

Windle Parish Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Windle Parish Council , held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 2012, at 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 to the Council)

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

65. Apologies- None- all members present

66. Declarations of Interest- None made.

67. Parish Matters:

a) The Clerk reminded Council of the invitation received from Liverpool St Helens Football Club to attend the St Helens leg of the RFU Annual Tag to Twickenham Competition for primary schools on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Moss Lane. Commencing at 10.30am- concluding at 3.00pm approximately. Lunch for guests to be served shortly after 12.30pm.

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Clerk would attend and other councillors may attend at sometime during the day.

b) Residents of Queen`s Drive had, once more, been complaining of noisy neighbours and this time the police had been involved and the offender may yet be prosecuted.

c) The public footpaths, especially the one at the back of Liverpool St Helens FC , Moss Lane ,which leads to the A580 East Lancs Road are overgrown.

Mr. Widdop, the St Helens Council Officer involved, is being contacted.

d) A complaint from a resident had been received that school children did not appear to make use of the litter bins provided at the Kiln Lane / Coronation Road shops. It was considered that this only seemed to happen after school as the bins were well used for most of the time, but this matter would be kept under observation.

e) The Clerk reported that the Council Computer was now some seven years old, and there had been some recent attempts to subject it to some well known scams. It might be prudent to replace it now with a lap-top computer.

Resolved that the purchase of this equipment be investigated further as there was a figure on reserve of £500 to cover this.

68. Minutes - The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012, which had been circulated previously.

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

69. Matters Arising

Reference min.49a- it was reported that the deep hole in the grass verge had since been filled in.

70. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave details of the four applications received during the summer recess , which had been considered by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman at the time viz.;

- A.
- a) P/2012/0550- 10 Lynton Way- Erection of detached garage and garden store to rear garden
  - b) P/2012/0565- 11 Hamilton Rd.- 2stry.side and single stry.rear extn. along with canopy to front
  - c) P/2012/0631- 13 Lynton Way – Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a two stry.side and single stry. rear extn.
  - d) P/2012/0636- 10 Sackville Rd.- 1<sup>st</sup> Flr. side- extn. along with alterations to dining room roof plus patio doors.

No objections had been raised and all four applications had been approved.

The Clerk gave an opportunity to comment on the following applications recently received :

- B.
- e) P/2012/0677 - Woodland Burial Park, Emma Wood, Blindfoot Road, Rainford-( i.e. Windle Parish North) – Woodland burial park with new access road, 3 timber clad bldngs, car- park and associated ancillary works including bridge, footpaths, entrance gates, fencing, external lighting and street furniture
  - f) P/2012/0701-53-55 Cockleshell Cottages , Rainford Rd, - Works to Protected Trees- Trim and cut branches of 2 beech trees +3<sup>rd</sup> decayed tree to be felled.

C. Decisions- Approvals had been granted for the following applications:

- a) P/2012/0422- Tesco Express & Petrol Windle – New signage
- b) P/2012/0421- 36 Hamilton Rd.- single stry. side extn.
- c) P/2012/0452- 51 Rainford Rd.- Erection of 4 new aptmnts.
- d) P/2012/0522- 13 Hamilton Rd.- Conservatory to rear.
- e) P/2012/0550- 10 Lynton Way- Detached garage & gdn. store in rear garden

Resolved that the decisions made ref. the planning apps. in A be Endorsed and Noted  
“ the five approvals listed in C be Noted.

“ no objections or comment be made concerning  
the four applications listed in B.

71. Other Correspondence/ Localism & New Code of Conduct

a) Letter from St Helens Council –Town Planning informing that, as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 there would no longer be mailed out paper copies of decision notices on planning applications. Instead these notices would be emailed out to recipients, which would save postage costs. Received & Noted

b) The Clerk had supplied copies of an email from Angela Sanderson giving details of a presentation on the new Standards Requirements to Parish Council members on

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at the Town Hall., starting at 5.30pm- all members were urged to attend if possible. Received and Noted.

c) Letter received from Strategic Events Team – St Helens Council detailing arrangements for Remembrance Day – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012- The Parish Council would be represented by Councillors N.J. and W. Ashcroft as Chairman and Deputy Chairman. The Poppy Wreath from the RBLA had been received for the Chairman. This reply had already been communicated to the St Helens Council by telephone. Received and Noted.

72. Ecclesfield Facility

The new Chair of the Management Committee is Anita Ashcroft of Eccleston Parish Council. Repairs to the changing rooms were being carried out. A request received from Liverpool St Helens FC for a rugby pitch had to be turned down, due to lack of room at present.

73. LALC /MAPTC/NALC/SLCC

Latest Newsletter SEPT 2012 had been received from LALC, and also, a copy of the new format for the “Declaration of Acceptance of Office” form.

74. Lynton Way Play Area- Report

No incidents of any kind were reported during the summer holidays.

75. Jim Malone Garden- Report

Mr. K. Abrathat J.P. whose garden backs onto the JMG requested permission for his contractor to cut back some of the shrubs etc whilst installing a replacement fence to his garden. This had been agreed by the Clerk and the new fence was now installed, and the general appearance of the JMG had been improved by these measures.

Resolved that a working party would carry out some autumn planting of “ narcissi bulbs” to be purchased by Cllr.S.A. Bligh

76. Parish Newsletter- Cllr. Roughley, as editor, made a request for all articles to be received by him by early November. He requested a list of those people who had been Chairman of the Windle Parish Council if possible- the Clerk to investigate.

77. Christmas Tree Lighting Report. The invitation to the Mayor had been sent, and a reply was awaited.

78. Garden Competition Report

The Competition had been successfully held this year. The winners had attended a prize giving presentation, prior to this PC meeting, and presented with their prizes, certificates and photographs of their gardens in bloom.

Suggestions made by the entrants that might improve future competitions included- greater advertising and publicity for the event- i.e. not just in the Parish Newsletter, Possibly enlist the aid of some long serving entrants such as Fred Bishop . Slide show of the winning entries at next years prize giving.

Resolved that thanks to all concerned be expressed

79. Reports from Other Bodies – No reports received, but P.C. Mark Pender had apologised for not being able to attend Parish Council meetings to due to extreme pressure of work.

80. FINANCE: (a) Balances- The Clerk informed that the bank balances at 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were Business Current A/c £ 9544.57 Busines Reserve A/c £6032.00

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

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L.J.Kilshaw Re-imbusement for payment to Easily Ltd for JUSTMAIL & Web Hosting	71.98
DSG RETAIL LTD –PC WORLD-Ink Cartridges	49.99
Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire 18/09/12	21.00
Mrs. J. Barratt Garden Comp Winner-Baskets & Pots	30.00
Mrs.E. Forrest “ “ “ - Front Garden	30.00
F.Bishop “ “ “ - Rear “	30.00
A. Burns “ “ “ - Courtyard	30.00
Mrs. M. Waring “ “ “ - Best Newcomer	20.00
Mrs. S.Fillingham “ “ “ - Highly Commended	15.00
P.Holland “ “ “ - Commended	10.00
Mrs. J. Topping “ “ “ - Chairman's Choice/Rose Bowl	30.00
Mrs. M.Perkins “ “ “ - Windle Roofing Shield	30.00
Mrs. S. Hayes “ “ “ - Highly Commended	15.00
<u>F. Bishop Special Award for Entering 21 Years Consecutively</u>	<u>21.00</u>

( c ) External Audit 2011/12- Report not received yet.

Letter received from the audit commission informing that BDO LLP has been appointed to audit the annual return of Windle Parish Council for five years from 2012/13- as per section 3 of the Audit Commission Act 1998- commencing on 1 September 2012. Received & Noted

( d ) Internal Audit 2012/13- Report received from Mr. P.Fairclough for the period April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 confirming satisfactory review of the Receipts & Payments in conjunction with approved Council minutes / verification of bank balances/ completion of check of certain paid cheques. The level of expenditure shown within the various categories, year to date, is more or less in line with the annual budget.. Also satisfaction expressed that the required internal controls are operating effectively.

81. Date of Next Meeting- Next meeting will take place 7pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_