

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 November 2016 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane at 7pm

Present Councillor N Ashcroft (Chairman)
Councillor R Barton (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor A Bate
Councillor J Cunliffe
Councillor A Dockerty
Councillor K D Roughley
Councillor E Uren

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)
Windle Ward Councillor Gill Neal

- 100 Prayers: The Chairman opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 101 Apologies: Councillor W Ashcroft
- 102 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 103 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barton put to the meeting that he would like to pay for an Honour's Board in memory of the late Cllr Sheila Barton to be installed in Bleak Hill School. The Clerk had obtained a quote and Cllr Barton had contacted the school to ask permission for the board to be installed. The Headteacher would take the suggestion to the next Governors' meeting. The Board would include names of past Chairmen from 2000/2001. All Parish Councillors were in agreement with the suggestion.
(b) Cllr Barton also raised the issue of the overhanging bushes at the brook in Kiln Lane. Ward Cllr Neal replied that there was an enforcement notice in place.
(c) Cllr N Ashcroft had been contacted by a resident of Sackville Road with regard to the bus service that was no longer running. Ward Cllr Neal was meeting with the resident on Friday 18 November after meeting with the MP for the area. Cllr Neal would report back to the Parish.
- 104 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2016.
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 105 Matters Arising: **Ref 86 (i)** Cllr Cunliffe informed the meeting that the St Helens Council's 'Preferred Options' local plan document to consider land to be released from greenbelt for housing, would be up for approval on 16 November 2016 by St Helens Council Cabinet. If approved, consultation on the document would begin in December. One site included for consideration was land at Windle Island. Cllr Cunliffe stated that the consultation period would be for 2 months which he felt was not long enough over the Christmas period. He also felt that residents had not been informed properly. He felt strongly that the infrastructure in St Helens, including roads and schools, would not cope with the proposed increase in houses. Cllr Ashcroft raised the question of using brownfield sites. Cllr Roughley suggested that most of the brownfield sites may be contaminated and may be costly to clear and build on. Cllrs would keep up to date with the situation and inform residents accordingly.

Ref 86 (b) The Clerk received a reply from Ward Cllr Glover regarding the open space at the top of Kiln Lane. The size of the bed would be reduced and would be planted with perennials and small shrubs with a small amount of bedding plants to add colour. Work would begin in springtime.

106 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:

a) **Applications**:

61 Bleak Hill Rd Demolition of existing front porch and erection of a single storey front extension along with alterations to existing first floor window

46 Lynton Way Demolition of existing front porch and erection of single storey front extension along with single storey side extension

Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications

b) **Decisions**:

None

Applications and decisions were noted

107 Other Correspondence: (a) Mr P Sanderson, St Helens Council had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road. The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Sanderson apologising for being unable to attend the meeting. Mr Sanderson offered for St Helens Council's Officers to meet with the Parish Council to receive an update of progress of the Windle Island Improvement scheme. (b) The Clerk also read out an email from Mr R Lingham, St Helens Council, which informed the Parish Council that the Bleak Hill Road junction was never intended to be part of the improvement scheme. The email explained problems with installing signals or a roundabout at the junction as both were likely to cause queues back to the A580.

(c) An email from a resident stating that the advertising vehicle was still parked in the cul-de-sac of Rainford Road even after the Clerk had informed St Helens Council.

(d) An invitation from Eccleston Parish Council to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Eccleston Library on Thursday 1 December 2016 at 11am.

(e) Cllr Bate had received a thank you card from Mrs Fillingham and Mr Barratt who had won prizes in the garden competition. They apologised that they had been unable to attend the presentation and thanked the Parish Council for their prizes.

(f) An invitation from Windle Ward Councillors to the tree lighting at the top of Kiln Lane on Friday 2 December 2016 at 4pm.

108 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: No report. The next meeting would be 6 December 2016.

109 SLCC: Nothing to report.

110 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

111 J Malone Garden: Councillors were happy for the gardeners to continue to maintain the garden next year.

112 Parish Newsletter: Cllr Ashcroft thanked the Clerk for producing the newsletter. It was reported that most of the deliveries had been made.

113 Christmas Tree Lighting – Friday 2 December 2016, 2.15pm: The Clerk reported the Mayor and Mayoress had confirmed their attendance. Master of Ceremonies and Father Christmas had also confirmed. Invitations were going out and the programme had been completed and approved by the school. The Clerk passed the Chairman's notes to the Chairman. The tree would be delivered week commencing 21 November 2016 by Rainford's and St Helens Council would put the lights on. Cllrs were asked to arrive at 1.45pm.

114 Christmas Reception – Tuesday 20 December 2016, 8.30pm: The Clerk reported that invitations were going out. A Committee meeting would be held on Monday 12 December at 7.30pm at Cllr Ashcroft’s home to discuss the catering arrangements.

115 Reports from Other Bodies: Cllr Ashcroft had contacted Bleak Hill School to request minutes from the next Governors’ meeting. The school would be happy to provide them.

116 Finance:

a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 September 2016 were:

Current Account	£ 6,727.05
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,044.60</u>
TOTAL	£12,771.65

b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:

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Eccleston PC – room – Nov, phone – Oct, copies/service	43.53	2357
J Anderson – November salary + travel	252.62	2358

Receipts – none

(c) Internal audit – the internal auditor recommended contacting the external auditors to obtain guidance with regard to reporting fixed assets at cost as the cost for 2 assets was unknown.

117 Date of Next Meeting: To be held on Tuesday 20 December 2016 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

Cllr Ashcroft and all Councillors were glad to see Cllr Ken Roughley well and back to Parish Council.

Cllr Roughley praised Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital. He felt he had received first class treatment.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: