

Windle Parish Council

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

PRESENT : Councillor Mrs. K. S. Barton (Chairman)

“ Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)

“ R. W. Barton

“ Mrs. A. Bate

“ S. A. Bligh

“ K. D. Roughley

“ Mrs. E. Uren

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

50. Prayers

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

51. Apologies- had been received from Cllr. W. Ashcroft- His presence had been required at another meeting and Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty- away on holiday.

52. Declarations of Interest- No declarations were made

53. Parish Matters

The activity mentioned in min.38c ante concerning the proposed waste disposal and recycling unit at Rainford had been intense and Rainford Parish Council had continued, and were continuing to maintain their efforts to oppose this proposal. However the proposal for the site to be nominated had been passed by St Helens Council, and the concentration now would be on opposing any resultant planning application.

54. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2011, which had been circulated previously.

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

55. Matters Arising

Reference min. 35a ante – the Police and the Environmental Health Dept. had investigated the complaints of noise, and the resident involved had been informed that the matter would be taken further.

56. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following:

a) Planning Application-

P/20011/0530- 28 Crantock Grove- Two stry. extn. to the front elevation

b) Approval The Council was informed that the following consultation /application had been approved.

P/2011/0485- Windle Farm East Lancs. Rd.- Additional Masts to Orange mobile phone mast already in situ there.

Resolved that no objections be raised to the application in a) and the approval in b) be noted.

57. Other Correspondence

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

- 1) Latest Halton & St Helens CVS NEWS- Received & Noted
- 2) Letter from J. Whaling (Strategic Communications Manager) reference usage of Windle Community Notice Boards and enclosing a terms of use document. He reported that he had checked the three notice boards at Coronation Rd, Rivington Ave. and Hard Lane – these last two being in the Windle Ward but not the Parish- and had found things to be in order.

Resolved that this be noted but the agreement should not to be signed, as the keyholders were aware of the conditions and had correctly adhered to them for the past two and a half years since the boards were installed.

58. LALC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC

The Clerk gave details of the various courses available for Councillors and Clerks.

Received and Noted

59. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

It was reported that damage had been done to a bollard and some 20 flags which would cost some £400 to replace. There would need to be some £1300 spent on repairs and redecoration.

60. Lynton Way Play Area – Report

The details of the costs of signage etc had now been received and were given to the Council.

Resolved that the possible purchase of the green anti-vandal paint @ £47.80 +VAT be considered together with the appropriate warning signs A4 Size @ £15.00 + VAT each. The costs of the other signage etc plus artwork needed to be discussed further and St Helens Council may need to be consulted. Opening and closing by the St Helens Security Service to be continued for the present summer months.

61. J. Malone Garden – Report

As Councillor Mrs. M. McNulty was away on holiday no report was made.

62. Garden Competition

On account of the lack of entries received the Parish Garden Competition had not been held this year- see min.47 – 21st June 2011.

63. Bleak Hill School Awards These had been presented by the Chairman, Cllr. Sheila Barton, who has served as a governor of the School for several years, on Monday 11th July to the award winning pupils. The event had been enjoyed by all those attending, including Parish Councillors, parents and Head Teacher, Mr. Ian Wellens and other members of the Teaching Staff.

64. Christmas Tree Lighting 2011

The Clerk informed that he had provisionally agreed a date with Mr. Wellens of Bleak Hill School for Friday, 2nd December 2011 for this event.

Resolved that this be approved and that the necessary letter of invitation to attend be sent to the current Mayor of St Helens , Cllr. W. Hargreaves.

65. Reports from Other Bodies

No reports received.

66. Finance:

a) Balances-The Clerk reported that the balances at the 30th June 2011 were
 Current A/c £10,478.84 and the Business Reserve A/c £ 7328.51

b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that approval be given for payment of the following accounts;

	£
L.J.Kilshaw School Awards ex W.H.Smith	130.00
Post Office BT Tel. A/c incl.b/band (dedicated line)	94.95
Halton & St Helens VCA- Annual Subs.	30.00
Bleak Hill CP School Photocopying Services 1/04/-31/07/11	23.00
Easily Ltd. Renewal of domain name & email address	22.78
B.Walsh Website etc.	35.00
DSG Retail Ltd. Ink Cartridges	58.59
Eccleston P.C. Room Hire 19/07/11	21.00
Douglas Tonks Ltd. Direct Dr. Payment covering;	
Payroll Admin cost + VAT }	
Clerk's Salary-(3months) + HMRC PAYE }	921.73

c) Payroll Arrangements

The Clerk confirmed that the necessary arrangements had been made with the accountancy firm, Douglas Tonks Ltd. of Otley , Yorkshire , LS21 9BU , who would now administer salary payments to the Clerk on a three monthly basis, and also remit any PAYE /N.I. payments due to HMRC. The necessary agreement forms etc. had been signed and returned to them. Resolved that these arrangements be approved by the Council.

d) Audits 1. The External Audit Return had been sent to the auditors.

2. The Internal Audit for the first quarter of 2011-2012 would be undertaken in late August/ early September 2011.

67. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 20th September 2011 commencing at 7.00pm, and to be held at the Eccleston Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)