

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Windle Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th February 2008 at Eccleston Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft (Chairman)
Councillor S.A.Bligh
Councillor Mrs .M.McNulty
Councillor K.D.Roughley
Councillor Mrs.E.Uren

Also in Attendance : P.C. B.Morrison (Merseyside Police)
L.J.Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

162. Prayers

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

163. Apologies

Apologies were offered for Cllr.W.Ashcroft- attending an alternative meeting.
And Cllrs.K.S. and R.W.Barton ,and A.Bate - all away on holidays.

164. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

165. Parish Matters /Reports from Other Bodies

a) Residents had complained of the state of a house in Lynton Way (No.10) which appeared to be in a neglected condition.The overflow – pipe had been running since November and it was

Resolved that this matter should be brought to the attention of Paul Sanderson (Director of Environmental Health Dept.St Helens Council) to see if anything might be done to improve matters.

It was at this point that P.C. B. Morrison joined the meeting and so,with Council's permission, the Chairman varied the Agenda to incorporate the Police Report with the relevant items of Parish Matters and combine the two agenda items.

b) A car had remained parked half-way on and half-way off the kerb,outside of No. 5,Hamilton Road.As this had now been there for some time and must be considered unroadworthy – it had a flat tyre – and as this is close to the Bleak Hill C.P. School main entrance it is something of a hazard to both pedestrians and vehicles accessing the School .

Police Constable B.Morrison promised to investigate further.

c) A resident from the bottom of Pentire Avenue had complained of children gaining access to the Lynton Way Play Area,from the drive of his property via the hedge.

Again P.C.Morrison would investigate.

d) Another resident claimed to have witnessed youngsters indulging in sexual activity in a doorway of one of the Lynton Way Shops at 9.30 pm Monday last week.

P.C. Morrison discussed these matters and also reported on the situation at the hostel at the top of Kiln Lane, which had been the source of trouble once again recently.

e) Age Concern

It was noted that Age Concern were promoting a "Facility for the Over Fifties" Activities Program including such items Tai -Chi.

d) Windle Ward Committee

The next meeting would be held at 7.00 p.m. Mon . 10th March 2008 at Cowley Language College .

The Chairman thanked P.C. B.Morrison for her contribution to the discussion ,and she left the meeting after this.

166. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th January, 2008 which had been circulated previously.

It was pointed out that the names of two of the Councillors involved in the provision of refreshments had been omitted (see min157) and it was agreed that these names should be added viz. Cllrs.A.Bate and E.Uren. When this addition had been made it was

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting ,held on the15th January 2008 ,should be signed by the Chairman as true and correct record.

167. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

168. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave invitation to comment in respect of the following applications :

A. Planning Applications

1. P/2008/0036 – Mr.K.Boyce – 50 St George`s Ave. – 2 Stry.Side Extn.+Single Stry.Rear Extn.

2.P/2008/0038 – Mrs.A.Pitts – “ The Sycamores” 129 Bleak Hill Rd. –Works to Protected Trees covered by T.P.O.28- Safety Measure

3.P/2008/0052 –Mr.P.Tivenan – 18 Regal Drive – Single Stry.Side Extn. with pitched roof,+ conversion of existing flat-roof over the kitchen to a pitched –roof.

4.P/2008/0075 – 62 Queens Drive (Mr.&Mrs.D.Kilgannon of 11 Bleak Hill Rd.)- 2 stry.p/roof side- extn.to form family- room ,utility,with en-suite bedroom & enlarged bathroom above single stry.p./roof rear extn. to form kitchen & dining area

5. P/2008/ 0111 – n.b. this is a re-submission of P /2007/1095 – Overhead Electricity Applicatn.under Sectn.37 of Electricity Act 1989 to erect 9.7km,132kv wood pole elec.line – Land between Coach Road & land adjacent to Boro Boundary between St Helens, Wigan and West Lincs.

6. P/2008/ 0125 – Mr.W.A.Foulkes 12 Windlebrook Cresc.- Conservatory to rear.

B. Approvals

The Clerk informed Council that the following applications had been approved ;

1. P/2007/ 1447 – 96 Bleak HillRd.-Conversn. of garage at side into an habitable room with 1st flr.extn. above + single stry.side extn. , and porch to front.

2.P/2007/ 1477 – J.Thompson – ref. 3 Lawrence Rd.- 2 stry.side extn – 1st flr.rear extn.- porch to front.

Resolved that no comments be made regarding the six applications detailed in A. and that the two approvals in B be noted.

169. Other Correspondence

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

1. Reminder ref the Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England .Received and Noted.

2. From Knowsley Council – Details of proposed development in Kirkby Town Centre by Tesco incorporating new 50,541 seater football stadium.
Received and Noted.

170.Quality Parish Councils

Nil Report .

171. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

The next meeting of the Management Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 4th March in the Eccleston Village Hall .Agenda and previous minutes had been received.

172. LALC- NALC – MAPTC –SLCC

Details of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2008 – Received.

173. Lynton Way Play Area

The Clerk read out a draft letter/ email detailing the Parish Council's opinions and objections to the fees charged by St Helens Council Security Force ref. L.W.P.A.
- see min 153.15th Jan 2008.

Resolved that this should be sent to P.Sanderson and Brian Johnson etc.

174. Bleak Hill School – Spring Activity

The Clerk had discussed with Mr.Ian Wellens the suggestion for a sun –dial for use in the School Memorial Garden (min154.ante). This had been well received and consequently information regarding price and supply would now be sought.

175. Jim Malone Garden

Cllr.Mrs.M.McNulty had completed a tidying-up- of- rubbish exercise.
It was suggested that the end part of the garden, which is unproductive , might be best covered with some decorative stones or pebbles.

176. Parish Newsletter

In discussing the publication date of the next issue because of the complication of local elections it was ;

Resolved that the 2008 Garden Competition Judging Day would be held on Wednesday 18th June. –entries to be received by 11th June .with the judges being Councillors W.Ashcroft , N.J.Ashcroft , A.Bate , M.McNulty , E.Uren plus any additional available volunteers.

177. Finance

a) Balances ;

The Council noted that the bank balances at the 31st January 2008 were

	£
Current Account	310.75
Capital Reserve Account	8360.47

b) Payment of Accounts

Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire	19.00
L.J.Kilshaw Salary,Post,Purchase	303.59
Shaw & Sons New Receipts & Payments Accounting Book	63.20
PC World Stationery incl.Ink Cart.	28.68

Tyrers Refund of overpayment of 15.00
 Advertisement Fee

c. Internal Audit Report

The Clerk read out the Internal Auditor's Report to the Quarter Ending 31st December 2007. There were no points to be raised and it was

Resolved that the report be accepted and be signed by the Chairman. This action was duly completed.

Sadly a letter of resignation had been received from the Internal Auditor – Mr. John Friar, who had filled the post so well for several years now. He wished the resignation to take effect at the conclusion of the end of year Audit for 2007/08, expected to take place in April.

The matter would need to be discussed further at the next meeting in April.

178. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 18th March 2008, commencing after the conclusion of the Annual Assembly, which was scheduled to start at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)