

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2007 at the Eccleston Village Hall ,Kiln Lane

PRESENT ; Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton (Chairman)
 Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)
 Councillor R.W.Barton
 Councillor Mrs.M.P.Fraser
 Councillor Mrs.M.McNulty
 Councillor K.D.Roughley
 Councillor Mrs.E.Uren
 Councillor Mrs.B. Walsh

Also in Attendance : Mr.Steve Bligh, a resident of Kiln Lane.
 L.J.Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

167. Prayers

The Chairman,Cllr.Mrs.K.S.Barton,welcomed everyone ,and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

168. Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr.W.Ashcroft - attending another meeting.

169. Declarations of Interest

Councillor K.D.Roughley informed that,as a current member of St Helens Council Planning Committee,he would be obliged to absent himself from the room whilst planning matters were being considered.
 No other declarations were made.

170. Parish Matters

- a) A resident of The Grove had complained of building work to a property there,which was still going on after several months of disturbance.The matter had been referred to St Helens Council.

- b) The passage-way between Windle Grove and Bleak Hill Road had been suffering with discarded litter recently,but ,even worse, irresponsible dog owners had not been cleaning up after their dogs had fouled the entry.
 Dog –Warden to be alerted.

- c) Two wooden fencing panels and other rubbish appeared to have been dumped in the brook at the rear of Coronation Road / Kiln Lane.

d) An elderly resident of Regal Drive had been subjected to having her dust-bin overturned, and pages of a newspaper scattered all over her garden. This had happened during the recent half-term holiday.

Resolved that the Clerk should advise Bleak Hill School of this incident .

e) The car-park fencing, at the rear of the Lynton Way shops, was once more in a dilapidated state .

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Hendersons the builders, who owned the site, to request that some suitable repairs be carried out.

171. Minutes.

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 16th January 2007, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2007, be confirmed as a true and correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

172. Matters Arising

Reference min. 155 (2) the Clerk confirmed that he had telephoned Mr. Wazir Sudi (St Helens Council) to inform him of the omission of the Church in the Cemetery.

173. Planning Applications

(At this point Cllr. K.D. Roughley left the room whilst planning matters were being discussed).

The Clerk submitted :

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of ;

P/2007/0129 – Mr. Dennis Farrell- 32 Regal Drive – 1st Floor Extn. over existing side & rear extn.

(b) Approvals in respect of ;

1. P/2007/1492 – Mr. & Mrs. Burrows, 4 Portwreath Way – Conservatory to rear.

2. P/2207/1501 – Mr. A.R. Burns, 52 Crantock Grove – Single stry. side extn. to form garage.

Resolved that the 2 approvals, detailed in (b) be noted, and that the the following comment should be made ref. the planning application detailed in (a) viz:

“some concern expressed concerning a possible overbearing effect that might be created because of the size of the extension, although there is, already, a similar extension in the vicinity. Also will there be adequate car parking space?”

174. Other Correspondence

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

1. Latest edition of "Contact" from St Helens CVS – Received.
2. Letter from Développement Services Consultation (St Helens Council) advising of a further meeting to be held on Thursday, 8/3/07 – Room 8 ,St Helens Town Hall.
-Received and noted – Clerk to advise that Windle Parish Council would be represented by the Chairman, Cllr. Mrs .K.S.Barton, and the Clerk at this meeting .
3. Letter from – Bruno Peek - the National Organiser, St. George`s Day Celebration- giving guidance to taking part –Received & Noted.
4. Letter from the Audit Commission proposing the appointment of BDO Stoy Hayward as external auditor to Windle Parish Council for the financial year 2006/07. Resolved that Windle Parish Council would agree to this proposal and appointment.
5. From Communities and Local Government – Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members. Received
6. Letter from the Charity Commission Direct concerning Land & Premises at St.Mark`s Gate, Victoria Park. Received & noted.

175. Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.

176. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

The next management committee meeting was due on 6th March 2007.

177. LAPTC/ NALC/ MAPTC

The Clerk reported that he had provisionally obtained a place on a course to be conducted by "Lancashire Leaders"/Lancashire & Merseyside County Training Partnership, which would, hopefully, lead to achieving success in the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

On account of the heavy time commitment required etc., he was still undecided about taking up the offer. However the cost of the course was £150 +£70 Registration Fee – a bursary was available for 75% of these costs = £165 .

Resolved that the Windle Parish Council would agree to initially approving and meeting these costs.

178. Parish Newsletter

The next edition would be published after the elections to be held on Thursday 3rd May 2007 .Consequently all articles were required by Friday 4th May 2007.

179. Lynton Way Play Area – Nil report.

180. Jim Malone Garden

Nil report.

181. Bleak Hill School – Spring Activity

The School intended to establish a “quiet area” in the grounds and would appreciate the gift of suitable planters and containers for this purpose.

Resolved that the Clerk should purchase suitable items up to the value of £60, which was the value of the budget figure for the purchase of a tree or plants etc.

The presentation was to be arranged for 2.30 pm Wednesday 21st March 2007.

182. Reports from Other Bodies

Nil reports.

183. Finance(a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at the 1st February 2007 were:

	£
Current Account	258.33
Capital Reserve Account	10699.02

(b) Payment of Accounts

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

	£
L.J.Kilshaw Salary ,Post & Purchases	267.33
Eccleston Parish Council	18.00
P.C.World – Purchase of replacement All in One Printer ,Scanner ,Copier plus Ink Cartridges And new optical mouse	164.83

(c) Internal Auditor`s Report

The Council received a copy of the satisfactory report covering the quarter ended 31/12/2006.

Resolved acceptance of the report and that it should be signed by the Chairman.

183. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 20th March 2007, and would be preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

(Chairman) Date

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