

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor K S Barton (Chairman)
 Councillor N Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)
 Councillor R Barton
 Councillor J Cunliffe
 Councillor K D Roughley
 Councillor E Uren
 1 resident

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 68 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 69 Apologies: Councillor A Bate and Councillor M McNulty
- 70 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 71 Parish Matters: (a) Mr Lynch attended the meeting to enquire if there was any further communication regarding access to the brook over the bridge at Bleak Hill Road. The Clerk had received a reply from the Environment Agency stating they did not own the bridge. St Helens Council had also replied to explain that the Bridges Manager had inspected the area and reported that the bridge parapets complied with current standards for their height and arrangement. St Helens Council felt that raising them would not necessarily prevent youths climbing over to access to the brook. They would remove a concrete litter bin that was close to the fence that may be assisting entry. The response did not satisfy Mr Lynch who was advised by the Parish Council to contact St Helens Council stating that he had attended the Parish Council meeting and that he would be holding St Helens Council responsible if any accident was to occur in the brook. He was also advised to report to the police any person in the brook as trespassing as his property extended to the middle of the brook.
(b) Cllr Cunliffe had received a complaint from a resident regarding the uneven pavements in Regal Drive. Cllr Cunliffe to contact St Helens Council.
(c) Cllr Roughley reported that a new bus stop and shelter had been erected in Kiln Lane
- 72 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2015 and
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 73 Matters Arising: The Clerk had received an invoice from the company maintaining the Jim Malone Garden which had been paid up to September.

- 74 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
- a) Applications:**
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| 29 Windlebrook Cr | Single storey side extension along with pitched roof over existing side extension |
| 12 Windle Grove | Demolition of existing attached garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension |
| 3 Calderhurst Dr | Demolition of existing detached garage, and erection of single storey wrap around side extension (including attached garage) |
| 81 Rainford Rd | Single storey garage extension to gable of property |
- Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications
- (b) Approvals:**
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| 143 Rainford Rd | 27/7/15 |
| 149 Rainford Rd | 10/8/15 |
| 29 Windlebrook Cr | 25/8/15 |
| 12 Windle Gr | 26/8/15 |
- 75 Other Correspondence: (a) Reply from Environment agency stating the bridge at Bleak Hill Road did not belong to them
 (b) Reply from St Helens Council regarding the same – Bridges Manager inspected the area and bridge parapets complied with current standards and no changes would be made. A concrete litter bin that may be assisting people accessing the brook would be removed
 (c) Annual wreath order – **Resolved to donate £50**
- 76 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: 1 Sept 2015 at 7pm in Eccleston Village Hall. Cllrs S and R Barton attended along with the Secretary. Report as follows:
- Cllr Ashcroft (Eccleston PC) appointed as Chairman for 2015-2017
 - Vandalism reported by Caretaker. Paint thrown on the flags, door and walls of changing rooms. Bob cleared as much as possible. He also reported it to police
 - Bleak Hill Rovers requesting St Helens Council to mark in blue 2 pitches to accommodate 5-a-side and 9-a-side matches
- 77 LAPTC/MAPTC/NALC: LALC annual accounts for 2014/15 **received and noted**
- 78 Lynton Way Play Area: Clerk awaiting reply from St Helens Council regarding the type of sign to be put up.
- 79 J Malone Garden: Councillors reported that it looked very neat and tidy. Clerk reported that payments had been made up to 3 September.
- 80 Parish Newsletter: **It was resolved that the Clerk purchase Microsoft Publisher in order to produce this year's newsletter.** Cllr Barton reported that a successful meeting had taken place on 7 September to discuss articles for the magazine. The deadline for articles to be sent to the Clerk was Friday 16 October 2015 in order for deliveries to be made at the beginning of November.
- 81 Garden Competition: The competition, held in July, had again been a success with a record number of entries. The prizes had been presented to the winners earlier in the evening prior to this meeting. The Chairman thanked all those who had taken part in the judging and arranging of the competition, especially Cllrs Ashcroft, Bate, Roughley and Uren. The Clerk would deliver trophies and cheques to anyone that had been unable to attend the presentation.

82 Reports from Other Bodies: Cllr Ashcroft reported that the next meeting of Windle Charities was Thursday 5 November 2015.

83 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 July 2015 were:

Current Account	£11,235.56
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,040.79</u>
TOTAL	£17,276.35

The balance at 1 September 2015 were:

Current Account	£10,082.73
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,040.79</u>
TOTAL	£16,123.52

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

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K Roughley – paper for garden comp leaflets	7.50	2248
Four Seasons Gardening and Landscaping – 6 visits	180.00	2249
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J Anderson – August + Microsoft Publisher	346.90	2251
Eccleston PC – phone, copier/copies	22.40	2252
Four Seasons Gardening and Landscaping – 2 visits Aug and Sept	60.00	2253
A Watkins – Chairman’s Choice	30.00	2254
I Oxford – Windle Roofing Shield – Best garden	25.00	2255
F Bishop – 2 nd front	15.00	2256
Mr & Mrs Roberts – 1 st rear (joint)	25.00	2257
M Rhodes – 1 st rear (joint)	25.00	2258
J Topping – 1 st courtyard	25.00	2259
A Burns – 2 nd courtyard	15.00	2260
S Gordon – 1 st baskets/pots	25.00	2261
S Fillingham – 2 nd baskets/pots	15.00	2262
Mr & Mrs Buckley – highly commended	10.00	2263
Mr & Mrs Forrest – highly commended	10.00	2264
J Crosbie – highly commended	10.00	2265
Eccleston Parish Council – room Sept, phone and copier	55.07	2266
J Anderson – Sept + expenses	384.73	2267
RBL Poppy Appeal – poppy wreath	50.00	2268
Ecclesfield Project – second half contribution	713.06	2269

c) External Audit – completed on 31 July 2015 to the satisfaction of the auditor. It was pointed out that the asset list needed updating to reflect the accurate position. A detailed asset register was recommended which should include date acquired, purchase cost, location held and who was responsible for the asset.

The legally required Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been posted on the Council notice board for the requested time period of 14 days on 7 September 2015.

84 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20 October 2015

Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: