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Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st September 2010, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

PRESENT: Councillor K. D. Roughley (Chairman)
Cllr. S.A. Bligh (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr. R.W. Barton
Cllr. Mrs. A. Bate
Cllr. Mrs. E. McNulty

Also in Attendance : Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hunt – residents of 16, Hamilton Road plus several more residents of Hamilton Rd. from numbers 18,20,22,
Mr. and Mrs. Muskett of Queens Drive
L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

66. Prayers

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

67. Apologies – had been received from Councillors W. Ashcroft, Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft – Mrs. E. Uren -away on holiday and Mrs. K. S. Barton – indisposed.

68. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

69. Parish Matters

a) The Chairman, with Councils permission , allowed Mr. Hunt to inform of the extreme drainage conditions occurring in Hamilton Road especially at times of heavy rainfall. This appeared to have worsened since the new Bleak Hill School was built. He gave a detailed description of the situation that had prevailed (twice) in July complete with photographs and requested whatever help might be available. There had been some correspondence with United Utilities.

Resolved that the information be passed onto the Ward Councillors N.J. and W. Ashcroft on their return from holiday.

b) Mr. and Mrs. Muskett raised the matter of noise pollution they had suffered for a long time from a neighbour .At the moment some action was expected from Environmental Health to investigate further. This information would also be passed to the Ward Councillors.

c) There had been complaints from residents concerning dog dirt and graffiti etc. in the entry connecting Windle Grove to Rainford Road, and Cllr.W.Ashcroft had requested help from St Helens Council and some of the problems had been solved .However accessibility to some of the graffiti was proving difficult but it was hoped to solve the problem.

d) Concern was expressed concerning the difficulties caused by the parking of vehicles in Coronation Road.

70. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday 21st September 2010, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on the 21st September 2010, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

71. Matters Arising

a) Footpaths – ref min55a ante- The Clerk reported that it would appear that some, if not all, of the footpaths closed due to work, in the Parish, on the Prescott to Bury Water Pipe-line, had now been re-opened although no official notification had been received.

72. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following :

A. Planning Applications

a) P/2010 / 0716 – T. Buckley 156 Bleak Hill Rd. – Erection of single stry., pitched –roof detached garage

b) P/2010/ 0744 – F. J. Turner 83 Rainford Road Windle – s/stry.extn. to rear

c) P/2010/0706 – A. Bleakley 39 Queens Drive – Resubmission of P/2010/0447 with rear roof profile mode(2stry.extn. to side and ear- plus porch to front (rear roof profile modified).

d) P2010/ 0781 - Ms.S. Davies – P/2010/ 0781 – 38 Moss.Lane WA11 7QD- Change of existing flat –roof above bedroom on the rear elevation to a hipped- roof .

e) P/2010/0823- Mr. M. Wilson 63 Windle Grove – Part 2stry./part s.stry. side and rear extns. plus porch to front.

B) Approvals

a) P/2010/0447- 39 Queens Drive – 2stry. side and rear extns, plus porch to front

b) P/2010/0459 – Topaz Embroidery Lynton Way- Retro permission for advertising sign on the gable-end.

c) P/2010/0476- Ms. D. Whittle 2 Prince Andrew's Grove – Demolition of existing det. garage and erectn. of new s/stry. side and rear extn .

d) P/201/0477 – D. Cathcart 4 Prince Andrew's Grove – s.stry.rear extn.with new pitched –roof over existing flat-roof.

e) P/2010/0644-A.White – 43 Regal Drive – 2 stry.side extn.

f) P/20100621 – D. Cardwell 7 Windle Grove – s.stry. side & rear extn.

Resolved that no objections be raised against any of the 5 planning applications in A. and also that the six approvals in B be noted.

73. Other Correspondence

Nil.

74. Ecclesfield Sports Facility- Report

There had been graffiti problems again on the outside of the changing rooms. Mike Horton (Mere F.C.) in his users report had expressed admiration for the facilities available and the standard of the pitches.

75. LALC/ MAPTC/ NALC/SLCC

Nil report.

76. Lynton Way Play Area – Report

Resolved that the opening and closing should be on weekends only from October 1st.

77. Jim Malone Garden- Report

Cllr. Marie McNulty gave a brief report and indicated that the hollybush had now been demolished and partially cleared- some new planting had been carried out. Mrs. Palfrey had asked whether something might be done about the rowan tree and the hawthorn, which has grown into their fencing adjoining the garden. Cllr. W. Ashcroft to be consulted .

78. Parish Newsletter

All articles required a.s.a.p. to the editor.

79. Bleak Hill School Awards –Report

This had taken place in July at the end of the Summer Term and had been enjoyed by all those attending. The Clerk supplied a list of the prize winners to Cllr. Roughley for publication in the next Newsletter.

80. Glass Plaque Project- Report

This was currently in abeyance whilst the Christmas Tree Lighting was being sorted out.

81. Christmas Tree Lighting – Report

During the summer meetings had been held with Andy Dempsey (St Helens Council) , Mr. I. Wellens Head Teacher (Bleak Hill School) , Bill May Lighting Dept. Manager, Cllrs. Ken Roughley , Wally Ashcroft and the Clerk to the P. C. Len Kilshaw to investigate the best solution to providing the electrical power and siting for a Christmas tree.

It had emerged that the best option was a spot close to the main entrance, with power being sourced from a protected suitable connection to one of the nearby car-park lights. The quote from St Helens Council for the necessary work to be done was £1224 .00

Resolved that an approach to the Windle Ward Committee for help with the funding e.g. 50% = £612.00. However the next Ward Committee meeting is not until 1st November, and as the Tree Ltng. Ceremony this year is to be held on Fri. 3rd Dec. time is pressing and it may well prove necessary to request the work to be carried out as soon as possible, prior to confirmation of any assistance with funding.

82. Garden Competition 2010- Report

This had again been a success and the prize giving had taken place, prior to this meeting, which had been greatly enhanced by the Chairman's splendid efforts in presenting a laptop presentation featuring the entrants individual gardens, and also embellishing the certificates with the same. This had been very well received by the residents, who had given him a vote of thanks for his efforts, which was now endorsed by the Council.

It was decided that the format for the 2011 Garden Competition would be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in January 2011.

83. Reports

No reports were made.

84. Finance

a) Balances; The Clerk reported that the balances at the 27th August 2010 were :

Current A/c £7865.01 Capital Deposit A/c £7824.66

b) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
L. J. Kilshaw	Salary & Postage	302.77
BDO Ltd.	External Audit Fee 2009-10	158.63
Easily Ltd.	Domain name ,hosting, email address	58.68
Mrs. M. Rhodes	1 st Prize Winner -Gdn.Comp.Open Sectn.	30.00
F. Bishop	2 nd " " " " " "	20.00
A. Burns	3 rd " " " " " "	15.00
Mrs.C.Hardman	Senior Citizen Section - G.Comp.	30.00
Mrs. S. Hayes	Court Yard Section	30.00
Mrs.M.Perkins	New Entrants Section 1 st Prize	30.00
Mrs.S.Fillingham	" " " = 2 nd "	20.00
Mrs.J.Barratt	" " " = 2 nd "	20.00

Mrs.J.E.Forrest	Winner of Windle Roofing Shield	25.00
Mr.& Mrs.S.Neve	Chairman's Choice – Rose Bowl	25.00
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 21/09/10	20.00
*Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal /Wreath	40.00
L. J. Kilshaw	Salary, Postage & Stationery, Trophy Engraving) Hospitality for Gdn. Comp. Prize giving.)	344.45
Cllr. Mrs.M. McNulty	Plants etc. for J. Malone Memorial Gdn.	25.00

*Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the LGA OF 1972 ,as being, in the opinion of the Council, in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants.

c) External Audit Report -

The External Audit for Y/E 31st March 2010 had taken place on 3rd of August 2010 and the auditor had found nothing to bring to the attention of the Windle Parish Council.

Resolved that the report be accepted and that the necessary Notices of Conclusion of Audit and the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Return should be posted on the Parish Notice Boards for the requisite two weeks as required by law.

Copies of these documents would be available on request and by payment of a nominal fee of 10p per sheet. A notice to this effect would be displayed.

d) Internal Audit 2010-2011

The audit had been due to be carried out but,unfortunately,the family of Mr.P. Fairclough had recently endured a tragic event in that their daughter's fiancé had been killed in a car crash shortly before they were due to be married.

Mr. Fairclough had offered to resign as auditor should the Council wish it, as he felt unable to undertake it earlier than October whilst sorting out the situation.

The Council agreed that this action was not necessary, and hoped that he would be able to resume his duties eventually whilst expressing condolences to him and his family in suffering this awful predicament.

85. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday October 19th 2010, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed

_____(Chairman)_____ (Date)