

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 2009, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

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

47. Prayers

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

48. Apologies

*Apologies were expressed on behalf of Cllr. W .Ashcroft- attending a prior meeting – but hoping to arrive later, which he did at 7.15pm.

49. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

50. Parish Matters

a) A Windle resident had received a parking fine of £30 from Perth in Scotland but had protested that he had never been to Perth. The matter had now been referred to St Helens Council Trading Standards Dept.

b) People need to be made aware that there were criminal activities whereby older residents were being approached by a man proposing to check their electrical sockets, and thus gaining entrance to their homes and enabling property to be stolen .

There was also a report of a company from Fleetwood using telesales contacts to send consultants to discuss reseals on double-glazing and sign people up for £3000 guaranteed reseals- again older residents, in our area, may be targeted and prove vulnerable to these approaches.

Also reported were instances of incidents on the Asda car-park, involving men employing a scam operation ,under the pretext of sampling a new perfume which had resulted in young women being drugged and robbed.

c) The land on Bleak Hill Road- formerly the site of Frenchs Farm – and now belonging to Henderson Homes, the builders, which has been allowed to become

severely overgrown in recent years has been subjected to some clearance by heavy – plant machinery belonging to Hendersons.

d) St Helens Council were consulting with the three Windle Ward Councillors to determine some suitable means (e.g. tree planting or flower boxes etc.) to deter car-parking on the pavements at the junction of Coronation Rd, Regal Dr. and St.George`s Ave. and to enhance the area. The residents in the immediate vicinity would be consulted by the Ward Councillors before they made their choice.

e) It had been determined that the Alder Hey Road Allotments were in the Windle Ward.

51. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on the 16th June 2009, which had been circulated previously.

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

52. Matters Arising

a) Ref.min35 ante- regarding the correspondence concerning the footpath from Stepping Stones Bridge on the A580 to Sadlers Lane – it had emerged that this footpath was not classed as a dedicated public footpath with right of way.

The reply received from Mr.J.Widdop(Public Right of Way Office- St Helens Council) had suggested that letters requesting this be made so, be sent to the landowner and his agent.

Resolved that such a letter be sent by the Clerk, and any interested residents be urged to do the same.

b) Ref.min.35 – the refund of VAT for 08/09- £492.10- had now been received from Customs & Excise.

53. Planning Matters

A. Applications

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following :

1) P/2009/0550- Mr.& Mrs.C.Mousdale 45 Coronation Rd.- small single stry.rear extn.and 2stry.side & rear extn. Creation of widened driveway and a dropped kerb.

2) P/2009/0553 –Mrs.G.Foster- 84 Kiln Lane- single stry.extn to rear and replce existing out-building

B. Approvals

1.P/2009/0375- 119 Rainford Rd.-Utd.Utilities –applicatn.to vary condition of P/2008/0872- to move ref.to permanent access point on A580

2. P/2009/0400- Utd.Utilities – Land adjacent to 119 Rainford Road-constructing temp.access from A580, for a period of 2 years.

3. P/2009/ 0411 – A. Speakman 16 Windlebrook Crescent- demolitn. of existing conservatory –erectn. of a part single stry. part 2 stry.extn.to rear.

4. P/2009/ 0483- Mr.K. Westhead 25 Coronation Rd. Cert.of Lawful use – s.stry.side extn.plus canopy above the door .

Resolved that the 4 approvals in B be noted and that no comment be made ref app.0550 but that questions be asked concerning car park space and access to rear for app.0553.

54. Other Correspondence

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

1. Letter received from Mr.Brian Cunliffe ,33 Regal Drive –regarding the condition of the brook where it runs between Regal Drive and Brookside Ave.He complains of the banks being overgrown and full of brambles and weeds, which are encroaching into his and neighbouring gardens and also the appearance of rats . (water voles?)

Cllr.Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft said that she would pursue the matter with the EnvironmentAgency, which course of action had prevailed previously.

2. The Clerk reported receipt of the detailed report for 2008-2009 for the Standards Committee –Received & Noted.

3. Advice of Poppy Wreath to be sent from R.B.L.A. for Remembrance Sunday received . Last year donation made was £25.(Costs £18 to produce the wreath)

Resolved that in view of the current situation being endured by our Armed Forces the amount be increased to £40.

55.Bleak Hill School Awards Presentation

This had taken place on Thursday 16th July, when the Chairman Cllr.Richard Barton had presented the awards. The occasion had once again been a pleasurable one and the School continued to achieve real success in all its activities.

56. Ecclesfield.

The saga of the brook and land drains but progress with Utd.Utilities involvement has improved .

57. LALC/NALC/MAPTC/SLCC

The Clerk reported receipt of the latest edition of “ Local Council Administration”-by Charles Arnold Baker @ the concessionary price of £53.60 as approved (seemin37 ante).

58.L.W.P.A.

The Clerk reported that he had requested opening and closing of the Play Area every day for the two weeks commencing 20th July to cover the period of schools finishing for the summer holidays.

Resolved that these opening /closing arrangements be maintained from 10/08/09 to 08/09/09 i.e. the bulk of the holidays, exam.results and return to school in September.

59 J. Malone Garden

The Clerk was intending to carry out refurbishment of the Millenium Bench during August.-weather permitting.

60. Garden Competition

Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty reported on the successful judging of the Garden Competition on July 1st. The winners would be invited to attend the prize giving prior to the next meeting of the Council on Tuesday 15th September 2009.

61. Christmas Tree Lighting 2009 – Report

The Clerk reported that the Mayor Cllr.Terry Shields would be attending this event on Fri.4th December2009.Unfortunately the Mayoress would be unable to attend due to work commitments.

Mr.Alan Hull had again accepted an invitation to act as M.C.

62. Reports from Other Bodies

Police

Cllr. K. D. Roughley informed that the next public priority setting meeting for the Police in Windle Ward would be on Tuesday 8th Sept. 2009 at 5.30 pm at the Gerard Arms, Kiln Lane.

Also a Road Traffic Anti- Speeding Campaign was being conducted outside schools.

He requested that any questions etc. from residents with reference to Millfields Fire Stn.which is staying open, be refered to him.

Chmn.Cllr.R.W.Barton and Cllr.Mrs.K.S. Barton had attended the recent excellent Veterans Day Parade in St Helens.

63.Finance

Balances- The Council noted that the balances at 26/06/09 were :

	£		£
Current Account	6667.89	Capital Deposit A/c	8718.49

2. Payment of Accounts

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

	£
Bleak Hill CP School Photo-copying Services Apr-July	21.72
Post Office BT Tel A/c –dedicated line incl.B/Band	100.18
S.L.C.C. 8 TH Edition “ Local Govmnt.Admin”	53.60
Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire 21/07/09	20.00
Ecclesfield Project Rev A/c 2 nd Qrtly.Payment	355.00

B.Walsh	Computer /Website	35.00
Royal British Legion Association	Poppy Wreath	40.00
L.J.Kilshaw	School Awards –W.H.Smith gift cards	140.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary & Post	305.56

3. Audit - Internal audit for the first four months of the year will take place in August.

64. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 15/09/09-to be preceded by the Annual Garden Competition Prize Giving at 7.00pm.
The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed _____ (Chairman)_ Date _____

N.B. 15/09/09 7.00 pm Gdn. Comp.Prize Giving followed by Parish Council Meeting

20/10/09 Parish Council Meeting 7pm
17/11/09 “ “ “ “ “
15/12/09 “ “ “ “ “

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19/01/10 PC – 7.00pm
16/02/10 PC- 7.00pm
16/03/10 Annual Parish Assembly 7.00pm- followed by PC meeting
20/04/10 PC – 7.00pm
18/05/10 Annual Meeting - 7.00pm – followed by PC meeting