

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor A Bate (Chairman)
Councillor W Ashcroft
Councillor R Barton
Councillor J Cunliffe
Councillor A Dockerty
Councillor R Greatorex

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

- 29 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 30 Apologies: Councillor K Roughley
- 31 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 32 Parish Matters: (a) the resident living at the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road had agreed to a diffusion tube being installed at the property to monitor the air quality in the area. Cllr Greatorex would contact St Helens Council's scientific officer to find out the latest.
- (b) a resident had contacted Cllr Greatorex to explain that a blue bag containing syringes had been found. The resident had disposed of the bag. The resident also complained about anti-social behaviour in the entry at Windle Grove. The resident was advised to report any further anti-social behaviour to the police. Cllr Neal would also report it to the PCSOs for the area.
- (c) Cllr Ashcroft had recently tried to contact St Helens Council to report a missing recycling bag and caddy. He reported that he had spent a length of time dealing with the Contact Centre. Cllr Neal would investigate and would arrange for a new recycling bag and caddy
- (d) Cllr Dockerty had been asked by residents where the money had come from to install the new crossing outside Bleak Hill School when there was no money to pay for the crossing patrol. Cllr Neal explained that the crossing had been funded through the Councillor Improvement Fund for the area. Ward Councillors had made the decision to install the crossing as it would be a facility that would benefit all residents.
- (e) Cllr Bate enquired why the speed indicator sign had been removed as it was felt that the sign did tend to slow traffic down as it approached the crossing. Cllr Neal was unaware that the sign had been removed but would investigate.
- (f) Cllr Barton raised the issue of vehicles parking on the pavement near the bus stop at the junction of Kiln Lane and Coronation Road. Cllr Neal had in the past suggested various options but they had not been possible. She would investigate why the yellow lines that had been agreed for the junction had not been painted.
- (g) Cllr Neal reported that a resident had been in contact with her regarding the problem of cars parking in Lynton Way for the shops and not using the car park at the rear of the shops. Ward Councillors had sent a letter to businesses asking them to request that customers use the car park. Cllr Neal reported that the problem was construction vehicles were using the car park during the building of the adjacent houses as the land was owned by the housebuilders. Cllr Neal had reported the

issues to Conor McGinn MP to investigate the conditions of the planning permission. Cllr Neal had informed the resident of the latest position.

(h) The Clerk reported that Bleak Hill School awards assembly would be on Friday 20 July 2018 at 9.30am

33 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15 May 2018 and

34 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.

35 Matters Arising: None

36 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:

a) Applications:

**Woodside Farm,
Blindfoot Road**

Retrospective application to retain the change of use of former livestock buildings to 42no stables, retention of outdoor riding area, and retention of an additional storage area for 7no caravans

81 Rainford Road

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and conservatory along with the erection of a porch to the front and a flat roof single storey rear extension

Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning the applications

b) Decisions:

12 Lawrence Road

Single storey side extension and porch to front **Granted
15/6/18**

37 Other Correspondence: (a) a resident had contacted the Clerk to report parking on the road in Lynton Way and not using the car park at the rear of the shops. Clerk reported to Ward Councillors.

(b) Email from Cllr Gill Neal regarding Lynton Way parking issue. She was aware of the problem and was making enquiries

(c) Email from St Helens Council regarding Silent Soldier Campaign asking if Parish would like to sponsor one at a cost of £250 – **resolved to refer to July agenda**

38 Garden Competition: The Clerk informed the meeting that leaflets had been distributed by Masterprint. Cllr Bate had received 4 entries so far. Cllr Dockerty agreed to be part of the judging this year. Cllr Ashcroft would ask Mrs Nancy Ashcroft to be a guest judge this year.

39 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Cllrs Bate and Roughley attended Ecclesfield Management Cttee meeting on Tuesday 5 June 2018. The following points were discussed:

- The Caretaker reported roof tiles that needed repairing. He had taken a telephone call regarding the car park being closed during the day. He was advised to refer any further calls to the Secretary
- Ecclesfield FC reported a successful season and were happy with the facilities
- Bleak Hill Rovers explained their league would be introducing a new playing season. Sept to late Dec then Feb/March to end of June
- Bleak Hill Rovers made a request to have 2 9v9 pitches marked out on pitch 3. Secretary would contact St Helens Council

- Car park – a lengthy discussion took place regarding various options for the car park and the offer from the manager of One Stop in Walmesley Road to open and close it daily. It was decided that as there had been problems in the past when shopkeepers had agreed to open and close the car park, that it would remain closed.

40 SLCC: The Clerk was unable to attend the regional training seminar in Bolton and would look into attending the seminar in Nottingham in August.

41 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

42 J Malone Garden: The bench would be taken away and stained the following week.

43 Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.

44 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 May 2018 were:

Current Account	£ 5,929.58
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,046.95</u>
TOTAL	£11,976.53

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

Eccleston PC – room (June), phone (May) copier and lease	73.53	Chq 2453
J Anderson – June + expenses (inc Bleak Hill Vouchers)	410.65	Chq 2454
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE April-June	192.20	Chq 2455
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 6 visits	192.00	Chq 2456

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

HMRC – VAT 2017-18	150.50
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45 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 17 July 2018 7.00 pm Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: