

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 20th December 2005 at Eccleston Village Hall
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PRESENT : Councillor K.D.Roughley (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton
Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft
Councillor R.W.Barton
Councillor W.Ashcroft
Councillor Mrs.M.P.Fraser
Councillor A.F.Rigby
Councillor Mrs.E.Uren
Councillor Mrs.B.Walsh

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

143. Prayers

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

144 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Inspector J.Vaudrey (Merseyside Police)

145. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

146. Parish Matters

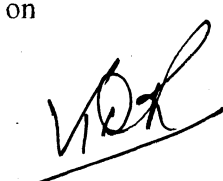
No Parish Matters were raised.

147. Chairmans Report

Nil report.

148. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council held on 20 November 2005, which had been circulated previously.



Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

149. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

150. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of –

(1) P/2005/1399 - Mr.W.Sheffield,143 Rainford Road- Increase in roof – pitch and creation of front and rear dormers for additional bedroom space.

(b) Approvals in respect of ;

(1) P/2005/1318 – Tesco Stores Ltd. Windle Service Station – erection of of new signage.

(2) P/2005/1164 – D.Traynor,82 Kiln Lane- change of use of newsagents and Dwelling to newsagents, hair and beauty salon,and florists +erection of a single storey extn.to the newsagents.

Resolved that no comments be made reference the planning application detailed in (a) and that the approvals in (b) be noted .

151. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following correspondence,to be dealt with as indicated.

(a) “Contact” – latest issue.-Received.

(b) St.Helens Council Minutes – Received.

152. Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.- but see min.154 post-LAPTC

153. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Councillor A.F.Rigby informed the Council that ,after many years of service on the Ecclesfield Management Committee ,he had resigned from the committee and his current position of Chairman. This was for personal reasons in that he was attempting to curtail his commitments to provide more time for leisure activities.



The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked Cllr. Rigby for his sterling efforts with Ecclesfield.

154. L.A.P.T.C.

There would be a "Quality Parish Workshop" at Rainhill Village Hall, on Weds. 18 January 2006 commencing at 7.00 p.m. arranged by the L.A.P.T.C.
Resolved that this workshop should be attended by the Chairman, Deputy-Chairman the Clerk, who was to arrange the booking-in with the L.A.P.T.C.

155. Parish Boundary Adjustments

This matter had been discussed at the previous Parish Council meeting on November 15th, 2005 (see min. 125). Martin Hughes-Head of Administrative Services, St. Helens Council – had written to those residents affected by the proposed changes and inviting any comment on the matter. The response had been quite apathetic with very few responses.

After discussion it was

Resolved that the Windle Parish Council would prefer that the current existing status quo be maintained i.e. that those northern parts of the Parish (Moss Lane, Rainford Road etc.) should remain in the Windle Parish, but be in the Rainford Ward for District Council Elections etc.
The Clerk was requested to inform Mr. M. Hughes of this decision tomorrow and to confirm it by letter.

156. Review of Parish Electoral Arrangements

Martin Hughes had written to the Parish Council again on the 1 December 2005 regarding the above matter. Copies of both this letter and the one dated Nov. 10th had been distributed earlier. Any reply/comment was requested by the 30 January.

It was resolved that the matter should be discussed further at the January 17 Meeting.

157. Parish Newsletter

The Clerk reported that he had sent out the invoice letters to the advertisers and already, several had settled their account.

158. Lynton Way Play Area

Although the necessary Planning Notices had been displayed in the area some weeks ago no further developments had occurred in the installation of the new fencing.



159. Jim Malone Garden

Nil report.

160. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Once again the event had been enjoyed by all who attended. The Mayor, Cllr. Bill Swift had been unable to attend due to a recent illness, but the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Teresa Sim had proved an adequate replacement. Even the weather, although very cold, had remained dry and, for the second year running, the service was able to be held outside.

The tension of the moment of the actual "switch-on" of the lights had been greatly increased by an extra unscheduled momentary delay- at the time it did seem like an eternity however!

It was suggested that an additional quantity of tree - lights, of a different type- might be purchased next year. The Clerk to investigate this possibility further.

161. Reports from Other Bodies

(a) Police Report

Cllr. Ken Roughley gave a detailed report, including police initiatives in the area to help combat the many different types of crime. He provided print-outs of the incidents and crimes which had taken place in November and high-lighted those occurring in the Parish.

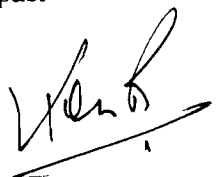
162. Website/Computer

The Clerk reported that things were progressing smoothly and appeared to be working well.

Mrs. Sheila Hull, who had been the Parish Council's Typist for 10 years or so had now given in her notice to quit at the end of the year as she had now taken up a new post.

With the advent of the newly purchased computer it was not intended to replace her as the Clerk would be expected to complete all his own typing. This would, of course, involve a re-appraisal of the Clerk's Job i.e. hours of work etc. which might best take place after a couple of months experience of the new work involved.

In the meantime it was agreed that the Council would accept Mrs. Hull's resignation, and that a suitable card or letter etc. be sent to thank her for her past services. Clerk to arrange.



163. Finance

(a) Balances

The Council noted the balances at 30 November 2005;

Current Account - £841.18

Capital Reserve Account - £10714.32

(b) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
Thresher	Hospitality – Christmas Tree Lighting	55.23
Peecee Print t/a PCprint Ltd.	Newsletter Printing	394.00
Bleak Hill School	Photo - Copying Services	20.12
Thresher	Hospitality – Pre-Christmas Reception	72.95
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire	18.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary, Post, Purchases	314.59
Mrs.S.A.Hull	Typing Services	77.00
M.P.Fraser	Refreshments/Pre-Xmas Reception	78.16

164. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 17 January 2006.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Signed 
Chairman

Date 17.01.06.