

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 October 2016 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane at 7pm

Present Councillor N Ashcroft (Chairman)
Councillor R Barton (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor W Ashcroft
Councillor A Bate
Councillor A Dockerty
Councillor E Uren

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

Before the meeting the Chairman, Cllr Nancy Ashcroft, passed on deepest condolences from everyone at the Parish Council to Cllr Richard Barton as Cllr Mrs Sheila Barton had been a valued member of the Parish Council and her work had been very much appreciated. Cllr Ashcroft continued to say that she would be greatly missed.

83 Prayers: Cllr Ashcroft opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

84 Apologies: Councillor J Cunliffe and Councillor K D Roughley
The Parish Council wished Cllr Roughley a speedy recovery after recent surgery.

85 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

86 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Bate reported that an advertising vehicle was once again parked in the turning circle of Rainford Road at Windle Island.
(b) Cllr W Ashcroft was concerned that the replacement of the small plants on the green area at the top of Kiln Lane with bushes and shrubs would attract litter and rubbish. **The Clerk was asked to contact the Ward Councillor and also St Helens Council with the concerns.**
(c) Cllr W Ashcroft congratulated Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club who had been awarded a grant from Heritage Lottery Fund to record the history of the club and put on exhibitions.
(d) Cllr Dockerty raised the issue of parking outside Bleak Hill School. The school were going to consult their school council and ask pupils their opinion. Ward Cllr G Neal had also asked St Helens Council's enforcement officers to patrol the area.
(e) Cllr Barton also commented on the parking for school in Regal Drive. Cllr Barton informed the meeting that the rubbish in the brook had been cleared.
(f) Cllr W Ashcroft congratulated the Stan Pennington Allotments on the recent achievement of the Shield for Best Allotments in the North West.
(g) Cllr N Ashcroft read out a leaflet and petition that she had received regarding the proposed building of warehouses and housing on green belt land in St Helens. She hoped that by signing the petition the group would support Windle Parish Council if it came to objecting to building on any green belt land in the Parish.
(h) Cllr Barton reported the uneven road surface of Bleak Hill Road.
(i) The Clerk had received a reply from Planning Policy Team regarding land at Windle Island proposed for housing. It stated that the site had been suggested to the Council for consideration for removal from the Green Belt and allocated for housing. No planning application had been made. St Helens Council were currently preparing its 'preferred Options' local plan document with the intention of starting consultation in early December.

- (j) an email had been received from Ward Cllr Gill Neal reporting that she had asked police to carry out some enforcement around Bleak Hill junction and along Bleak Hill Road. They were also asked to target drivers parking around Bleak Hill School. She reported that there had been a spate of break-ins around Bleak Hill. PCSOs had increased their patrols.
- 87 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016 and
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 88 Matters Arising: Point 77 – Cllrs asked Cllr Richard Barton to make a suggestion of the type of bush or shrub that would be planted in the garden in memory of the late Cllr Sheila Barton. It was also confirmed that the shield for garden competition winners would be replaced with a new one in memory of Cllr S Barton.
- 89 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
a) Applications:
Tesco Consultation on removal of payphone
Resolved: that no objection be raised concerning this application.
- (b) Approvals:**
None
- 90 Other Correspondence: (a) Invitation from the Mayor of St Helens to Remembrance Sunday service on 13 November 2016. Arrival – 10.20am. **Clerk to confirm that Cllrs N Ashcroft, W Ashcroft, Bate and Dockerty would attend**
(b) official receipt for poppy wreath donation – **noted**
- 91 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: No report
- 92 SLCC: Nothing to report
- 93 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report
- 94 J Malone Garden: Councillors reported that it looked very neat and tidy.
- 95 Parish Newsletter: The delivery schedule was revised to ensure all addresses were included and distributed evenly between the Cllrs available to deliver. The Clerk reported that the newsletter would be ready for delivery to residents at the beginning of November.
- 96 Christmas Tree Lighting: The Mayor and Mayoress had confirmed their attendance at the event on Friday 2 December 2016. Mr L Lowe and Cllr W Ashcroft offered to take part as compere and Father Christmas. The tree would be ordered. The Clerk distributed the list of invitees to the tree lighting and the Christmas reception which were discussed and amended.
- 97 Reports from Other Bodies: None received.

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

Current Account	£7,588.51
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,044.60</u>
TOTAL	£13,633.11

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

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HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE July-Sept	190.01	2351
BDO LLP – external audit	120.00	2353
B Walsh – web site	35.00	2354
Eccleston PC – room – Oct, phone – Sept, copier – Sept-Nov	57.73	2355
J Anderson – October	258.72	2356

Receipts – interest June, July and August £0.76

The Clerk presented to the meeting the HMRC statement showing that nothing was owing at 14 October 2016.

c) External Audit – completed on 27 September 2016 with 2 issues raised. (1) Fixed assets were included on the asset list at a valuation amount and they should be at cost value. (2) The accounts were approved after commencement of the electors’ inspection period (3 days). The accounts will be approved at May Parish Council meeting next year to avoid an overlap.

99 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 15 November 2016 Eccleston Village Hall 7pm

Windle Parish Council wished St Helens Council Leader, Cllr Barrie Grunewald, a speedy recovery.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: