

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Windle Parish Council, held on Tuesday 21st May 2013, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present :

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

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

13. Prayers had already been said at the AGM, which had earlier preceded this meeting. Cllr. W. Ashcroft – as the new Chairman- welcomed everyone.

14. Apologies- None

15. Declaration of Interest Cllr. W. Ashcroft declared an interest as a member of Liverpool – St Helens R.U.F.C. and also of the Pilkington Horticultural Allotments Association, Alder Hey Road.

Cllrs. K. D. Roughley and Mrs. A. Bate declared one regarding the planning application in min19a below..

16. Parish Matters

(a) Residents had complained about the high incidence of pot holes in various roads in the Parish and neighbouring areas.

(b) Following up a resident's complaint about builders vehicles obstructing drives etc in Windle Grove, investigation had revealed that this no longer appeared to be the case.

(c) The Clerk reported that a new laptop computer had been ordered from PC World, which would replace the current desk- top model, which was approaching eight years of age and showing it. This purchase had been budgeted for and previously approved.

(d) Cllr. W. Ashcroft informed Council that the Pilkington Horticultural Society Allotments in Alder Hey Road, were to be renamed as the "Stan Pennington Allotments", in honour of Stan Pennington.

This gentleman, a resident in the Windle Parish and a renowned expert on the art of growing dahlias- in fact he is known affectionately as " Stan the Dahlia Man"- has held a plot at Ruskin since the end of the Second World War.

17. Minutes The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2013, which had been circulated previously. It was pointed out that in min 199. the date for the judging of the Garden Competition should be 28th June not the 21st as shown. After this had been amended it was;

Resolved that the minutes be accepted and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

18. Matters Arising- The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting the promised £300 cheque from St Helens Council, due from the Ward Councillors Improvement Fund, but, at the last time of asking, he had been told that it was "being processed".

19. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave opportunity for comment on the following ;

(a) Planning Application

P/2013/0303 4 Woodford Road – Demolition of existing garage and erection of 2 stry .side and rear extn.

(b) Decisions

(1) P/2013/0190- 126 Bleak Hill Rd. – Demolition of existing rear store and erectn. of single stry. extn. Permission Granted

(2) P/2013/0252- 45 Lawrence Road- single stry. side and rear extn.

Permission Granted

(3) P/2013/0253- 43 Queen`s Drive – 2 stry.side extn. and s./ stry. rear- extn.

Permission Granted

Resolved that no objections or comment be made ref. the application in (a) and that the 3 approvals in (b) should be noted.

20. Other Correspondence

(1) Latest bulletins from Halton & St Helens VCA- Received & Noted

21. Garden Competition 2013- Report

The closing date for entries would be 21st June with judging on the following Friday 28th June. It may prove possible to provide a special prize in a draw, which would be open to all entrants of the Garden Competition.

22. Ecclesfield Sports Facility –Report

Next meeting will be held in June.

23. NALC / LALC/MAPTC/SLCC- Report

(a)An update on a meeting with the DCLG Minister and the Chairman of NALC had just been received – copies of which, would be circulated for information.

(b) LALC had sent a notice of their AGM for Saturday 9/11/2013 at County Hall, Preston.

Resolved that Area Representatives Cllrs. Sheila and Richard Barton plus the Clerk would try to attend.

24. Lynton Way Play Area – Report

The Clerk said that he had not yet written to Paul Sanderson and it was agreed that he would discuss the matter further with the Chairman, before doing so.

25. J. Malone Garden – Report –

Cllr. Marie McNulty reported that all is well in the garden at present, and she would be requiring funding shortly, for some new plants etc.

26. Parish Newsletter- Report Brian Walsh had requested that any outstanding articles be sent to him a.s.a.p.

Mrs .M. Stewart- Jones had said that she was willing to continue as a proof-reader of the Newsletter.

At this point the Chairman Cllr. Wally Ashcroft made a surprise presentation to Cllr. Ken Roughley, as a token of appreciation of his ten years service as the Newsletter Editor. In turn Cllr. Roughley expressed his thanks.

27. Reports from Other Bodies-

(a) Police-information received. Cllr. Roughley informed that the Police had advised of several cars in Windle having their number plates stolen, and these were being used to falsely obtain petrol or diesel at garages etc. The cars had been parked

on drives or on the road. Again the Police had indicated that there was currently a high risk of opportunistic burglaries in Windle.

(b) St Helens District Sports Council Cllr. W. Ashcroft described the funding activities to local organisations via the Sports Council. He had recently advised on a successful application by Liverpool-St Helens R.U.F.C.

28. Finance: (a) Balances – The Clerk advised the Council of the Bank balances at the 30th April 2013 viz; Current A/c £6610.8 Business Reserve A/c £6034.25

(b) Risk Assessment/ Renewal of Insurance Cover for 2013/2014

Consideration of the Risk Assessment had been carried out at meetings in December 2012 and January, February and March 2013 with guidance and reference to the Practitioner's Guide" and Audit Notes and the necessary checking forms. The renewal of the insurance was reviewed and the new arrangements for the Fidelity Guarantee, at an increased level, were examined and approved.

Resolved that the annual premium be paid to Aon UK LTD.

© VAT Return 2012-2013

The necessary forms for the reclamation of VAT had been completed and it was Resolved that these be approved and the claim for £714.19 be sent off.

(d) Signing off of the Receipts & Payments Book 2012/2013

Resolved that the R. & P. book be signed off, for the financial year ending 31st March 2013, by the Chairman, and the Clerk as the R.F.O.

(e) External Audit 2012/2013- Completion of Annual Return

Resolved that this activity be deferred to the June meeting.

(f) Payment of Accounts- Resolved that payment of the following accounts be made:

	£
NatWest Bank (by Direct Debit) Voucher Statement fees	3.25
Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Subs.	86.00
Eccleston P.C. Room Hire 21/05/13	21.00
P. Fairclough Internal Audit Fee 2012/2013	130.00
W. of Glass (St. Helens Ltd.) Engraved Presentation Item	50.40
AON UK Limited Annual Ins. Premium	578.59
DSG Retail Ltd / PC World {Purchase of Laptop Computer }	549.97
{Sandisk Memory Stick }	15.00

29. Date of Next Meeting - to be held on Tuesday 18th June 2013, commencing at 7.00pm, at Eccleston Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm.

Signed

(Chairman)

Date