

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th September 2006 at Eccleston Village Hall

Present: Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton(Chairman)
Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor W.Ashcroft
Councillor Mrs.M.P.Fraser
Councillor Mrs.M.McNulty
Councillor K.D.Roughley
Councillor Mrs.E.Uren

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

75. Prayers

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, which she opened with prayers for the work of the Council.

76. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr.R.W.Barton (prior commitment) and Cllr.Mrs.B.Walsh who was not feeling very well today. The Council expressed the wish that she might soon recover.

An apology had been received from Merseyside Police as it was not possible for them to attend this meeting.

77. Declarations of Interest

Councillor K.D.Roughley announced that, as he is a member of St.Helens Council Planning Committee, he

would leave the room when planning matters were discussed.

No other declarations were made.

78. Parish Matters

a) Parking at the shops at the Kiln Lane / Coronation Road junction was still proving troublesome. There were still on going alterations proceeding, including some kind of water-feature.

The Clerk was requested to investigate further.

b) The School Crossing Operative at Bleak Hill School (Mrs. Worrall) was concerned about safety when controlling children etc., crossing Bleak Hill Road. She had asked if the yellow zig-zag lines might be extended further, especially on the approach from the Millbrook Lane direction.

Apparently when parents, arriving to collect pupils in 4 by 4s, people carriers and other large vehicles and parking at the current end of the zig-zags, thus obstruct her view around this very dangerous bend. She therefore feels very vulnerable for the safety, of both the children and herself, when forced to tentatively venture out into the road "unsighted".

Resolved that George Houghton (Highways) should be consulted re this matter.

c) The Clerk reported that he had managed to trim some of the offending trees in the School Grounds to remove the branches sprouting from the base of the tree trunks.

d). Cllr. K. D. Roughley informed that he had investigated a complaint from a resident- Mr. David Hayes of 98, Bleak Hill Road concerning a large number of heavy lorries, laden with soil for the new golf-course, which is under construction off the Rainford By Pass, using Bleak Hill Road. So far the results had not proved conclusive.

79. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 18th July 2006, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on the 18th July 2006, be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

80. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

81. Planning Applications

At this point Cllr.K.D.Roughley left the meeting whilst Planning Matters were being deliberated.

The Clerk submitted:

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of :

* (1) P/2006/0875 – Mr.& Mrs. Holden – 4 Queens Drive-
garage conversion to form additional bed-room plus
widening of front access to allow parking for two cars

* (2) P/2006/0873 – D.Evans – 31 Calderhurst Drive-single
storey rear extn.

(3) P/2006/0930 – C.Hegarty – 9 Hamilton Road- single
stry.side extn.to form utility- room.

(4) P/2006/1047 – Mr.& Mrs.Pickering-64 Coronation Rd
First Floor extn.over existing garage to form two
additional bedrooms.

(5) P/2006/1096 – Mr.&Mrs.D.Neil- 9 The Grove Windle
First flr.side extn.over the existing garage to form two
additional bedrooms.

* these two planning applications had been made during the
Summer recess and no comments had been made by the
local committee delegated to consider them.

(b) Planning Decisions-

Approvals in respect of;

(1) P/2006/0736- F.J.Turner-73 Rainford Rd.-Loft
conversn. and dormer to the rear elevation.

(2) P/2006/0873 – Mr.D.Evans-31 Calderhurst Drive-
Single stry. Rear extn.

(3) P/2006/0868- Mr.&Mrs.Tyrer – 31Queens Drive –
Conservatory to rear.

(4) P/2006/0875 –Mr.&Mrs.Holden – 4 Queens Drive-
Garage conversion to form additional bedroom and
widening of front access to accommodate two cars.

Resolved that no comments be made in respect of the
planning applications detailed in (a) and also that the
approvals listed in (b) be noted.

At this point Cllr.K.D.Roughley was invited back and
returned to the meeting.

81. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following items of correspondence

to be dealt with as indicated ;

a) Notice of the St Helens CVS AGM on Weds 18/10 /06
Received and noted.

b) Mayor`s Appeal letter- Received

c) ”Contact”- September issue- Received

d) Duncan Society – Autumn/ Winter Programme of
lectures. Received

82. Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.

83. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Cllr.Mrs.K.S.Barton gave a report on the AGM,held on
the 5th September 2006. Cllr.David Bain(Eccleston P.C.)
was the new Chairman for the current year.

85. LAPTC/NALC

Nil report.

86. Parish Newsletter

The editor,Cllr.K.D.Roughley made a request for articles
for inclusion in the next in the next issue-currently in
preparation- to be supplied as soon as possible.

87. Lynton Way Play Area Report

Matters relatively quiet at the moment. ,
Resident, Mr. Harry Mansfield,had informed the Clerk,that

he had observed two youths and a teenage girl, climbing OUT of the park on Saturday evening. This “escape” had only been achieved with some difficulty and one of the boys, had appeared to have suffered some slight injury or discomfort.

88. Parish Boundary Adjustment- Report

Cllr.W.Ashcroft reported on the St.Helens Council Meeting, when this item had been discussed. A decision had been taken to recommend to the Boundaries Commission that the status quo be maintained i.e. that the properties north of the A580 – the East Lancs. Road- should remain in the Windle Parish but be part of the Rainford Ward of the St.Helens Council. This recommendation would now be considered by the Boundaries Commission.

89. Jim Malone Garden – Report

Cllr.W.Ashcroft apologised for not having been able to maintain the Garden properly this year because of his extra Commitments on St.Helens Council. He further made a request for any help that might be available from fellow Parish Councillors- several members responded in the affirmative.

90. Garden Competition- Report

Cllr.Mrs.M.P.Fraser reported that a “bumper crop “ of entries had been received this year. Judging had taken place during the July Heatwave and had proved to be very close due to the prevalent high standard.

The prize winners and their guests had attended the Awards Ceremony, held, prior to this meeting, this

evening. As usual this had proved to be an enjoyable occasion for all those present.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded to Cllr.Fraser and the judges, and also to Cllr.Roughley for designing and printing the prize certificates for the winners.

91. Christmas Tree Lighting 2006

Following on from the decision made at the July 2006 Parish Meeting (see min71) the Clerk had written to the Mayor's Secretary-Christine Cox- to inform that the Parish Council had agreed that the Mayor should bring a young person with her to the above event.

The Clerk reported the other necessary arrangements were progressing, including a request to Paragon Building Services (St Helens) Ltd. for an estimate of the cost of the electrical work involved, and also for the cost of an extra set of tree lights to improve the impact of the display.

92. Reports from Other Bodies

(a) C.V.S.

Cllr. Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft reported that the newly appointed Chief Executive for St.Helens CVS was Sally Yeoman. David Croft had been nominated for an award for services to MS sufferers.

(b) Police Report

Cllr.K.D.Roughley presented the Crime Statistics Report in detail, and councillors were furnished with a copy . One detail showed that there had been twelve instances of fraud occurring on Rainford Road- apparently these were "drive-off"(without paying) crimes at the Tesco Petrol Station there.

(c) Windle Charities

Cllr.Mrs.M.P.Fraser informed that the next meeting would be held in November 2006.

(d) St Helens DistrictSports Council

Cllr.R.W.Barton –although absent from this meeting- had forwarded the minutes of the AGM held on 19/07/06,plus the Treasurer`s Report etc.,- Received

93. Website Maintenance&Updating etc.,

The email addresses etc. were now due for renewal from Easily Ltd.

Mr.Brian Walsh,who had provide invaluable assistance in setting up,and maintaining the Parish Computer and Website,had kindly offered to continue this service and consultancy at a reduced rate to the normal fee.

Resolved that Brian Walsh`s services in these capacities be retained at fee of £10 per month paid in quarterly instalments of £30.

94. Finance(a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at the 1st September 2006 were;

Current Account - £ 2179.79
Capital Reserve Account - £12516.95

(b) Payment of Accounts

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

J.Foster	Garden Competition Winner	£	30.00
F.Bishop	“ “ “		30.00
T.Bishop	“ “ “		20.00
Mrs.M.Rhodes	“ “ “		20.00
A.Burns	“ “ “		15.00
Mrs.C.Hardman	“ “ “		30.00
A.Halsall	“ “ “		20.00
P.Cunliffe	“ “ “		15.00
Mrs.J.Dearden	“ “ “		15.00
A.Marsden	“ “ “		10.00
Mrs.J.May	“ “ “		10.00
Mr.&Mrs.V.Bolton	“ “ “		20.00
N.Hardman	“ “ “		20.00
*Threshers	Garden Comp.Hospitality		43.93
BDO Stoy Hayward	External Audit Fee		141.00
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 19/09/06		18.00
*Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal- Wreath		18.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary ,Expenses & Purchases.		622.52

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

(c) Audits

The External Audit for Y/E 31st March 2006 been carried out satisfactorily on the 28th July 2006 and the Auditor had found nothing to bring to the attention of the Parish Council.

Resolved that the Audit Report for 2005/06 be accepted and that the necessary Notices of Conclusion of Audit and Statement of Accounts and Annual Review be posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards for the requisite period of two weeks, as required by law.

In addition copies will be made available, on request and on payment of a nominal fee of 10p per sheet, to any resident requesting them. A notice to that effect will also be displayed.

96. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th October 2006, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m

Signed ;-----Chairman

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