

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance Mr W Ashcroft
Windle Ward Councillor G Neal
J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 27 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 28 Apologies: None received.
- 29 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 30 Councillor Co-option: **Resolved that Wallace Ashcroft be co-opted as Councillor on Windle Parish Council.** Cllr Ashcroft joined the meeting.
- 31 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr R Barton reported issues with vehicles parking on the pavement outside the shops in Kiln Lane. Ward Cllr Neal informed the meeting that residents had contacted her and she had carried out a review of the area and a site visit had taken place with Mr G Houghton, Highways, St Helens Council. Possible suggestions were still being looked at and Cllr Neal would report to the Parish Council meeting as soon as a solution was agreed.
(b) Cllr R Barton also reported that a resident had contacted him regarding a car that had been parked on the side road section of Rainford Road at Windle Island for several weeks. The resident had contacted the police but the police stated that as the car was taxed and insured they could do nothing about it.
(c) Cllr Roughley reported that he had seen a PCSO patrolling the area. Ward Cllr Neal added that the Ward Cllrs had asked for the police presence to be increased due to recent burglaries in the area.
(d) The Clerk reported that the Bleak Hill School awards assembly would be on Thursday 7 July 2016 at 9.30am and the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the school would be Friday 2 December 2016 at 2.15pm
- 32 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17 May 2016 and
- 33 the Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held the same date.
Resolved the minutes of both meetings be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 34 Matters Arising: No matters arising

- 35 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
- a) **Applications:**
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| 61 Rainford Rd | Part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension |
| 3 Windlebrook Cresc | Two storey side extension, first floor rear extension with alterations at ground floor, minor alterations to existing detached garage and repositioning of entrance door |
| 88 Kiln Lane | Retention of brick boundary wall and pillars to frontage of property on classified road |
| 7 Rutherford Road | Erection of conservatory at rear |
| 33 St Georges Ave | Erection of two storey side extension, and part two storey, part single storey rear extension |

Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications

b) Approvals: None reported

- 36 Other Correspondence: (a) An invitation had been received from St Helens Council to Armed Forces Day Commemoration, Sat 25 June 2016, at the Cenotaph at 11.40am
 (b) Email from Ward Cllr G Neal dealing with issues raised at the last Parish Council meeting – the grass along the footpath on the East Lancashire Road was not overgrown and had been cut; Cllr Neal had reported the ivy over growing in Kiln Lane, even though it was on the Eccleston side. Highways would be sending an enforcement letter to the resident.
 (c) Information had been received from St Helens Council regarding Windle Island junction improvement scheme. Cllrs were given a copy of the scheme. The Clerk would be arranging a meeting with St Helens Council and Windle, Eccleston and Rainford Parish Councils. The Clerk would contact Cllrs with the date as soon as it had been arranged.
- 37 Garden Competition: All leaflets had been delivered. The closing date was 1 July 2016 and judging day would be 8 July 2016. Thanks were given to all Cllrs and to Mr and Mrs Greatorex, Mrs Dockerty and Mr Ashcroft for delivering the leaflets. The Clerk reported that the new trophy had been ordered.
- 38 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Cllrs S and R Barton attended Ecclesfield Management Cttee meeting on Tuesday 7 June 2016. The following points were discussed:
- The Caretaker had grouted the shower rooms but was concerned about a leak in the roof. A site visit would be arranged with Cllrs to carry out an inspection of the changing rooms and the flagstones outside.
 - The Secretary had contacted St Helens Council to take down posts as soon as possible after the last match but they were taken down before Bleak Hill Rovers last match.
 - Liverpool St Helens had requested to use the field for training one evening a week during closed season. Any groups using the field would be asked to avoid the areas that had been seeded.
 - John Monsvoll announced that he would be retiring from Bleak Hill Rovers and would be handing over to his successor in June.
 - Cllrs agreed that the Conditions of Use and Hire document issued by St Helens Council would be issued to all users of Ecclesfield.
 - Users reported no problems with pitches and thanked Bob for his hard work during the season.
- 39 SLCC: The National Joint Council for Local Government Services had issued new pay scales for 2016-17 to be implemented immediately with effect from April 2016 – 1% increase. It was agreed to implement the new scales.
- 40 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

- 41 J Malone Garden: Cllrs reported that it looked neat and tidy.
- 42 Parish Newsletter: Cllr Ashcroft asked Cllrs to provide articles for the magazine. It was agreed to keep advertising costs the same. The Clerk would contact all advertisers and Cllr R Barton would call into the new delicatessen shop in Kiln Lane.
- 43 Reports from Other Bodies: (a) Cllr S Barton reported that the person replacing Mr Martin at Bleak Hill School would continue in a senior role. Cllr S Barton would attend the full governors meeting the following week.
- 44 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 May 2016 were:
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| Current Account | £ 4,562.34 | |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£ 6,043.58</u> | |
| TOTAL | £10,605.92 | |
- b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| Eccleston PC – room (June), phone (May), copier (Jun-Aug) | 56.69 | Chq 2312 |
| J Anderson – June + expenses (inc Bleak Hill Vouchers) | 396.54 | Chq 2313 |
- Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:
None
- (c) Balance Sheet – copies were given to all Cllrs present.
- (d) HMRC statement printed 21 June 2016 showing current quarter owing.
- 45 Completion of Annual Return for External Audit 2015/16 **Resolved that the Accounts for 2015/2016 be agreed and signed by the Chairman (Section 1). The Audit Annual Governance Statement (Section 2) was also agreed and signed.** Section 4 the internal audit had already been completed by Mr P Taylor as internal auditor.
- 46 Date of Next Meeting:
- Tuesday 19 July 2016 7.00 pm Eccleston Village Hall

Cllr N Ashcroft thanked everyone for attending including Ward Cllr Neal.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: