

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th May 2009 ,
at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

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

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

13. Prayers

Prayers had already been said prior to the Annual Meeting, which had preceded this meeting. The new Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

14. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs.N.J. Ashcroft

15. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

16. Parish Matters

a) Prior to the start of the meetings this evening, a brief presentation of prizes to the four winning children in the Newsletter Art Competition had been carried out by the out-going Chairman Cllr. W.Ashcroft. The children and their parents had been pleased to attend and receive their prizes and certificates.

b) A resident had complained of a vehicle being parked on Rainford Road advertising a Computer Fair , which had been reported to Paul Sanderson. There were no yellow lines at the spot, but with the advent of lorry traffic delivering soil to the cemetery extension, the offending vehicle was not anticipated to remain there long.

c) Some of the regular walkers of the foot-paths had commented that they were currently impassable, due to the work being done on laying the West to East Water Pipe-line.

d) It was reported that there had been theft of a quantity of new bricks from outside No 5 Lawrence Rd. and also two decorative planters stolen from outside No. 20, Queens Drive.

e) The field next to Tesco on Rainford Road , which was to provide an extension to the Cemetery and Crematorium, would require the level to be raised by some four feet ,plus new drainage and land-scaping .The work was expected to take some 12 weeks.

f) The next Windle Ward Committee Meeting was scheduled for Monday 1/06/09 at the Deaf Resource Centre, Dentons Green Lane.

14. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 21st April 2009, which had been circulated previously.

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

15. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

16. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following applications:

A. Planning Applications

- 1) P/2009/0314- A.Marsh "Ivy Cottage" Rainford Road (Rainford)WA11 7QF- Retrospective permission for a front boundary wall /fence and balcony to rear .
2. P/2009/0360 – A.Cunliffe -62,Coronation Road – Conservatory to rear of property .
3. P/2009/ 0375- Utd.Utilities- 119 Rainford Road –Application to vary condition 5 of P/2008/0872- to remove reference to a permanent access point to the A580.

B. Approvals

1. P/2009/0158 – G.Palfrey- 99 Rainford Rd.- Single Stry.rear extn.
2. P/2009/0195 – N. Platt -32, Rutherford Rd.-Conservatory to rear.

Resolved 1. that the two approvals in B be noted.

2. that no comments be made concerning applications No.'s 1 and 3 in A.

3. that no comment be made ref.No.2 in A, except to remind that any trees removed originally, need to be replaced threefold.

17. Other Correspondence

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

1. Latest issue of " Contact" magazine from St Helens CVS. Received.

2. Letter of invitation for Mayor's Sunday..

As the Chairman and Deputy Chairman would be unable to attend to represent the Parish Council it was

Resolved that Cllr.W,Ashcroft would do this in conjunction with his attendance as a Town Councillor etc. Clerk to inform Alan Jenkins (Mayor's Officer)

18. LALC/ NALC/MAPTC/SLCC

The Clerk gave information regarding forthcoming training courses being offered by LALC . Received and Noted.

The annual membership fee SLCC.(£82.00) was due -
Resolved that this be paid, by the Council, on behalf of the Clerk.

19. Lynton Way Play Area

There had been an occasion when the gate had been left open, which had resulted in a complaint from a resident of St Mawes Way, but no incidents of note.

The Clerk had obtained details of School Holidays and it was
Resolved that the current limited opening and closing be continued, but increased measures be activated at holidays and other vulnerable times when necessary.

20. Jim Malone Garden – Report

Cllr. McNulty reported that the overgrown shrubs and bushes had been cut back and cleared, even from the piece of land to the right-hand side. New planting had been carried out and the garden was looking good at the moment.

However a brass plaque had been removed from the Millenium Bench ,and the bench itself needed overhaul.

Resolved that the Clerk together with Councillors .W. Ashcroft and R.W. Barton would attempt to carry out this task this summer.

21. Bleak Hill School Project/ School Awards

The School had still not supplied any more details about the desired wishing –well. Cllr.Roughley said that he had seen possible suitable ones in Makro and Whitakers Garden Centre , Prescot : which information the Clerk would pass on to the School.

The School Awards Presentation would take place on Thursday 16th July 2009 – 9.00a.m. for 9.15 start- to which all Councillors were invited..

Resolved that the award levels be similar amounts to last year.

22. Annual Insurance Renewal/Risk Assessment

The invitation to renew the insurance cover for 2009/2010 had been received and discussed in depth previously. After a resume of the points considered it was

Resolved that the premium be paid to renew at a cost of £506.00(c.f.479.32 for 2008/2009)

23. Parish Newsletter- Report

The Editor, Cllr.Ken Roughley reported that the latest edition should be received from the printers any day now, and be ready for distribution. He thanked everyone who had contributed articles, and the Chairman took the opportunity to thank him for his own efforts in compiling the magazine.

24. Garden Competition 2009 / School Poster Competition

Cllr. Marie McNulty confirmed the arrangements for judgement day i.e.1st July 2009. An entry form was available via the forthcoming Newsletter,and the Clerk informed that it would also be available on the Council Website .

The G. Comp. Advertising Poster Competition for Year 6 Bleak Hill School pupils would be held again, and Cllr.McNulty would visit them to advise on what would be required.

Resolved that the prize levels would be the same as last year for the Garden and Poster Competitions.

25. Reports from Other Bodies

a) Bleak Hill School Governors – work was scheduled at the School to install movable ,free-standing shelters to help in teaching classes outside.
There were no other reports made.

26. Finance

a) Balances – The Council noted that the balances at 30th April 2009 were

	£
Current A/c	2494.13
Capital Deposit A/c	9618.49

b) Payment of Accounts- Resolved that approval be given for payment of the following accounts:

		£
Eccleston P.C.	Room Hire 19/05/09	20.00
Allianz Ins.plc	Annual Premium	509.90
Mr.P.Fairclough	Internal Audit – Annual Fee	130.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary & Postage	300.19
S.L.C.C.	Annual Membership Subscription	82.00

c) Balance Sheet & Receipts & Payments Accounts 2008/2009

Copies had been distributed earlier and it was

Resolved that these be approved and accepted by the Council

d) Completion of the Annual Return Form for the Year Ending 31/03/09

Copies of this had been supplied earlier, and the Clerk re-iterated the responsibility of the Councils undertaking with regard to completion of the form as previously discussed.

Resolved that Sections 1 – Statement of Accounts and 2- Annual governance statement -be approved and accepted, and be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk(Responsible Financial Officer).

There now remains only Section 4 – Annual internal audit report – to be completed by the Internal Auditor, Mr.Philip Fairclough, and then the form and the necessary supporting documents will be sent off in good time, by registered-`post, for the Annual External Audit ,which is scheduled for Friday 26th June this year.

27. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 16th June 2009 commencing at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____

(Chairman) _____ (Date)