

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Windle Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 19th March 2013, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present: Cllr. Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft
Cllr. W. Ashcroft
Cllr. Mrs. K. S. Barton
Cllr. R.W. Barton
Cllr. Mrs.A. Bate
Cllr. MrsM. McNulty
Cllr. S. A. Bligh

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

171. Prayers had been said at the Annual Assembly Meeting and so the Chairman welcomed everyone , and opened the meeting.

172. Apologies had been received from Cllr. Ken Roughley-indisposed.

173. Declarations of Interest- No declarations were made

174. Parish Matters

(a) The Clerk informed that the £300 donation promised from St Helens Councillor Improvement Fund had still not arrived, and he would be writing to Cllr.Mrs. L. Glover to ask if the matter might be expedited.

(b) From tomorrow resurfacing work would be carried out on Kiln Lane, which would inevitably cause disruption to traffic , as Rosebery and Devonshire Roads would be closed off. The Parish Area would inevitably be affected by this .

(c) Regal Drive is currently closed off due to a water leak there.

175. Minutes – The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 19th February 2013, which had been circulated previously.Cllr. Mrs. A Bate, although not present at the last meeting, wished to point out that in min.165 there needed to be a correction made viz. the transplanting of the snowdrops had been carried out by Cllr Bate herself – not by her brother, Cllr. Ken Roughley – who had assisted her in the exercise.

Resolved that, after this correction was made the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record and should be signed by the Chairman.

176. Planning Matters- The Clerk gave the opportunity for comment on the following;

(a) Planning Applications

(1) P/2013/0119 – 54 Coronation Rd- Amended application to “Erectn.of 2stry. rear extn.

(2) P/2013/0190- 126 Bleak Hill Rd- Demolition of existing rear store and erectn. of a s/stry. rear extn.

Resolved that no objections be raised in respect of these applications

(b) Decisions ; P/2013 /0026- 1 Stuart Rd. – Removal of 2m boundary hedge – replacement with boundary fence . PERMISSION REFUSED.

(2)P/2013/008- 11 Hamilton Rd. Request for non-material amendment to P/2012/0742 (previously approved). Permission Granted

(3)P/2013/0054- 48 Queens Drive – s/stry. extn. to side and rear. Permission granted.

(4) P/2013/0058- 34 Queens Drive - 2 stry. side extn. Permission granted.

Resolved that these four decisions be noted.

177. Other Correspondence

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

(1) Latest email bulletins from Halton & St Helens VCA. Received & Noted

178. Ecclesfield Sports Facility- Report

The condition of the pitches has improved, and there are some plans for moving pitches around as necessary. Apparently it would cost £20.00 per week for the marking out of touch-lines etc. Clarification being sought.

179. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC- No Report

180. Lynton Way Play Area- Report - The account for the full years use of the St Helens Council Security Force had been received and amounted to £2500.79 + £500.16 VAT, for 2013/14 it was estimated to be £ 2600 + £520 VAT.

This was a heavy financial burden on the Parish Council in these restricted times, and it was felt that, in the new financial year, that some accommodation, or means of reducing this cost should be examined.

181. J. Malone Garden- Report

Now that the garden had been considerably tidied up and some overgrown plants removed since the advent of the new fencing to adjoining residents properties, which had resulted in a greatly improved overall appearance. Indeed Cllr. Marie McNulty reports that Mrs. Palfrey – a resident living next to the Garden- made appreciative and admiring comments on this improved appearance.

The Clerk announced that the Millenium Bench etc. would need refurbishing this year- when warmer weather would permit the work to be done. Cllr.W.Ashcroft offered to help in this matter.

182. Parish Newsletter – Report

The Clerk reported that Brian Walsh was willing to act as editor in helping in the production of the Newsletter. He had been in touch with Ken Roughley, and they had discussed the matter further.

Resolved that Brian Walsh be invited to the April P.C.meeting, for further discussion with the full Council.

183. Reports from Other Bodies

No reports received. But some had already been made at the Annual Assembly.

184. Finance; (a) Balances- The Clerk advised Council that the Bank balances at 1st March 2013, were; Current A/c £5745.64 and the Business Reserve A/c £6033.53.

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

NatWest Bank (Direct Debit) Voucher Statement fees 3.25

L. J. Kilshaw 3 months expenses etc= Post £12.90 Sty.12.97 = 25.87

Bleak Hill CP School(Photo-copying services Jan- March 31st) 21.00

Eccleston Parish Council Hire of Room 19/03/13 21.00

St Helens Council L.W.P.Area open/closing (12months) 3000.95

185. Date of Next Meeting is scheduled for the 16th April commencing at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed ----- Date-----

(Chairman)