

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 19 July 2005 at Eccleston Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor K D Roughley (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs K S Barton (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft
Councillor W Ashcroft
Councillor R W Barton
Councillor Mrs M P Fraser
Councillor A F Rigby
Councillor Mrs E Uren
Councillor Mrs B Walsh

Also in Attendance: Two local residents
Mr D Bielowski (St Helens MBC)
Two police constables, Merseyside Police
L J Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

56. Prayers

A minute's silence was held in respect of the victims of the recent terrorist bombings in London on 7 July 2005.

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

57. Apologies

There were no apologies.

58. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

59. Lynton Way Play Area

With the Council's permission, the Chairman varied the agenda so that the discussion regarding Lynton Way Play Area would take place early in the meeting, this item being the reason for the presence of the local residents and Mr D Bielowski.

Mr Bielowski outlined the progress made and gave details of the various types of fencing available.

The Clerk informed the Council of requests received from parents and grandparents protesting about the reduction in opening hours introduced by the Parish Council.

The police representatives also contributed to the discussion, after which it was

Resolved

- (a) that the opening and closing times be reverted back to those originally agreed, ie April to October (summer time) – 8.30 am to 8.00 pm and November to March (winter time) – 8.30 am to 6.30 pm, Clerk to inform St Helens Council Security Force;
- (b) that a permanent, substantial notice to ban the playing of football and other ball games be installed;
- (c) that a 3 metre all-round perimeter fence be installed – Mr D Bielowski to obtain necessary information and costing for presentation to St Helens Council officers.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions to this decision and at this juncture the police, local residents and Mr D Bielowski took their leave of the meeting.

60. Parish Matters

- (a) News had been received that Hendersons, the building firm, had negotiated to purchase ownership of the block of shops and the car park on Lynton Way. Hendersons already owned the adjoining farm land and had planning permission to build on this land. As a result, the owner of the hairdressing salon, Mr D Traynor, was intending to buy Parry's Newsagents in Kiln Lane, which was up for sale. Mr Traynor proposed to redevelop the site and his plans included a newspaper kiosk, hairdressing salon and a florist's outlet. The matter had been the subject of discussion with St Helens Council Planning Office and the Highways Department.
- (b) The Chairman, Councillor K D Roughley, informed the Council that, following on from the publication of the Government Green Paper yesterday, 18 July 2005, on 'Youth Matters', it might be possible for the Parish Council to take some positive action to help and involve young people within the parish in making a contribution towards the community.

Resolved that a committee be formed to investigate this matter and make subsequent proposals to the Parish Council. The committee was to be initially composed of Councillors Mrs N J Ashcroft, W Ashcroft, Mrs K S Barton and R W Barton, plus the Chairman and also the Clerk, L J Kilshaw.

61. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 June 2005, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

62. Matters Arising(a) Minute 38 (b) School Awards

This ceremony, held on Friday, 15 July 2005, had been attended by most members of the Parish Council and had, as usual, been an enjoyable event. The Chairman, Councillor K D Roughley, reported how much he, as a former pupil of Bleak Hill School, had enjoyed presenting the awards.

(b) Minute 38 (c)

Investigation of the complaint had failed to provide any evidence of business activity at the moment, but the matter would be kept under observation.

63. Planning Applications, etc.

The Clerk submitted

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of:

Mr G Dyer, 47 St Georges Avenue – single storey side extension to form garage and kitchen extension

Councillor K D Roughley declared an interest, in that he had been consulted by a neighbouring resident and therefore took no part in the discussion.

(b) Planning decisions – approvals in respect of:

(i) P/2005/0624 – Mr & Mrs Donaldson, 1 Dartmouth Drive – single storey side extension to form study

(ii) P/2005/0662 – Mr & Mrs Harrison, 55 St Georges Avenue – conservatory to rear

(iii) P/2005/0670 – Mr R Rank, 94 St Georges Avenue – demolition of existing detached garage and replacement with new garage

(iv) P/2005/0690 – Mr & Mrs Mousley-dean, 130 Bleak Hill Road – conservatory to rear

- (v) P/2005/0691 – Mr M Simm, 64 St Georges Avenue – single storey side extension to form enlarged kitchen
- (vi) P/2005/0702 – A Sanders, 12 Lynton Way – two storey side extension with single storey rear element

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the single planning application contained in (a) and that the six approvals detailed in (b) be noted.

64. Other Correspondence

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

- (a) July/August edition of “Contact” ex CVS – Received.
- (b) Notice of Community Safety Forum, 27 July 2005 – Received.
- (c) Invitation to a meeting at St Helens Town Hall on Friday, 26 August 2005 reference the Parish Council Planning Consultation – Clerk to inform G Pinder that the meeting would be attended by Councillors Mrs N J and W Ashcroft, K D Roughley and the Clerk.
- (d) Letter from DEFRA reference “Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005” – Received and noted.

65. Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.

66. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

The Clerk informed that the second quarterly payment (£325) had been sent.

67. LAPTC

Nil report.

68. Footpath Walks

The next walk was scheduled for Sunday, 14 August 2005. The pre-walk would be carried out by Mr M Walsh and the Clerk.

69. Garden Competition

The judging had been carried out this very afternoon and Councillor Mrs M P Fraser commented favourably on the standard of gardens encountered. She further promised to supply the list of agreed winners to the Clerk. Councillor K D Roughley was requested to produce the necessary prize certificates.

Resolved that the Clerk should write to the winners to invite them to the presentation of the awards prior to the next Parish Council meeting on 20 September 2005. As this was the 20th year of holding the competition it was agreed that a little extra “birthday celebration” would be organised.

70. Parish Newsletter

Articles for the next edition, scheduled for November/December 2005, were requested as soon as possible by Councillor K D Roughley, the editor.

71. Jim Malone Garden

Councillor W Ashcroft reported that he had managed to carry out some basic maintenance.

72. Christmas Tree & Tree Lighting Ceremony

As requested (minute 51 @ 21.6.05), the Clerk had written to the Mayor of St Helens, Councillor W Swift, but as yet no reply had been received.

73. Reports From Other Bodies

(a) Police

The police officers attending had made a valuable contribution towards the discussion of Lynton Way Play Area (see minute 59 ante). They also reported on current and proceeding police initiatives with some successful outcomes, such as ASBOS and ^{the} anti-teenage drink ~~campaign~~.

(b) Bleak Hill School Governors

Councillor Mrs K S Barton gave some early information regarding plans for a possible purpose-built building for use by community organisations.

74. Website

The Clerk informed the Council that it was hoped to purchase the computer equipment, etc and to have the website up and running by the time of the September meeting, 20 September 2005, or as soon as possible thereafter.

75. Finance

(a) Balances

The Council noted the balances at 30 June 2005:

*Current Account - £5985.53

Capital Reserve Account - £10567.40

*This large amount was due to the receipt of the second instalment of the precept (£5500) being received on 30 June 2005. A large part of this balance would be transferred to the Capital Reserve Account.

(b) Audit

The external audit was scheduled for 29 July 2005 and the necessary forms had been posted (Registered Post) and the necessary legal notices had been displayed as required on the Parish Council noticeboards.

(c) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
W H Smith Retail Ltd #*	School Awards	150.00
Post Office Ltd #	Telephone Account (dedicated line)	38.22
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire – July	18.00
Bleak Hill School	Photocopying Services	32.38
Mrs S A Hull	Typing Services	68.27
L J Kilshaw	Salary & Postage	244.79

Cheques issued on 7 & 11 July respectively as requested.

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

76. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 20 September 2005, preceded by the Garden Competition Awards at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

LJK/SAH