

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor R Barton (Chairman)
Councillor A Dockerty
Councillor R Greatorex
Councillor K Roughley
Councillor E Uren

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 118 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 119 Apologies: Councillor W Ashcroft
- 120 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 121 School Crossing Patrol: Cllr Barton had spoken with the Head of Bleak Hill School who reported the school had met with Head of Highways at St Helens Council to look at possible solutions crossing Bleak Hill Road. St Helens Council would report back to the school in the New Year.
- 122 Parish Matters: a) Cllr Uren had received a telephone call from a resident in Windle Grove to explain that the planning application for a boundary fence had been resolved.
b) Cllrs Barton and Greatorex had both spoken to a resident who had been horrified to witness the lewd behaviour of a couple who had gone into the cemetery using the new gate on Rainford Road. The resident was advised to contact the police in such circumstances.
c) Cllr Dockerty reported an increase in dog fouling on the pavements in Fairway. Residents were advised to report any incidents to St Helens Council's dog warden.
- 123 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2017.
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 124 Matters Arising: 106(a) – an email had been received from Head of Asset Management at St Helens Council confirming he would attend the January meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the junction of Rainford Road and Bleak Hill Road as requested.
- 125 Planning Matters: (a) Applications
49 Lawrence Rd Single storey pitched roof wrap around extension to side and rear
82 Kiln Lane Formation of a vehicle parking area to the front of the shop premises for the use in association (deliveries) with unit 3, 82 Kiln Lane
Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications

(b) Decisions –

None

Applications and decisions were noted

- 126 Suggested Meeting of Parishes in St Helens: an email had been received from the Chairman of Billinge Parish Council suggesting an annual meeting/dinner of Parish Councils. After discussion **it was resolved that the Clerk reply that Councillors did not oppose the idea of meeting but felt that it would not be appropriate to spend money in this way with so many other demands on the Parish precept.**
- 127 Other Correspondence: **Resolved to note** (a) St Helens Council – proposed precept payment dates as 19 April and 21 June 2018 **Clerk to contact St Helens Council to confirm** (b) Letter from St Helens Council updating on the St Helens Local Plan. Officers had been assessing issues raised in comments received. The next version of the Local Plan known as “Proposed Submission” would be expected to be published in summer 2018 followed by at least 6 weeks when the public would be invited to submit comments. The plan and any comments would be sent to a Government Planning Inspector for independent examination (c) Invitation from St Helens Council to the Holocaust Memorial Service on 26 January 2018 at 10am at the Town Hall (d) Notification of external auditors – PKF Littlejohn LLP, Canary Wharf, London **No conflicts of interest were declared.**
- 128 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: **Resolved to note** Cllrs Dockerty and Bate attended a meeting on 5 December 2017:
- Caretaker reported no problems with the changing rooms except youths had been congregating and lighting fires near the doors. Secretary asked to report to the police.
 - Ecclesfield FC reported no problems. Bleak Hill Rovers reported that the bad weather had caused problems on some areas of the pitches therefore constantly playing on the good pitches was churning them up. It was suggested that the pitches be changed around possibly yearly to save playing on the same areas of the field.
 - Bleak Hill Rovers may have to change when they play to Sept to Nov 2018 then March to June 2019 which would be determined by their league.
 - As Bleak Hill Rovers do not use the changing facilities they wondered whether the Management Cttee could make better use of the building. The Cttee would consider any suggestions.
 - Proposed budget for 2018/19 presented to Councillors – with no increase to caretaker’s salary or secretary’s hono; no increase in pitch fees and no money available for maintenance, the account would be extremely short of money during the year **It was agreed that the Finance Sub Cttee would consider this when preparing the Parish Council budget for 2018/2019**
- 129 SLCC: Nothing to report
- 130 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report
- 131 J Malone Garden: the new board would be expected to be installed in January. The joiner had requested 50% towards costs. **Resolved to pay half the costs.**
- 132 Christmas Tree Lighting: Councillors reported that the tree lighting ceremony had gone well and had been enjoyed by all. Councillors thanked Diane Ross for standing in last minute to perform the role of Master of Ceremonies and for doing an excellent job. They also thanked Cllr Wally Ashcroft who carried out the role of Father Christmas.

After the tree lighting ceremony, Cllr Barton had officially unveiled the Board of Honour of Chairman of Windle Parish Council that had been installed in the reception area of Bleak Hill School in memory of Cllr Mrs Sheila Barton.

133 Reports from Other Bodies: None received

134 Finance:

a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 November 2017 were:

Current Account	£ 7,958.34
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,045.71</u>
TOTAL	£14,004.05

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

Rainfords Christmas Trees Ltd	156.00	Chq 2426
PC Print – newsletter	446.00	Chq 2427
Eccleston PC – room hire, phone, copier lease	57.02	Chq 2428
J Anderson – newsletter	323.85	Chq 2429
J Anderson – December + expenses (refreshments)	317.46	Chq 2430

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

Our Time advert	30.00	PI968
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133 Date of Next Meeting:

to be held on Tuesday 16 January 2018 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: