

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

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

190. Prayers

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and prayers were said for the work of the Council.

191. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr.Mrs.E.Uren – prior appointment.

192. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

193. Reports from Other Bodies– including the Police Report

The Chairman – with the Council's permission varied the agenda – so that P.C.Mark Pender was able to deliver his Police Report at this juncture.

Police Report

There had been incidents at the Crematorium and Cemetery involving damage to certain graves, and the Police were intending to upgrade their cctv equipment to include infrared imaging, as the incidents were happening after dark.

There was a strong suspicion of drug-dealing at the Gerard Arms Public House, especially during the screening of football matches on Saturdays, and measures would be taken to investigate this matter further.

The Council took the opportunity to inform P.C.Pender of dangerous parking etc.taking place at the shops and adjacent area at the junction of Kiln Lane and Coronation Road.

St Helens Sports Council

Cllr.W.Ashcroft informed that there had been an increase in grants made by this body.

At this point P.C.Pender left the meeting,having been thanked by the Chairman for his report.

#### 194. Parish Matters

The Clerk informed that the Windle Parish Council Website would contain the necessary publication scheme (adapted from the suggested Model ) regarding the description and sources of information of the Councils activities etc., to comply with the Publication of Freedom of Information Act 2009.

Copies would be supplied to individual councillors by the Clerk.

#### 195. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of both the :

- a) Annual Assembly held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009-05-04 – for information only  
- copies of which had been circulated previously.
- b) and of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council ,held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
- copies of which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that ;

1. the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 2009 be kept on file until the next Assembly in March 2010.
2. the minutes of the ordinary meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009, be signed by the Chairman as true and correct record.

#### 196. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 197. Planning Matters.

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following:

##### A) Applications

1. P/2009/0195 –N.Platt – Conservatory to rear
2. P/2009/0286- Mrs.J.Sheffield 143 Rainford Rd(Rainford) –Balcony,1<sup>st</sup>.Flr.of rear elevation.

##### B. Approvals:

1. P/2009/0063 – Mr.S.Bate -5 Lawrence Road- 1<sup>st</sup> Flr.Extn, over existing ground flr .extn to rear.
2. P/2009/ 0104 – Mr.P.Clucas – 45 Rainford Road ,Windle – Demolitn.of both existing detached garage, and existing outrigger to side, then erectn.of conservatory to side elevation.

Resolved that no comments be made concerning both the applications detailed in A,and that the two approvals listed in B should be noted.

Cllr.K.Roughley informed Council that he had learned that the application P/2009/0130- (see min.179-17/03/09) had now been withdrawn- Noted.  
And also that the owner of “Beechcroft” Rainford Rd-see P/2008/0924&0925 Sept.2008-had now applied to the Ombudsman over the Bio-disc problem and informed that he would deny access onto his property to service the equipment.

198 . Other Correspondence

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

1. Latest issue- April /May “Contact” magazine from St Helens CVS. Received.
2. Letter of invitation to the next Development Services Consultation –Room 8- St Helens Town Hall-10.30a.m. Friday 22/05/09. Clerk to reply informing that this consultation would be attended by the Chairman, Cllr. W. Ashcroft and the Clerk.

199. LALC/NALC/MAPTC/SLCC

The annual membership subscriptions were now due for LALC/NALC/MAPTC and were approved for payment.

Also details were given of forthcoming training courses to be conducted by the LALC. Noted.

At this point , 8pm -Cllrs R.W.and Mrs.K.S.Barton were excused to leave the meeting to attend a family celebration.

200. Lynton Way Play Area –Report

The Clerk reported that despite the success of the limited closure exercise there had been an invasion incident of the play park during one evening over Easter, when a resident had raised the alarm complaining of a fire having been started and a fencing panel being damaged by youths. The Police and the St Helens Security Force had been alerted and had attended L.W.P.A. However when they got there were no signs of anybody there, and no obvious signs of damage apart from a shallow hole used for a fire.

As a consequence the Clerk had amended the instructions to the Security Force to open and close the park each morning or evening of the two week period of the School Holidays : and then to revert to Fridays and Saturday evening closures, and Saturday and Sunday morning openings only.

Cllr.Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft had discussed the matter with Peter Mavers ,who had questioned the accuracy of the costs of security which had been raised by the Parish Council.

Resolved that the possibility of limited closing as at present , plus closing for School Holidays, and other possible “ danger periods “ be investigated by Cllr W.Ashcroft and the Clerk.

201. Jim Malone Garden

The St Helens Council Grant of £350 was to be spent on up-grading the JMG- details to be decided after consultation .

Cllr. Mrs.M.McNulty had been busy at the garden and had spent £25 (the agreed budget figure 08/09) on plants etc.

### 202. Bleak Hill School

The “wishing–well” project (see min185ante) was still being researched, so nothing had been finalised as yet.

### 203. Parish Newsletter – Report

The Clerk advised that, as agreed previously, four prizes had been purchased for the four children, who had been the prize winners of the Picture Colouring Competition contained in the last issue.

Resolved that a letters of invitation be sent to each of them to invite the children and parents to a brief Prize Presentation Ceremony, to be held at 6.45 pm prompt, on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 i. e. immediately prior to the AGM of the Council at the Eccleston Village Hall: when the Chairman, Cllr. W. Ashcroft would present the prizes.

Cllr. Ken Roughley required any outstanding articles for the forthcoming issue a.s.a.p. The Clerk undertook to supply him with the following ; List of Bleak Hill School Holidays etc for 2009-2010, Finance Article, the amended advert. for “Beyond the Fringe” and details of the winners of the Colouring Competition.

### 204. Annual Insurance Policy

It was decided to postpone this item until the next meeting in May.

### 205. Finance

a) Balances – the Council noted that the balances at the Y/E 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2009 were Current A/c £444.63 and Capital Deposit A/c £9618.49

#### b). Payment of Accounts

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

|                                 |  | £       |
|---------------------------------|--|---------|
| DSG Retail Ltd /PC World –      | Print Cartridge                        | 58.52   |
| Post Office                     | BT Tel.A/c incl.B/band –dedicated line | 89.44   |
| Eccleston Parish Council        | Room Hire 21/04/09                     | 20.00   |
| Ecclesfield Project Revenue A/c | 1 <sup>st</sup> Qrtly. Payment         | 355.00  |
| B. Walsh                        | Website /Computer                      | 35.00   |
| L.A.L.C.- N.A.L.C.-M.A.P.T.C. – | Annual Subscriptions                   | 375.24  |
| St Helens Council               | L.W.P.A. Security                      | 3309.18 |
| L.J.Kilshaw                     | Salary ,Purchases and Post             | 318.38  |
| Mrs.M.McNulty                   | Purchase of Plants etc.for JMG         | 25.00   |

#### c) Audits

The External Audit for y/e 31/03/2009 was scheduled for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The Internal Audit for 2008/09 had been completed and no matters raised.

d) Signing off of the Receipts & Payments Book

Resolved that the signing-off of the R.& P. Book for the year 2008-2009 should be carried out, which was then completed by the Chairman, Cllr. W. Ashcroft and the Clerk to the Council, L. J. Kilshaw

e) VAT Return 2008-2009

The Clerk reported that this had been completed, and had amounted to a refund-claim of £492.10 for the year.

f) Balance Sheet / Receipts & Payments Accounts / Annual Return –for 2008-2009

Resolved that approval and completion of the above would be re-scheduled for inclusion on the agenda for the next month's ordinary meeting.

206. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, which itself, would be starting at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed----- Chairman-----Date