

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 16 May 2006 at Eccleston Village Hall

PRESENT Councillor K.D. Roughley (in the Chair)
Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft
Councillor W.Ashcroft
Councillor K.S.Barton
Councillor R.W.Barton
Councillor Mrs.B. Walsh

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

1. Prayers

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

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were made.

3. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs.M.P.Fraser (bereavement), A.F.Rigby and Mrs.E.Uren (prior engagements).

Councillors Mrs.N.J. and W.Ashcroft apologised for their late arrival.

4. Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved that Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton be appointed Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year and on the acceptance of her appointment she was installed and duly signed the appropriate Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor MRS.K.S.Barton in the Chair.

5. Election of Deputy Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved that Councillor Mrs.N.J..Ashcroft be appointed Deputy Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year and, on acceptance of her appointment, she duly signed the appropriate Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6. Vote of Thanks.

It was proposed,seconded and

Resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to Councillor K.D.Roughley for his work on behalf of the Council and residents during his year in office as Chairman and for the manner in which he had carried out the duties entailed.

7. Council Procedures for 2006/2007

Resolved

- (a) that meetings generally be held on the third Tuesday of each month, except August,commencing at 7.00 pm and the Annual Assembly be held in March 2007:
- (b) that a Finance Committee be established to give initial consideration to appropriate matters and to make recommendations to the Parish Council,comprising of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman,the last year's Chairman and Councillor Mrs.B.Walsh,plus substitute membership at the discretion of the Chairman.
- (c) that for planning applications requiring early attention there be delegated powers to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and a Parish Councillor resident in the vicinity of the site to consider the application.
- (d) that a Footpaths Committee be established to give initial consideration to, and have regard for ,the maintenance and improvement of public footpaths, comprising of Councillors Mrs.B.Walsh, W.Ashcroft and Mr.M.Walsh as a co-opted member. In addition a map of the Parish Footpaths would be included in the Parish Newsletter to encourage residents to actively walk these paths.

8. Standing Orders etc.

Resolved that the Model Standing Orders issued by NALC be adopted,as appropriate, for meetings of the Parish Council,with provision for the termination of ordinary business of the Council at 9.30 pm and opportunity for discussion of "Parish Matters" on the agenda.

9. Banking Accounts and Financial Procedures

It was unanimously;

Resolved

- (a) that the NatWest Bank be the Council's bankers and the bank be authorized to honour cheques drawn on the account held at the bank, to be signed by any two members of the Council and the Clerk to the Council, in accordance with the mandate:
- (b) that the Model Financial Regulations be adopted provisionally subject to a further study and recommendations by the Finance Committee for consideration by the Council at a subsequent meeting:
- (c) that responsibility for the financial affairs of the Council be vested in the Clerk to the Council:
- (d) that there be delegated to Councillors on the Management Committee of the Ecclesfield Sports Facility, authority to sign cheques in accordance with the management agreement:
- (e) that Mr. John Friar be retained and confirmed as the Internal Auditor for the Financial Year 2006/2007.

10. Codes of Practice

Resolved that the recommended new Model Code of Conduct and Practice, as previously distributed, be adopted in respect of the Handling of Complaints and Declarations of Interest.

11. Merseyside Association & Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils and the National Association of Local Councils

Resolved

- (a) that the Council retain membership with MAPTC/LAPTC and NALC and the number of NALC magazines be two per issue only:
- (b) that the representatives on the Area Committee be Councillors Mrs. K. S. and R. W. Barton.

12. Representation on Other Bodies

Resolved that the following be approved as representatives of the Council on various bodies:

{(a) Councillor Mrs. K. S. Barton - Bleak Hill School Governors - as she was already a member and would represent the Council's interests }

- (b) Councillors K.D.Roughley and Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft - Police and Community Forum.
- (c) Councillors Mrs.M.P.Fraser and W.Ashcroft – Windle United Charities.
- (d) Councillors W.Ashcroft and R.W.Barton – St.Helens & District Sports Council
- (e) Councillors Mrs.B.Walsh and Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft – Age Concern
- (f) Councillor K.D.Roughley- Crime Prevention
- (g) Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft - St.Helens CVS
- (h) Councillor W.Ashcroft)
 Councillor Mrs.K.S. Barton) _ Ecclesfield Management Committee
 Councillor R.W.Barton)
 Councillor Mrs.E.Uren)
- (i) Councillor Mrs.B.Walsh Victims Support/P. & P.I.F.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed-----
 Chairman

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