

## Windle Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 180 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 181 Apologies: Councillor A Dockerty
- 182 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 183 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Roughley reported that residents had contacted him asking why their Council Tax bill showed an increase of 4.5% without there being a referendum. It was explained by Councillors that the Adult Social Care charge was not included in the Council's increase. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government had given the option to local councils of being able to charge an additional precept on its council tax for adult social care without holding a referendum.  
(b) Cllr Cunliffe raised concerns over the proposed charge for green bin collections stating that it had been a service introduced by St Helens Council that would be removed.  
(c) Cllr Cunliffe informed the meeting that St Helens Council would be looking into proposed additional brownfield sites to be included in the Local Plan. A resident had asked him whether money had been wasted preparing the initial Local Plan. As no Ward Councillors were in attendance there was no response to this.
- 184 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2017.  
**Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**
- 185 Matters Arising: No matters arising
- 186 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:  
a) Applications:  
**132 Bleak Hill Rd** Single storey rear and side extension  
**Resolved**: that no objection be raised concerning this application  
  
b) Decisions: **None**
- 187 Other Correspondence: (a) email from Windle Ward Cllr Neal apologising for not attending the meeting. She wished to thank Windle Parish Council for welcoming her during the year and on behalf of Windle Ward Cllrs sent best wishes to Cllr Nancy Ashcroft as she completes her term of office. (b) email forwarded from Cllr Neal with an explanation from St Helens Council as to why the footpath signpost that was removed from near Windle Farm will not be replaced. It was not deemed to be necessary under the Countryside Act 1968 as St Helens Council considered that most people using the path were local. (c) email from St Helens Council Security Services quoting £1,339 to secure Lynton Way play area during 2017/18. £1,400 was in the budget.

- 188 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Nothing to report. The next meeting would be 6 June 2017. First half contributions were due to be paid.
- 189 SLCC: Annual subscription of £177 was due. **It was resolved that one third would be paid by Windle Parish Council with the remainder to be paid by Eccleston Parish Council.**
- 190 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 191 J Malone Garden: Councillors agreed it was looking neat and tidy. Maintenance had begun on 13 April 2017 and would continue every other week until October 2017. The company had increased their charge by £2 per visit. **Resolved to accept the increase in charge and stay with the same company.**
- 192 Garden Competition: Cllr Bate agreed to organise the event. The closing date would be Friday 30 June 2017 and judging would take place on Friday 7 July 2017. An entry leaflet would be delivered to all residents week commencing 5 June 2017. Cllr Roughley agreed to produce the entry form which would be sent to the Clerk to forward to the printers. Cllr Ashcroft thanked Cllr Roughley for taking time to produce the certificates and entry forms. **It was agreed that a shield would be purchased and would be named after the late Cllr Sheila Barton.**
- 193 Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.
- 194 Finance:
- a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 March 2017 were:
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| Current Account          | £2180.02        |  |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£6045.41</u> |  |
| TOTAL                    | £8225.43        |  |
- b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| HMRC – PAYE Jan-Mar                                | 186.80 | 2379 |
| Eccleston Parish Council – room (Apr), phone (Mar) | 31.58  | 2380 |
| J Anderson   | 255.94 | 2381 |
| B Walsh – website management                       | 35.00  | 2382 |
| Ecclesfield Project – first half contribution      | 713.06 | 2383 |
| Four Seasons – JM Garden maintenance –13 April     | 32.00  | 2384 |
- Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:
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| NatWest – interest Dec 0.05, Jan 0.05, Feb 0.05 and Mar 0.05 | 0.20 |  |
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- c) HMRC – statement showing nothing owing at 10 April 2017 was present to Councillors
- d) Signing off the Receipts and Payments Book/VAT Return: **Resolved that the Receipts and Payments book be signed off for the year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 by the Chairman and Clerk. This was duly completed. Resolved that the completed VAT repayment form be sent to HMRC.**
- e) External Audit: would be carried out 10 July 2017 by BDO LLP of Southampton
- 201 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: