

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 21st February 2006 at Eccleston Village Hall

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

Also in Attendance : P.C.Neil Henry (Merseyside Police)
L.J.Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

183. Prayers

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

184. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs.N.J.Ashroft, W.Ashcroft who were both, currently attending another meeting and Councillor A.F.Rigby - another engagement.

185. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

186. Parish Matters

- Some residents had queried the truth of a rumour, which stated that a well known off-licence chain was to take over one of the shops in Lynton Way. The Clerk confirmed that he had raised the issue with Planning Office and there appeared to be no truth in the rumour at present.
- Mr.Lally of 4,Hamilton Road, had complained about the inconsiderate parking of a caravan by his neighbour,at number 2,Hamilton Road.The matter was currently under negotiation and it was expected to be resolved satisfactorily.

187. Chairman`s Report

Nil Report

188. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 January 2006, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on 17 January 2006, be confirmed as a true and correct and be signed by the Chairman.

189. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

190. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted;

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of -

(1) P/2006/0087- J.Boden, 42 Rutherford Road, Windle – Single Storey rear extn to form enlarged kitchen and conservatory.

(2) P/2006/0102 – Mr. & Mrs. Morris, 9 Windle Grove – Pitched roof over existing garage.

(3) P/2006/0163 – Mr. M. Bishop, 10 Windle Grove – Single storey rear extn. and demolition of existing garage and erection of a replacement garage in a new location.

(b) Approval in respect of :

(1) P/2005/1471 – Mr./Mrs. Bridge, 53 St. George`s Avenue -1st Flr. Extn. over existing garage and utility-room extn. + porch to front.

(c) Refusals in respect of ;

(1) P/2005/1399 – Mr. W. Sheffield, 143 Rainford Road Windle on the grounds that the proposed alterations would be out of scale and proportion to the original dwelling and, therefore, contrary to the St. Helen`s Councils adopted Unitary Development Plan 1998.

(2) P/2005/1488 – Mrs. Chisnall, 2 Crantock Grove - 1.8m Perimeter Fence/Wall Plus 1.8m Wooden Gates

Reason- does not respect the character of either the original dwelling or the character of the local area and is therefore both incongruous to the street

scene and detrimental to the local area.

In addition the 1.8m gates positioned immediately adjacent to Bleak Hill Rd. would be detrimental to highway safety etc., and the 1.8m brick-wall and fencing panels would restrict visibility for both drivers and pedestrians exiting onto Bleak Hill Road.

Resolved that the approval in (b) and the refusals in (c) be noted and that no comments be made regarding the planning applications (a) 2 and 3 and that no objections be made ref. (a)1, except to check against any possible domineering effect on neighbouring property.

191. Other Correspondence

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

- a) Contact- from CVS-latest edition. Received.
- b) Notice of 4th Annual FUNDERS FAYRE 15 /3/06 @ Hilton Hotel- Received.

192. Quality Parish Councils

A workshop had been attended last month at Rainhill Village Hall, by Cllrs. Mrs. K.S. and R.W. Barton together with the Clerk., which had proved to be informative and beneficial in their opinion.

193. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Cllr. A.F. Rigby had resigned as Chairman of Ecclesfield Management Committee. It would be necessary for Windle Parish Council to elect a replacement to serve until the Ecclesfield AGM.

Graffiti had again been daubed on the changing rooms.

194. L.A.P.T.C.

- a) Letter regarding the Annual Draw for the winning Parish Council Chairman to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in the summer.

Resolved that Cllr. Mrs. K.S. Barton- current Deputy Chairman and her husband Cllr. R.W. Barton be the nominated Windle Parish Council entrants, and the Clerk duly completed the necessary entry form .

- b) Advance notice of the LAPTIC Conference 2006 to be held at Charnock Richard Friday 12th May-Sunday 14th May 2006 .Noted.

195. Parish Boundary Adjustments/Review of Parish Electoral Arrangements

St.Helens Council had agreed to maintain the status quo for the time being, and was publishing an official public notice in the St.Helens Reporter giving detail concerning Moss Lane, Rainford Road residents etc.,

196. Parish Newsletter- Report

The Clerk reported that there remained only two unpaid accounts for adverts. in the 2005 Editions of the Newsletter. Reminders would be sent out this week by the Clerk.

197. Lynton Way Play Area

Mr.David Bielawski had been invited to this meeting but, as he is on holiday this week, he is unable to attend. It was hoped that he might be able to provide more information regarding the reduction in the height of the proposed new boundary – fencing from 3m to 2.4m. on the original application P/2005/1003 (see min.172 21/2/06).

This amendment had been made without the Parish Council being consulted, despite its major role in consulting with residents and St.Helens Council Officers to determine the most effective height to prevent unauthorised access to LWPA .

Resolved that the matter continue to be pursued with Planning Office etc.

198. Jim Malone Garden

Nil Report

199. Bleak Hill School-Provision of Bird Tables

The Clerk had obtained an estimate for the cost of two bird tables (£42.00) approximately (min.167 21/2/06 refers). The order would be placed this week, and a mutually convenient date be arranged for their presentation to the School for use in the Wild Life Garden.

200. Reports from Other Bodies

Police

P.C. Neil Henry introduced himself as being one of the officers responsible for the Windle Area including the Parish of Windle. He further informed the Council of current Police Initiatives, including efforts to reduce the dangers caused by indiscriminate car parking by parents at Bleak Hill School.

There followed an exchange of information and ideas, which it is hoped will

help the Police, the Parish Council and residents in their efforts to improve the overall situation in the Parish.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked P.C. Henry for his valuable contribution to the meeting, and afterwards P.C. Henry left the meeting.

200. Finance

(a) Balances

The Council noted the balances at 27th January 2006 viz.,

Current Account - £247.14
Capital Reserve Account - £9445.04

(b) Payment of Accounts

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

	£
Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire (21 st Feb.)	18.00
L.J. Kilshaw Salary, Post and Purchases	275.22

(b) Finance Committee Report

The Council received the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 7th February 2006, which were duly ratified as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman Cllr. K.D. Roughley.

(c) Precept / Budget 2006/2007

The Council was advised in a report of the anticipated position re balances, viz:

Balance @ 1.4.05	£ 10251
Plus Income (projected) to 31.3.06	<u>11903</u>
	22154
Less Expenditure (projected) to 31.3.06	<u>13383</u>
Balance (projected) to 31.3.06	<u>8771</u>

St. Helens Council had advised that the Council Tax Base 2006/07 for the Windle Parish had been set at 1,016 (Band "D" equivalent properties), and the Parish Precept for £12,000 = £ 11.81, for £11,750 = £11.56, for £11,500 = 11.32

for £11,000 = £10.83.

The suggested payment dates of the 28th April 2006 (50%) and 30th June 2006 (50%) had already been agreed by the Parish Council (see min.181- 17 /1/06). A letter confirming this had been sent to St. Helens Council on 19th Jan.2006.

The Council was advised of the budget provision necessary to maintain existing levels and the report identified other items to be considered for inclusion for precept purposes.

The Finance Committee had given initial consideration to the position and the Council received a written report on the budget necessary to maintain existing levels, together with an indication of projects, which had been identified for consideration, insofar as provision in the precept was concerned.

Resolved

a). That the following broad based budget be accepted for 2006/2007:

<u>Expenditure/ Payments(Net of VAT)</u>	<u>£</u>
Fees @ Insurance	720
LAPTC	450
Salary	3283
Election Costs	200
Post & Telephone	160
Broadband	216
Website	100
Printing / Stationery & Publications	200
Room Hire	198
Flowers/ Donations	50
Newsletter	910
School Awards	130
School Awards/ New Shields	80
Maintenance – Ecclesfield	1300
Maintenance – J.Malone Garden	40
Security – L.W.Play Area	2600
Engraving / Chairman`s Chain	50

Garden Competition	195
Footpaths	20
Trees / Xmas Tree Lighting	420
Hospitality	320
VAT	600
Contingency	000
Projects- Additional Notice – Board	450
Bulbs, Plants etc.-JM Garden	<u>40</u>
	<u>12732</u>

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>
Precept	000
Bank	140
VAT	800
Donations/Sponsorship	000
Advertising	430
Miscellaneous	000
Matching Funding	<u>000</u>
	<u>1370</u>

SUMMARY

Estimate of Expenditure(2006/2007)	12732
Estimate of Income (2006/2007)	<u>1370</u>
Estimated Shortfall	<u>£11362</u>

- The Council will need to consider any other items of expenditure to be taken into account

- Recognizing that the balances held in respect of LWPA equipment be kept at £2500
- Furthermore, balances include provision towards election costs (£500).
- In addition, the following projects have been identified and consideration should be given to making provision for;

• Election Expenses	£600
Quality Parish Council Training	£500
Contingency Fund	£600
Additional Notice-Board	£450
Web-site Development	£500

The Council will be aware of the need to be prudent in the preservation of adequate balances.

Audit Regulations

The Council is reminded that the regulations include procedures which require the identification of any specific provision (other than contingency) made within balances and the need to have a budget based on expenditure and income figures which must be contained within the resolution of the Council accepting the precept requirement. This does not preclude the use of virement during the year, which must, however, be approved by the Council.

The audit "trail" must be clear to follow, particularly in relation to the accumulation of balances.

Resolved that the level of the precept for 2006/2007 be set at £11270 and St. Helens Council be advised accordingly tomorrow by letter.

201. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 21st March 2006 at Eccleston Village Hall, and would be preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed -----
Chairman

Date _____