

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 20th July 2010, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present: Councillor K.D. Roughley (Chairman)
 Cllr. S. A. Bligh (Deputy Chairman)
 Cllr. Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft
 Cllr. W. Ashcroft
 Cllr. Mrs. K. S. Barton
 Cllr. R. W. Barton
 Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty
 Cllr. Mrs. E. Uren

Also in Attendance ; PCSO. W. Naylor (Merseyside Police
 L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

51. Prayers

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

52. Apologies – had been received on behalf of Cllr. Mrs. A. Bate- away on holiday.

53. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Mrs. N. J. and W. Ashcroft declared a personal interest in item 15. Christmas Tree Lighting – as they are respectively the Chair and a member of the Windle Ward Committee.

54. Reports from Other Bodies

With Council's permission the Chairman varied the agenda to accommodate the Police report by CSO Naylor being made early in the meeting.

a) Police Report

CSO W. Naylor reported on the current police activity and the aims being pursued. No other reports were received.

55. Parish Matters

a) Mention in the June edition of the Newsletter of a reminder for residents to keep walking the footpaths had provoked a response from the regular walkers that they were unable to do so, because of the current closure of many of the paths due to the continuing construction of the massive water pipeline from Prescott to Bury. Cllr. W. Ashcroft had dealt with the situation diplomatically and apologised for this oversight. The construction is to be finished by March 31st 2011.

At this point CSO W. Naylor took his leave of the meeting, after being thanked for his report and contribution to the meeting.

56. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th June 2010, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on 15th June 2010 should be accepted and signed as a true correct record by the Chairman.

57. Matters Arising) Ref. min.35 The Clerk confirmed that a letter of congratulation had been sent to Mrs. Jane Dearden on being awarded the M.B.E.

b)Ref. Min.37 15/06/10- The Clerk advised that the Meerkat garden ornaments had been presented to the School, on Tuesday 29th June 2010 – Cllr.Richard Barton had deputised for the Chairman Cllr.Roughley , who had been unable to attend, due to a hospital appointment.

The pupils who are members of the School Gardening Cub plus the relevant members of Staff had been most enthusiastic and those members of the Council attending, had been very impressed by their enthusiasm, range of activities, and the resultant produce.

The Clerk had written to Mr.Wellens to express the congratulations of the Council to the Gardening Club and those responsible for it.

c) Ref. min45 ante- Appointment of Parish Council Representatives to the Local Standards Board

Resolved that the proposal for selecting these representatives by the Standards Committee viz. “all Parish Councils in the St Helens area to be invited to put forward a candidate to fill the vacancy. Applications to be considered against the identified skills and competencies needed for the post, and interviews conducted by the sub-committee approved by the Council in the Independent Member appointments.” - should be accepted and approved by the Windle Parish Council. This decision to be communicated to Peter Blackburn’s office.

58. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave invitation to comment on the following:

a) Planning Application : P/2010/0644 – Mr.A.White 43 Regal Drive WA10 6BJ- 2stry.extn. to the side.

b) Approvals:

1) P2010/0285- Arena Housing Group 57 Rainford Rd. Windle WA10 6DD- Listed Bldng.Consent to Alterations- Renewal and upgrade of cast-iron water rainwater goods to rear elevation. Permission granted.

2.) P2010/0336 – M.Richmond 22 Calderhurst Drive- Cert.of Lawful Use for s.stry.rear extn. Certificate granted.

3.) P/2010/0351- Mr. & Mrs.K.Joyce- 81 Bleak Hill Rd- New roof to garage and entrance canopy. Permission granted.

4.) P2010/0373- Mrs.Harrison 12 Regal Drive- 2stry extn. to side and rear plus front porch. Permission granted.

Resolved that confirmation of the no objections local committee decision be ratified for the application in a, and that the 4 approvals in b be noted.

59. Other Correspondence

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

a) Letter received by Councillors W. Ashcroft and Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft – from Mr. David Traynor of Beyond the Fringe Hairdressing Company- expressing concern

reference any possible moves to implement car parking restrictions around the Coronation Rd. and Kiln Lane shopping area. Copies of this letter were also sent to the other Parish Councillors and the Clerk.

In discussing the matter it was pointed out that the Parish Council had received many complaints about the dangers caused by inconsiderate parking at the shops. Consequently the Ward Councillors were duty bound to take up complaints received. Cllr. W. Ashcroft had spoken to Highways Dept. and had been assured that there were currently no proposals to install waiting and, furthermore, if any such proposals were to be put forward in the future, consultation with local businesses and residents would take place as part of the statutory Traffic Regulation Order process.

Resolved that Councillor W. Ashcroft should reply to Mr. Traynor to inform him of these facts, in an effort to alleviate his concerns.

60. Ecclesfield Sports Facility -Report

There had been an incident when adult teams had emptied bins onto the field which had been disruptive. This had been taken seriously and a complaint made. The necessary roof repairs were to be completed and also repairs to the paving-(est. cost £400.00)

61. Lynton Way Play Area- Report

The Clerk reported that an incident had occurred on a recent Sunday evening when local youths had been causing trouble to a resident living close to the L.W.P.A. This had been reported to the Police and an incident number obtained by the complainant. As a result the Clerk had requested St Helens Council Security Force to open and close the play area on a daily basis, instead of just Fridays and Saturdays, with the position to be reviewed in September.

62. Jim Malone Garden – Report

Cllr. / Mrs. McNulty reported that currently there was an abundance of weeds in the garden, which she would be tackling in the near future. The Clerk informed that there was still money in the budget (£25.00) to purchase any new plants etc. required.

63. Garden Competition 2010 - Report

The judging had been carried out successfully, and the results were passed to the Clerk, in order that the winners might be invited to the Awards ceremony, to be held at 7pm, prior to the next Council meeting on Tuesday September 21st 2010.

64. Christmas Tree Lighting 2010

Cllr. Richard Barton and the Clerk had held a meeting with the Head Teacher, Mr. Ian Wellens, at Bleak Hill School : and the possible available options considered for the Tree Lighting had been discussed.

At the Windle Ward Meeting, last night, further discussions had taken place with Andy Dempsey (Lead Officer) who had been in contact with Bill May (Lighting Dept. Manager- St. Helens Council). A letter had been received from Andy Dempsey, which contained a suggestion that might provide a permanent and safe (and simpler)

solution to our problems. This would involve the installation of a feeder pillar and supply within the school grounds and thus, allow for a Christmas Tree to be safely connected on a temporary basis during each festive period. Costs for the feeder pillar were estimated at £220 plus £725 for an appropriate supply. There would be a need to meet the costs of electricity usage during the Christmas period.

Resolved that the Clerk should arrange a site visit with Bill May and Andy Dempsey, together with Councillors Ken Roughley, Richard Barton and Wally Ashcroft, and the Head Teacher Ian Wellens at an early opportunity.

The Glass Plaque Project would be proceeded further, later in the Council Year.

65. Finance

a) Balances - The Clerk reported that the balances, at the 20th July 2010, were;
Current A/c £9673.14 Capital Deposit A/c £7824.66

b) Payment of Accounts

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

	£
St Helens CVS Annual Subs.-Associate M.ship.	30.00
Eccleston P.C. Room Hire -20/07/10	20.00
Bleak Hill CP School Photo-copying Services	27.99
Ecclesfield Project Revenue A/c 3 rd Qtrly. Payment	392.50
B. Walsh Website / Computer	35.00
Peecee Print Ltd. t/a PC Print- June Newsletter	466.00
Post Office BT telephone A/c- dedicated line Incl. Broadband	92.12
L. J. Kilshaw Salary & Postage	309.87

66. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 21st September 2010, to be preceded by the Garden Competition Winners Awards at 7.00pm., at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)