

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Windle Parish Council, held on Tuesday 18th December 2012, at the 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

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

118. Prayers – The Chairman welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council

101. Apologies- Cllr. Mrs E. Uren- away on holiday.

102. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made. The Clerk had previously supplied copies of the new form for the declaration of personal interests etc., and requested the return of these as soon as possible.

103. Parish Matters- (a) A resident of Lawrence Road had emailed the Clerk concerning problems being encountered with pavements there. The matter had been passed to Cllr. W. Ashcroft who had taken the matter up with St Helens Council, and had replied directly to the resident informing him of the action taken..

(b) A recent concert at St Helens Parish Church by Haydock Male Voice Choir and Bleak Hill School Choir had been well attended, but people, who had parked on the Chalon Way car park of the “Range Store” (i.e. the site previously occupied by Tesco) were dismayed to discover, after returning to their vehicles, that they had qualified for a parking fine of £100 – reduced to £60 if paid promptly- for overstaying the parking limit of two hours, on this now private car park. Not many people know this apparently, and it may prevent people from attending future performances of the Haydock Male Voice Choir and others appearing in town centre venues.

104. Minutes - the Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th November 2012, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on 20th November 2012, be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

105. Matters Arising : There were no matters arising.

106. Planning Matters:

(a) Planning Applications

The Clerk gave the opportunity to comment on-the following applications :

(1) P/2012 /0850 – 84 KILN LANE – Change of Use of the 1ST flr. Flat from residential 2 bedroom flat to be incorporated into the beauty salon operating on the ground floor.

(2) P/2012/ 0849- 51 Rainford road – Modification or Removal of Condition-Request to revise the landscaping plan of P/2022/0452 for 4 apartments

(3)P/2012/0894- 8 Hamilton Rd - Erection of a detached building in rear garden to be used as a summer house and garden store

(b Approvals

(1) P/2012/0677- Woodland Burial Park, Emma Wood, Blindfoot Road Rainford

(2) P/2012/0742- 11 Hamilton Rd- Erection of attached garage and 2stry. side and rear extension.

Resolved that no objections or comments be made concerning the three applications in a, and that the two approvals in b should be noted.

107. Other Correspondence

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

(a)Ref min107a ante- the copy of the promised “St Helens Council Local Plan Core Strategy” together with copies of each of the adopted Supplementary Guidance documents had now been received, and were available to individual councillors. Received and Noted.

(b) Halton & St Helens VCS- Latest bulletin Received

108. Ecclesfield Sports Facility No report received.

109. NALC/MAPTC/LALC/SLCC=

Details of various training courses were given. Noted

110. L.W.P.A

The area remains peaceful. The Clerk informed Council that the anticipated charge for opening/ closing the play area for 2012/2013 would be £2554+(£510.87VAT)=£3065.21 (c.f. £3582.50+(£716.50VAT)= £4299 2011/12)

111. J. Malone Garden- Nil report

112. Parish Newsletter – Report

Distribution of the December issue has been carried out and early reports from residents are favourable.

113. Christmas Tree Lighting – Report This had taken place on Friday 7th

December and had been well attended by guests and parents, teaching staff and parents. Guests of honour the Mayor Cllr. Geoff Almond and the Mayoress Mrs. Jean Almond had expressed admiration for the event, and their thanks for the hospitality extended to them.

114. Reports from Other Bodies

No reports received.

115. Risk Assessment

The internal audit measures were reviewed, and a policy and document review commenced to be continued at the next meeting. It will be necessary to amend the asset register and add the new tree lights purchased. Also a possible change of bank is to be discussed.

116. Finance ; (a) Balances The Clerk informed Council that the bank balances, at November 20th were £ 7938.28 (Current A/c) and £6032.75 (Business Reserve A/c)

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

	£
PC Print Newsletter printing	466.00
*Hattons Travel Coach hire for St Thomas of Canterbury School	50.00
*Billinge Gdn. Centre Extra Xmas Tree Lights	75.98
Eccleston P.C. Room Hire 18/12/12	21.00
Bleak Hill School Photo-copying Services	20.13
Mrs.E. Roughley Catering Costs Xmas Reception	12.58
Mrs. M. McNulty " " " "	18.60
Mrs. K. S. Barton " " " "	31.94
Mrs. H. Bligh " " " "	15.73
Mrs. A. Bate " " " "	17.99
Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft " " " "	36.80
L. J. Kilshaw Purchases for Xmas Tree Lighting & Xmas Reception	135.34
" " " 3 Months Expenses Postage / Stationery etc	61.34
" " " " Salary/ PAYE/ Admin. Fee	921.73

(c) Budget/ Precept 2013-2014

Letter received from Ian Roberts (Assistant Chief Executive (Finance) St Helens Council, in accordance with

"The Local Authorities (Funds) (England) Regulations 1982

The Local Authorities (Calculation of the Tax Base) Regulations 2012"

and informing of the proposed payment dates for the Parish Precepts for 2013/14

i. e. 50% on 22 April 2013 50% on 24 June 2013,

and requesting written confirmation of the acceptance of these dates.

The proposed Council Tax Base for Windle Parish (Band "D" equivalent properties)

will be 970 – subject to St Helens Council ratification at the meeting on 16th Jan 2013.

This is significantly lower than in previous years (1034) in 2012/13).

Resolved that a letter be sent agreeing to the payment dates for 2013/14.

(d) Finance Committee ; Resolved a meeting be arranged for Tuesday 8th Jan 2013 at 26 Kiln Lane at 7.30pm.

117. Date of Next Meeting- Next meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 15th

January commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____