesday in June 2008.
- b) votes of thanks be recorded to Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty and the judges, and also to Cllr. Roughley for designing and printing the prize certificates for the winners.

85. Parish Newsletter

Editor, Cllr. Ken Roughley made a request for articles to be submitted for the next edition.

The Clerk handed over the Finance Article for inclusion.

86. Lynton Way Play Area

The Clerk reported that St. Helens Council had installed the long awaited replacement roundabout in the play area this summer, which appeared to be of a much more safety conscious design than its predecessor.

87. Jim Malone Garden

Cllr. Marie McNulty reported that she was managing to keep the maintenance work under control, by carrying out regular bouts of weeding, feeding and tidying up. She did report that there was a discarded advertising sign near the bin, which had not yet been removed.

88. Christmas Tree Lighting 2007

The Clerk reported that Mr. Alan Hull had again agreed to be M.C. at this event on Friday 7th December 2007.

Regarding the additional set of lights that had already been requested, the Clerk asked for the help of councillors in "spotting" a suitable set in the next few weeks.

Resolved that this last request would be carried out and also that a quote be obtained from Paragon Building Services (St. Helens) Ltd. for the cost of the electrical work involved for the Tree Lighting.

89. Reports from Other Bodies (including Police Representative)

Police

Councillor K. Roughley informed that the Police were concerned that the Windle Area appears to have been targeted by criminals recently. There had been a number of burglaries and also the theft of a car on Rainford Road, plus thefts from vehicles.

90. Finance

a. Balances ;

The Council noted that the balances at September 12th 2007 were :

	£	
Current Account	242.90	
Capital Reserve Account	14665.59	

b) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
Easily Ltd. -Renewal of domain name and email address		72.18
Toye, Kenning & Spencer Ltd. - Additional links to Chairman's Chain of Office		46.41
<u>Garden Competiton Open Section – Rear Garden</u>		
F. Bishop	1 st Prize Winner	30.00
Mrs. J. Dearden	2 nd " "	20.00
A. Burns	3 rd " "	15.00

Senior Citizen Section – Rear Garden

Elsie Bishop	1st	“	“	30.00
C.Prior	2nd	“	“	20.00
M.Halsall	3rd	“	“	15.00

New Entrants Section

Linda Leech	1 st	“	“	20.00
Sue Tickle	2nd	“	“	15.00
Susan Hayes	3rd	“	“	10.00

Winners of Windle Roofing Shield

J. & E.R. Harrison	Front Garden Section	25.00
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Winner of the Chairman's Trophy – Rose Bowl

Harry Webster	Chairman's Choice	25.00
*Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	- Wreath	25.00
BDO Stoy Hayward Ltd.	External Audit Fee 2006/2007	158.63
*Threshers	Hospitality –Garden Comp.Awards	52.54
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary.Postage, Engraving	555.26
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 18/09/07	19.00

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

c) Audits

1. The External Audit the Y/E 31st March 2007 had been carried out satisfactorily on the 23rd August 2007, and the Auditor had found nothing to bring to the attention of the Parish Council.

Resolved that the Audit Report for 2006/07 be accepted and that the necessary Notices of Conclusion of Audit and the Statement of Accounts and Annual Review

be posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards for the requisite period of two weeks ,as required by law.

In addition copies of these documents will be made available ,on request and on payment of a nominal fee of 10p per sheet ,to any resident requesting them. A notice to that effect would also be displayed.

2.The Council received the Internal Auditor`s Interim Report for the period 1/04/07-30/06/07 .

Resolved that the report be accepted and that the Internal Auditor`s suggestions viz.

“(a) that the Council may need to review the areas to be subject of the Council`s Internal Audit Remit.

(b) that the agreement for the security of Lynton Way should be reviewed,particularly with regard to seeking alternative quotations for the work.”

should be investigated further.

91. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th October 2007,commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m. .

Signed :------(Chairman)

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