

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Windle Parish Council, held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
November 2012, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

Present: Councillor Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft (Chairman)  
“ W. Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)  
“ R.W. Barton  
“ Mrs. A. Bate  
“ S. A. Bligh  
“ Mrs. M. McNulty  
“ K. D. Roughley  
“ Mrs. E. Uren  
Also in Attendance: L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

100. Prayers - The Chairman welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council

101. Apologies: Cllr. Mrs Sheila Barton – indisposed.

102. Declarations of Interest : No declarations were made.

103. Parish Matters: (a) Cllr. Bligh enquired what is the course of action needed to change an apartment from living accommodation to use as business premises. He was informed that it would be necessary to make an application to Planning Dept. for permission for the change of use.

(b) The new Starbucks Drive Thru Coffee Shop had now opened at Windle Island and the resultant cardboard litter had already appeared in Bleak Hill Road and the 'passage-way between Rainford Road and Windle Grove.

(c) Cllr. Nancy Ashcroft informed that there would be a meeting of the “Catering Committee” on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012, at 26, Kiln Lane, to finalise arrangements for the Pre- Christmas Reception to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012 .

104. Minutes – The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, which had been held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012, be confirmed as a true and correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

### 105. Matters Arising

Reference min.85c – complaint of the depositing of plastic bags of dog waste in the concrete general rubbish bin at the Rainford Road end of Stuart Way, this matter had been taken up by Cllr. Nancy Ashcroft with St Helens Council. The Clerk had informed the complainant that this matter was being pursued, and the resident had replied with an email on the matter, which had also included thanks to the Parish Council and the Clerk, for their efforts on behalf of the Parish and the residents. The Chairman said that she would again follow up the progress on the complaint.

### 106. Planning Matters

#### (a) Planning Application

The Clerk gave opportunity to comment on the following application;  
P/2012/0822 E. Halliwell- 33 Windle Grove- Porch to the front

(b) Decisions- Approval for P/2012/0701- 53-55 Cockleshell Cottages, Rainford Rd.- Works to protected trees.

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

#### 107. Other Correspondence

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

(a) Email from Gill Pinder (St Helens Council) informing that a copy of the St Helens Local Plan Core Strategy, which had been adopted by St Helens Council on 31/10/12, would be sent to each Parish Council, together with each of the adopted Supplementary Guidance documents.

“The Core Strategy is the main document in the St Helens Local Plan and sets out the vision to make St Helens a modern, distinctive, economically prosperous and vibrant Borough. The document outlines the policies for achieving this vision, and will guide development decisions in St Helens until 2027. It will replace a number of the saved policies of the adopted Unitary Development Plan(1998).” Received & Noted

(b) Letter to all consultees, from Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service, regarding consultation on proposed modifications to the Merseyside and Halton Joint Waste Local Plan. Received & Noted

#### 108. Localism / New Standards – Code of Conduct- New Form

Details of the amendments made to these documents had been received from Angela Sanderson(St Helens Council), and were communicated to the Council. The Clerk would supply the necessary new forms etc for completion and return.

#### 109. Ecclesfield Sports Facility- No report .

#### 110. LALC/NALC/MAPTC/SLCC - No report.

#### 111. L.W.P.A.

The play area is a relatively peaceful spot these days, brought about, no doubt, by the continuous use of the St Helens Council Security Force. However it will be necessary to establish the actual financial cost of this service, when considering the budget for 2013/2014.

Resolved that the Clerk would obtain the cost so far, and obtain approximate figures for the remainder of the financial year.

#### 112. Jim Malone Garden- Report

With the erection of the new fencing by residents, at the boundary of the properties backing onto the garden, and the cutting down of certain shrubs in the process, which work has been supplemented admirably, by a volunteer working party of Parish Councillors the general appearance of the garden has been greatly improved.

Further improvements were to be undertaken such as the painting of the metal WINDLE sign at the site.

The Chairman expressed her thanks to those involved viz; Councillors Ken Roughley, Ann Bate, Steve Bligh, Marie McNulty and Wally Ashcroft.

Resolved that this expression of thanks be endorsed by the whole Council.

113. Parish Newsletter- Report

The editor, Cllr. Ken Roughley, reported that the magazine would be printed tomorrow, and delivery received next week. The Chairman thanked him for his hard work in producing the Newsletter.

114. Christmas Tree Lighting- Report

After the last meeting the Clerk wrote to Ward Councillor Mrs. L. Glover and informed her of the disappointment etc. of the Parish Council regarding the disbursement of the Community Improvement Fund. The Councillor has now replied to say that she has now applied for a suitable donation to be made to Windle Parish Council, from the Fund, towards the cost of providing the tree etc at Bleak Hill School on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

Resolved that approval be given for the Clerk to order any necessary new lights required, up to £180 limit, and confirm acceptance of the cost estimate of £751.99 from Lighting Dept. and purchase of 12ft Spruce Tree ex Rainford's £100 est.

115. Reports from Other Bodies

Windle United Charities

Cllr. W. Ashcroft reported that Cllr. Mrs. P. Martinez-Williams had now been replaced on the committee by Cllr. Mrs. L. Glover.

A request received from St Andrew's Scouts for funding had been referred to Mrs. Pat Fraser.

116. Finance ; (a) Balances- the Clerk informed Council that the bank balances at November 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 were Business Current A/c £7956.53, Business Reserve A/c £6032.75.

(b) Payment of Accounts- Resolved that payment of the following accounts be made;

Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 20/11/12	£ 21.00
Cllr. K. D. Roughley	Purchase of Ink Cartridge for use in compiling the Newsletter prior to printing	27.96

117. Date of Next Meeting- The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012, to be followed by the Pre- Christmas Reception. The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(CHAIRMAN)