

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2011
at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present: Councillor K. D. Roughley (Chairman)
“ S. A. Bligh (Deputy Chairman)
“ Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft
“ W. Ashcroft
“ Mrs. K. S. Barton
“ R. W. Barton
“ Mrs. A. Bate
“ Mrs. E. Uren

Also in Attendance: Seven Windle Residents,
L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

192. Prayers

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

193. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. McNulty, who had unfortunately, suffered injury in a recent fall at home, and Mr. P. O' Connor, a resident of Lynton Way. Messages of sympathy for Cllr. McNulty's predicament, together with hopes for a speedy recovery were expressed.

194. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. W. Ashcroft declared that as a member of the St Helens Council Planning Committee, he was permitted to participate in discussion of planning matters, but not to vote on any decisions.

195. Lynton Way Play Area

This matter was the reason for the residents attending as they had attended the previous meeting, held on the 15th March 2011 when Paul Sanderson (St Helens Council- Director of Environmental Protection) had come along to listen to their complaints and suggestions for actions that might be taken to improve the situation at the Play Area, regarding antisocial behaviour(see min. 176 15/03/11) A letter of reply had just been received from Mr. Sanderson and they wished to discuss the matter further with the Council to help determine the best course of action.

After prolonged discussion, it was noted that Mr. Sanderson had agreed to the replanting of the hawthorne hedge, adjacent to 16 St. Mawes Way. The original hedge had been removed when the new boundary fence was installed and footballs were constantly being kicked against, and over the fence.

In addition it would be possible to arrange for the St Helens Council Inspector to unlock the Play Area when he made his daily visit at around 10.30a.m. - Monday to Fridays and excluding Bank Holidays. This would save on the cost of the St Helens Security Force doing this duty for the Mon. - Friday period, although the park would still need to be closed in the evenings, and also opened and closed at weekends and Bank Holidays, by the Security Force.

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Suggested opening and closing times were Summer Time 10.30am- 19.30pm and in Winter 10.30am- 18.00pm. – signs would be needed to indicate this information.

It would be expected that the damaged litter-bin and benches would be replaced by St Helens Council.

The Parish Council would be permitted to put anti-vandal paint on top of the gates and fencing, as long as there would be a sign indicating that this was the situation. Mr. D. Holliehead volunteered to obtain costings for any new signage required, which would be considered at a later date. St Helens Council would be willing to advise on any suitable wording if required.

Resolved : that the above measures should be introduced over the next few months. The Clerk to advise Mr. Sanderson, in due course, of the finalised decisions and requirements..

Other matters which may need to be considered were possible adjustments to the amount of hedge clipping carried out by St Helens Council, but this would need consultation with individual householder, as some had already indicated differing opinions.

At this point the residents left the meeting, after being thanked for their participation by the Council.

196. Parish Matters

No matters were raised.

197. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of both the Annual Parish Assembly and the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th March 2011.

Resolved : that

- a) the minutes of the Parish Assembly should be kept on file until March 2012 .
- b) the minutes of the ordinary meeting ,held on 15th March 2011 , should be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

198. Matters Arising

The presentation by the Army on Thursday 31st March 2011, at the World of Glass, had been attended by several Ward and Windle Parish Councillors and the Clerk, when a very professional and informative performance about the role of the Army had been given.

199. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave invitation to comment on the following :

a) Application P/2011 /0208 – 5 Lawrence Road- New Porch to front elevation

b) Approval:

- 1) P/2011/ 0068- 84 Kiln Lane- Retention of shutters to front elevation.

Resolved that no comment be made concerning the application in (a) and that the approval in (b) be noted.

200. Other Correspondence

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

Latest information from CVS. Received

201. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

No report.

The Clerk informed that the payment due to the Ecclesfield A/c would again cover the first two quarters of the new financial year as usual, as this was the time of year when funds were needed.

202. LALC/NALC/MAPTC/SLCC

Details of the forthcoming training courses for both Parish Clerks and Councillors were given. Received and Noted

Members attending a recent SLCC course had reported that they had been told that it was still illegal for Parish Councils to use internet banking.

203. J. Malone Garden - Report

As a result of Cllr. McNulty being injured it was necessary for other people to tend to the garden. Councillors Mrs. A. Bate and Ken Roughley volunteered for this duty. Councillor Richard Barton proffered the use of a small chainsaw to remove obstacles and other councillors offered their assistance after the forthcoming local elections had taken place in May.

204. Parish Newsletter- Report

Any outstanding articles needed to be submitted as soon as possible.

205. Garden Competition 2011 - Report

Again on account of Cllr. McNulty being injured there needed to be input by other Councillors to help with the judging etc which was planned to be carried out on Wednesday 29th June. It was hoped that Cllr. McNulty might be well enough by then to join in some limited capacity.

206. Reports from Other Bodies

No reports were made.

207 (a) Parish Election 2011- Result

Angela Sanderson (Returning Officer) had published a notice on 7th April 2011 giving the "Result of Uncontested Election" which indicated that all the existing nine members of the Parish Council were duly elected without a contest.

(b) Chairman/ Deputy Chairman/ Succession List

Cllr. Stephen Bligh, currently Deputy Chairman of the Parish Council, and likely to be elected Chairman at the AGM on the 17th May 2011, had informed the Clerk that he did not wish to take over as Chairman for 2011-2012 for several reasons.

With some regret it was;

Resolved to accept his decision, and Councillor Mrs. Sheila Barton would now be put forward for election as Chairman for 2011-2012 at the AGM in May.

208. Annual Insurance - Renewal

It was agreed that this would be considered more fully at the next meeting on 17th May 2011

209. Finance

(a) Balances; The Clerk informed that the balances at the Year End i.e. 31st March 2011 were Current A/c £474.24 and Business Reserve A/c £7327.60.

(b) Resolved that the Receipts & Payments Book for the year ending 31st March 2011 should be signed off by the Clerk and Chairman, which was duly completed.

(c) The Clerk submitted copies of the Bank Reconciliation/Receipts & Payments Accounts for 2010-2011, which were noted and approved.

(d) The Clerk gave details of the VAT Repayment Claim for 2010-2011 (£670.97) Resolved that this be approved and submitted to HM Revenue & Customs.

(e) & (f) External Audit 2010-2011- The date for this had now been set for Friday 24th June 2011.

The Internal Audit for 2010-2011 was expected to be completed in May.

(g) VAT Repayment Claim 2010- 2011- had been completed by the Clerk and was submitted for approval.

Resolved this approval be given and the claim sent off to Customs & Excise.

(h) PAYE Requirement – As previously informed HMRC now requires that all Parish Councils need to register as an employer, and thus pay the necessary National Insurance contribution. The Clerk was awaiting further information from HMRC. Therefore the payment of the Clerk's salary for this month would be delayed pending receipt of the requested information..

(i) Payment of Accounts – Resolved that approval be given for payment of the following accounts;

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Post Office – BT Tel. A/c incl. Broadband-Dedicated Line	96.15
Eccleston P.C. Room Hire 19/04/11	20.00
Ecclesfield Rev. A/c 2Qrtly Payments for 2011-2012	706.00
LALC Annual Subs.	370.96
DSG Retail (PC World) Ink Cartridges	67.99
B.Walsh Web Site / Computer	35.00

210. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 17th May 2011 and would be preceded by the Annual Meeting commencing at 7.00pm, in the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane, Eccleston.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) (Date) _____