

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Windle Parish Council , held on Tuesday, 23rd April 2013, at 26 Kiln Lane .

Present:

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

Also in Attendance: Mr. B. Walsh –Windle resident.
L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

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

187. Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. A. Bate (away on holiday) and Cllr. Mrs. E. Uren (prior engagement)

188. Declaration of Interests. – Cllr. W. Ashcroft declared an interest as an official of Liverpool – St Helens RUFC- see min.189(b) and min. 199 below.

189. Parish Matters

(a) Cllr. Marie McNulty reported that Mr. Holland, a resident of Windle Grove, had asked whom to contact to complain of builders working nearby, who were impeding access to his drive, because of the way and whereabouts they were parking their vehicles. It was advised that contact be made with George Houghton (Manager – Highways Dept.) and Merseyside Police.

(b) Cllr. W. Ashcroft reported on the Schools Tag Rugby Union Event held at Moss Lane today, to which he had accompanied the Chairman. Twelve schools had taken part in this the St Helens section of a national competition. The winners of the event, Bleak Hill CP School, would now progress to the Merseyside Section, and, if successful, move into the semi-final to be played at Rugby School, and then the final at Twickenham.

Whilst attending Moss Lane today a Police CSO had discovered some discarded used hypodermic needles, and had contacted St Helens Council requesting their collection and removal. This request was initially refused, but, after Cllr. W. Ashcroft had telephoned Paul Sanderson (Director of the Environmental Dept. - St Helens Council) to seek his assistance in this matter, the offending articles were, promptly and safely, removed.

(c) Cllr. Nancy Ashcroft reported that she had received a complaint concerning the water table in Regal Drive. The resident concerned chose not to reveal her name, but had been pleased to receive the relevant contact telephone numbers.

190. Minutes ; The Council received the minutes of both the Annual Assembly and those of the ordinary meeting held on 19th March 2013;

Resolved (a) that the minutes of the Annual Assembly be kept on file until March 2014.

(b) that the minutes of the ordinary meeting, held on the 19th March 2013, be accepted and be signed by the Chairman, as a true and correct record.

this amount to Mr. John Boden, St Helens Council – Area Land Manager, Civic Pride Service, Hardshaw Brook Depot. The Clerk confirmed that he had raised the necessary invoice and sent it, on the 10/04/13.

192. Planning Matters ;

The Clerk gave the opportunity for comment on the following-

(a) Planning Applications-

- (1) P/2013/0229 73 Windle Grove- single stry.rear extn.
- (2) P/2013/0252 45 Lawrence Rd. “ “ “ and side extn.
- (3) P/2013/0253 43 Queens Drive 2stry.side extn. + s.stry. rear extn.

(b) Decision : P/2013/ 0190 126, Bleak Hill Rd.- Demolition of existing rear store and erection of a s/stry.extn. Permission granted.

Resolved that no objections or comments be raised concerning the three applications in (a) and the decision in (b) be noted.

193. Other Correspondence – The Clerk submitted the following items of correspondence, to be dealt with as indicated;

- (1) Latest email edition bulletin from Halton & St Helens VCA. Received & Noted.

194. Ecclesfield Sports Facility- Report

The next committee meeting was to be held on the 4th June 2013.

The Clerk informed that the payment for the first two quarters of 2013-14 was due, which would amount to £713.06.

Cllr.Ken Roughley informed that there were plans for pitches etc. to be developed at the Rivington Road site for Queen`s Park School.

195. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC- Details of available training courses were given.

196. Lynton Way Play Area- Report

No incidents have occurred. However the cost of using the St.Helens Council Security Force for opening and closing the play area for 2013/14, would be £2600 + £520 VAT. This information provoked animated discussion, as it was felt that this amount was too big a proportion of the Parish Precept of £11,850 in 2013/14, especially in these hard financial times .Eventually there was a unanimous decision that it was Resolved that a letter be sent, by the Clerk, to Paul Sanderson (St Helens Council- Director of Environmental Matters) to inform him of this situation, and thus reluctantly request that the

Security Force no longer be used to open and close the play area i.e. that it be left open at all times, as appcars to happen at most other sites.

197. Jim Malone Garden- Report

Cllr. Marie McNulty advised that she would require funds, probably next month when the severe weather improves, to purchase some new plants as necessary.

198. Parish Newsletter

Brian Walsh had expressed his willingness to take over editorship of the Newsletter from Cllr. Ken Roughley and he was warmly welcomed by the Council. After further discussion it was

Resolved that Brian should edit the next two issues on a trial basis, in order to determine the level of work and time involved, after which, it should be possible to agree an appropriate level of remuneration for the task.

Brian was thanked for his interest and for volunteering to take over as editor- and it was agreed that the aim would be to produce the next edition in June- articles for which publication, needed to be sent in a.s.a.p.

The Council also

Resolved that a special vote of thanks be accorded to Cllr. Ken Roughley for his outstanding work as editor over the last ten years.

Cllr. Roughley graciously received this tribute, and remarked that he had thoroughly enjoyed his work as editor.

199. Garden Competition 2013 – After the success of the 2012 competition it was Resolved that the format would be similar and judging would be on Friday 21st June 2013. It may prove necessary to re-examine the level of the prizes. The competition would be advertised on a separate leaflet to the Newsletter, and on the Parish website.

200. Reports from Other Bodies.

St Helens Sports Council- Cllr. W. Ashcroft reported on a meeting held at the Town Hall where the Sports Council had provided very useful assistance and advice to the Liverpool- St. Helens R.U.F.C.

N.B. Voluntary organisations are not liable for Council Tax .

201. Finance; (a) Balances- The Clerk advised Council that the Bank balances at the 31st March 2013 were Current A/c £2660.57 and the Business Reserve A/c £6034.25.

(b) Payment of Accounts- Resolved that payment of the following accounts be made;

	£
NatWest Bank (Direct Debit) Voucher statement fees.	3.25
Ecclesfield Project Rev. A/c Two quarterly payments	713.06
B. Walsh Website	35.00
Post Office Ltd. BT Telephone A/c	116.26
LALC Subs. for LALC/NALC/Area Sec.contrib.LCR Mag. }	336.46
£114.47/ £240.99/ £15.00/ 1copy £16/ }	
Post Office Ltd. St Helens Council - Xmas Tree Lighting	
@ Bleak Hill CP School	840.77

(c) Internal Audit- Report- The Internal Auditor – Mr. Philip J. Fairclough had made his report for the period 1st December 2012 to 28th February 2013. Although the overall report was satisfactory, he did recommend some amendment to the method of keeping the schedule of Council Assets up to date in order to provide a clear overview and an improved audit trail.

Resolved that these improvements be implemented.

(d) External Audit- The date set for the external audit had been received i.e. Monday 22nd July 2013. In addition the necessary documents and schedule of required actions had been received.

Due to some outstanding queries it had not proved possible to sign off the Receipts & Payments Book, nor to finalise the Balance Sheet and the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the y/e 31st March 2013, which items would re-appear on the agenda for the next meeting in May.

202. Date of Next Meeting- this is scheduled for Tuesday 21st May 2013 at Eccleston Village Hall and will follow on after the conclusion of the AGM, which will commence at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Chairman)