

**WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday ,19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at Eccleston Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft (Chairman)  
Councillor W.Ashcroft ( Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton  
Councillor R. W.Barton  
Councillor Mrs.A. Bate  
Councillor S.A.Bligh  
Councillor Mrs.McNulty  
Councillor Mrs.E.Uren

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

**35. Prayers**

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

**36. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr.Ken Roughley,who was away on holiday.

**37. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations made.

**38. Parish Matters**

As P.C.Morrison was present, the Chairman,with Council's consent ,elected to consult with her about the necessary action to be taken concerning those Parish Matters,which might need Police action.At the same she was able to give the Police Report.

a) There had been a recent stone –throwing incident on the L.W.Play Area. and,it was claimed , that the gates had not been closed before 9 pm recently.

b) At the Scout Den,in Dartmouth Drive ,some 30 youths had been drinking alcohol and had committed some damage.They had dispersed when the Police had arrived. It was intended that the shrubs etc. around the Den would be removed and replaced by prickly bushes and plants such as holly ; to deter access.Off-Licences would be warned about the restrictions concerning the sale of alcohol.

c) A resident had complained of loud sustained rap-music in Sackville Road.

d) Once more the empty Tanning- Shop on Kiln Lane had been subjected to malicious damage, and the St. Helens Council had been forced to board up broken windows etc. Efforts were being made to try to find a proper solution to this ever present problem. These involved the Police, St. Helens Council and the owner's representative.

In the meantime the Police were requested to keep a close eye on youth misbehaviour in the vicinity – possibly employed the Mobile CCTV Unit.

P.C. Morrison took note of these matters and was able to contribute fully to the discussion, before leaving the meeting and returning to duty, after the Chairman had thanked her for her contribution.

#### 39. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of both the Annual General, and the ordinary council meeting of the Parish Council, held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of both the Annual and ordinary meetings be confirmed as true and correct records and be signed by the Chairman.

#### 40. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 41. Planning Matters

A) The Clerk gave invitation to comment on the following applications :

1. P/2007/0639 J.Hunt-16 Hamilton Road – New pitched –roof over existing flat roof on the 2<sup>nd</sup> stry.rear extn.
2. P/2007/0690 – J.McAllister 34 Moss Lane – Demolition of existing lean-to at rear- Erectn .of 2stry.side –extn.with dormer window – conservatory to rear.

#### B) Approvals

1. P/2006/0817 – C.Richards 20 Mosslane – Small Amendment to the rear conservatory approved previously.
2. P/2007/0438 – P.Howard 24, Regal Drive – Single stry.pitched roof extn. to the side
3. P/2007 /0498 - Paul Forbes 19 Stuart Road – 2 stry.side extn.incorporating pitched roof over garage
- 4.P/2007/0345 – B.Hogan , 3 Halls Cottages, Rainford Road – Demolition of existing single stry.rear extn. / erectn.of part 2 stry.and part single stry.extn.

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the 2 applications in A. and that the 4 approvals listed in B should be noted.

#### 41. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following correspondence ,to be dealt with as indicated \_ :

1. Invitation from Mayor`s Officer for a representative of the Parish Council to attend The National Veterans Day and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Falklands War at the Cenotaph ,Victoria Square ,on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

-The Chairman would be attending.

2. “ Contact Magazine “- ex St. Helens District CVS – Received.

3. Invitation from John Walsh for Councillors to attend the prize-giving at Windle Labour Club,for the Football Teams –Weds.20/6/07.

- Cllrs.Sheila and Richard Barton would be able to attend.

4.Minutes of Windle Ward Committee Meeting- 21/0507 – Received.

5.Invitation from Eccleston Parish Council to a meeting on 29/06/07 at10 a.m. in the Village Hall to discuss the implications of Appendix No.7 (to the Audit Regulations).

--The Chairman and the Clerk,together with Cllrs.K.S.and R.W.Barton, agreed to attend.

#### 42. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

It was reported that the Bank Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 were :

Current A/C £250.00 and the Reserve A/C £2325.93. -Noted.

Details of the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Financial Y/E 31/03/07 were also provided. -Received.

#### 43 LAPTC/ MAPTC/ NALC

Nil Report.

#### 44.Lynton Way Play Area

There had been a recent incident of misbehaviour ,whjch had been discussed earlier in this meeting under Parish Matters (see min.38a ante) with P.C.Morrison.

#### 45. Jim Malone Garden

The taller bushes had recently been lopped by Cllrs W.Ashcroft and K.Roughley.

#### 46.Parish Newsletter – Report

The distribution was complete and early feed-back encouraging.

Resolved that a special vote of thanks be accorded to Cllr Ken Roughley for his excellent work in compiling and editing the magazine.

#### 47. Garden Competition / Poster Competition

The Clerk reported that the Poster Competition was being completed this week by the entrants at Bleak Hill School ,and that he would forward the entries ,after collection . for judging by Cllr.Marie McNulty.

It was confirmed that judging of the Garden Competition would take place on Tuesday ,10<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 48. Bleak Hill School Awards

Councillors were reminded that this presentation of awards by Windle Parish Council was scheduled for 9.15 a.m. for a 9.30 start on Wednesday,11<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

Resolved that an official invitation should be sent to the Chairman of the School Governors, Canon G.F.Almond .

#### 49. Christmas Tree Lighting 2007

The date for this event had been agreed with the Head Teacher ,Mr.Ian Wellens , as Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

Resolved that the Clerk should proceed with all necessary arrangements,including sending an invitation to the new Mayor,Cllr.Sheila Seddon to attend .

#### 50. Reports

No reports made - with the exception of the Police Report which had taken place and incorporated in the discussions on Parish Matters , earlier in the meeting , with P.C. B.Morrison .

#### 51. Amended Code of Conduct

The Clerk distributed information booklets on this matter ,and informed that as soon as he had received details of the courses to be conducted by St.Helens Council , he would inform members of the details.

#### 52. Finance

##### (a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at June 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 were ;

	£
Current Account	5496.24
Capital Reserve Account	6039.20

The Clerk would be contacting all members reference the completion of the new Bank Mandate etc.now that the forms had finally been received from the NatWest Bank.

(b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that approval be given to the payment of the following accounts :

		£
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 19/6/07	19.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary ,Expenses	298.20
B.Walsh	Website	30.00
*W.H.Smith Retail Ltd.	Vouchers for School Awards	150.00

\*Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 & 139 of the Local Government of 1972 as being , in the opinion of the Council , in the best interests of the area or its inhabitants.

(c) Internal Audit

The Internal Audit Report for the year Financial Year 2006/2007 was presented and , after discussion of the comments made in what was a satisfactory report ;it was agreed to ensure that the new demands being placed on the Internal Auditor by the Audit Regulations –Appendix No.7 are met.

Resolved that the Internal Audit Report be accepted.

(d) Completion of Annual Return for Y/E 31/03 /2007

The Clerk confirmed that the legally required notices had been posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards, and that the External Audit would be conducted on Friday , 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

The Annual Return Form completion was checked and it was

Resolved that it be accepted , and be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk,as the Recognized Financial Officer. This action was duly completed – also - the forms to be sent by registered post in good time for the External Audit.

52. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday , 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 , commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.05p.m.

Signed ;------(Chairman )      Date -----