

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st June 2011, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane, Eccleston

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

Also Present ; L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

32. Prayers

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

33. Apologies- had been received from Councillors Mrs. A. Bate –away on holiday, and Mrs. E. Uren- a conflicting appointment.

34. Declarations of Interest- No declarations were made.

35. Parish Matters

a) Problems of noisy neighbours in Queens Drive – this time in the mornings and not the evenings- had again arisen. This was currently being investigated by Environmental Health and the Police.

b) The Clerk reported that he had been contacted and asked about the use of the Community Notice Boards in the Ward. He had informed the Council Officer concerned that there was, in fact, only the one in the Windle Parish i.e. the one at Coronation Road and the notices concerning the Parish Council were displayed there, as this was in the Parish. Other notice boards used are the one inside Eccleston Library plus the ones- belonging to the Parish Council- at Windle Island and at Bleak Hill School. The other two Community Notice Boards were sited on Hard Lane and in Rivington Avenue- both in the Windle Ward but not in the Parish.

36. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 17th May 2011 - and also the minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on the same day. Both sets of minutes had been circulated previously.

Cllr. Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft informed – ref. min 24 monthly meeting - that she had not actually been involved in the tidying up, etc. of the Jim Malone Garden, and so, after her name was deleted from the minute it was:

Resolved that the minutes of both the Annual Meeting and the monthly May meeting be confirmed as true and correct records, and be signed by the Chairman.

37. Matters Arising- There were no matters arising.

38. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following

A)- Applications:

a) P/2011/0421 Consultation – Windle Farm East Lancs. ROAD, Windle – Additional masts to be added to the Orange Mobile Phone Mast already there.

b) P/2011/0485 – “Works to trees protected by a preservation order” – Mr. Paul Poulton - Ashdown Cottage, Rainford Road, Windle

B. Decisions

The Council was informed of the following approvals ;

a) P/2011/0323 -13 Stuart Road – 2stry.side extn.

b) P/2011/0347 – Mr. & Mrs. A. Burrows- “The Gables ” Blindfoot Road- 2stry.extn.to side and rear plus additional window and door additions to the original house.

Resolved that the two approval decisions be noted, and that no objections be made concerning the two applications.

C. Proposed Waste Disposal Unit at Rainford – Consultation- Report

The consultation in Rainford Village Hall, had been very well attended and over 2400 questionnaires submitted opposing the siting in Rainford.

Reports of this opposition in the local press had brought welcome publicity to the efforts of Rainford Parish Council to galvanize further action.

As any resultant increase in traffic was certain to affect roads in Windle, notably Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road and the Windle Island junction, the Clerk was requested to compose a letter requesting the help of Windle residents in this campaign.

This letter to be distributed as soon as possible to houses in the aforementioned roads.

39. Other Correspondence

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

1. Invitation from the Mayor of St Helens, Cllr. T. Hargreaves for a representative of the Parish Council to attend the Armed Forces Day on Saturday, 25th June.

The Clerk had already informed the Mayor’s Office that the Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. Sheila Barton and Cllr. Richard Barton would be attending.

2. Latest CVS communication- Received

40. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

It had been agreed that Cllr. W. Ashcroft would no longer serve on the Ecclesfield Committee, and he was thanked for his previous service. Building improvements would cost £1300.

41. LALC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC

a) Details were given of forthcoming courses and meetings received from NALC and LALC./ Received and Noted.

b) A recent meeting of the Lancashire branch of the SLCC had been addressed by Mr. Lindsey Hoyle, Labour MP for Chorley and also a Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons. He had given an interesting talk about the possible future for Parish Councils and, himself a Lancashire Lad, he had started off his political career as a Parish Councillor in Adlington .

42. L.W.P.A. - Report

The details of costings of the possible new signage etc. had not yet been received , but were now expected shortly.
Residents report no new incidents.

43. J. Malone Garden – Report

Cllr. Mrs: M. Mc Nulty, still recovering from a recent injury, which had precluded her from her usual task of looking after the JMG, complimented the “temporary staff”(i.e. Cllrs. Bate and Roughley) on their splendid efforts in doing so.

44. Parish Newsletter – Report

The latest edition had been distributed and had been well received by the readership. The editor, Ken Roughley, was congratulated on, once again, producing an excellent, informative magazine.

45. Clerks Salary- Payroll Arrangement

The Clerk reported on the possibilities of contracting out this arrangement to an outside firm of accountants, which had been brought about by HMRC legislation see previously(min 26- 17 May 2011), and the most impressive information had been received from Douglas Tonks Ltd. of Otley, LS21 9BU. It would cost approximately £68.00 per annum.

Resolved that the necessary arrangements be made.

46. Bleak Hill School Awards 2011

These had previously been scheduled for Friday 8th July. However, at the request of the School they would now take place on Monday 11th July-9.00a.m. for a 9.15 start. Resolved that the 8 Class Shield Awards, plus the 2 Shield of Endeavour Awards, be kept at the same levels as 2010.

47. Garden Competition 2011

On account of the poor response to date i.e. only two entrants so far- it was reluctantly Resolved that the Garden Competition would not be held this year.

48. Reports

No reports received.

49. Finance

a) Balances- the Clerk reported that the balances at 31st May 2011 were Current A/c £4988.84 and the Business Reserve A/c £7327.60 .

b) Payment of Accounts

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

	£
Peecee Print t/a PC PRINT Printing of Newsletter	466.00
L .J. Kilshaw Expenses- April-May- June	21.00
Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire 19/06/11 – New Rate	21.00

c) External/ Internal Audit

It was hoped to send of the external audit Annual Return this week and the form was again reviewed and agreed. As a result , as already noted, it may be necessary to raise the level of the Fidelity Guarantee, and this will be re-examined later in the year.

The first internal audit of the year 2011/2012 would be in July/August.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 19th July at 7.00pm, in the Eccleston Village Hall .

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____ Date _____