

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 July 2017 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance 2 residents
J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

46 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

47 Apologies: Councillor E Uren

48 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

49 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Cunliffe reported an article had appeared in St Helens First magazine detailing the Windle Island Improvement Scheme. He reported that the article stated the cost would be £7.2 million, over half of which would be paid by Liverpool City Region Growth Fund and the rest would be generated by St Helens Council through capital receipts, prudential borrowing and highways capital programme. He felt none of the improvements would benefit the residents of Windle as no changes were being made to the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road to improve safety. Cllr Roughley said Parish Councillors were disappointed that the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road would not be improved in the works.

(b) A resident that attended the meeting raised questions about an article he had seen in a local magazine reporting that St Helens Council were borrowing £2 million at a cost of £80 thousand and also using £1 million from the highways fund. He hoped the money from the highways fund would not compromise other essential work needed. Cllr Cunliffe informed the resident that central government had given money to St Helens Council to improve the infrastructure to help the local economy and this may be the £1 million from the highways fund.

(c) Another resident that attended the meeting reported the amount of dog foul that was not removed by dog owners especially around Stuart Road and Stuart Way. **The resident was advised to contact the local Windle Ward Councillors to report the problem and to complete a complaints form at the back of St Helens First or online.**

(d) Bleak Hill School had given permission for a Board of Honour to be put up in the school and had identified a location. **The Clerk would make arrangements to have the board installed.**

(e) Electoral Services, St Helens Council had confirmed that the Parish Council could co-opt a Councillor for the recent vacancy. **Noted**

50 Minutes of Meeting: The council had received the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2017 and

Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

- 51 Matters Arising: (a) Item 34 – Cllr Ashcroft enquired whether the Planning Enforcement Department at St Helens Council had been in touch over the advertising sign on the shop on Coronation Road. **The Clerk reported no recent correspondence had been received but would contact the department to get up to date information.**
 (b) Item 36(c) – a resident enquired why green belt signs had been removed from street lights but other notices/signs had not been taken down. He had seen a Council officer taking down a Save the Green Belt sign from Bleak Hill Road but did not remove a sign for kickboxing. **The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Neal who had originally explained that it was an offence to affix signage to street furniture.**
 (c) The Clerk reported that a letter of condolence from Windle Parish Council had been sent to the Borough of Kensington and Chelsea after the tragic fire in Grenfell Tower. **Noted**
- 52 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
a) Applications:
47 Windle Grove Conversion of existing garage to habitable room, along with single storey extension to front elevation
Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning this application
b) Decisions:
None to report
- 53 Other Correspondence: (a) The Chairman had received a letter from the Mayor of St Helens outlining the Mayor’s chosen charity for the coming year. The charity would be Mind St Helens and donations would be welcomed. **Noted**
- 54 Garden Competition: (a) Cllr Bate confirmed the results of the judging. Councillors agreed a letter to be sent to all entrants inviting them to the awards presentation which would be held before the September Parish Council meeting.
- 55 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Nothing to report.
- 56 SLCC: The Clerk confirmed the booking of attendance at the regional training event in Barnsley in August. The cost of the seminar was discounted by 50% as it was the first one the Clerk had attended. The costs would be shared with Eccleston Parish Council. The total cost to Windle Parish Council, including overnight accommodation, would be £38.50. **Agreed**
- 57 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 58 J Malone Garden: Cllr Bate confirmed that a new lavender bush had been planted as requested by the gardener in memory of the late Cllr Sheila Barton.
- 59 Parish Newsletter: It was agreed that the Clerk produce the newsletter to be published at the beginning of November as last year. The Clerk and Chairman requested articles by mid-October.
- 60 Bleak Hill CP School Awards: – these had been presented to the pupils on Tuesday 11 July 2017 by Chairman Cllr Richard Barton.
- 61 Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.
- 62 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 June 2016 were:
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| Current Account | £11,988.23 |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£ 6,045.51</u> |
| TOTAL | £18,033.74 |

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

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| HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE Apr-June | 188.40 | Chq 2393 |
| B Walsh – web site maintenance | 35.00 | Chq 2394 |
| Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 5 visits | 160.00 | Chq 2395 |
| Eccleston PC – room hire, phone, copier lease | 56.63 | Chq 2396 |
| J Anderson – July + exp inc shield | 308.33 | Chq 2397 |

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

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| Interest | 0.10 | |
| Precept – second half | 5895.07 | BACS |

c) HMRC statement was presented to Councillors showing nothing owing.

63 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 19 September 2017

Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting will be preceded by the presentation of the Garden Competition Awards at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: