

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (or Assembly) of the Parish of Windle held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

183 Opening of the Meeting – Cllr K S Barton welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

184 Apologies for Absence: None

185 Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 15 March 2015 which had previously been issued to Parish Councillors were offered for confirmation and upon being accepted as a true and correct record were signed by the Chairman.

186 Chairman's Report: The Chairman, Cllr Sheila Barton, thanked all the Councillors for their support during her year in office and she thanked the Clerk for the administrative support during the year. Her Chairman's Report was kindly read by Cllr Richard Barton on her behalf as follows:

"It is with great pride that I took the Chain of Office for the third time last May. In June I attended Armed Forces Day with other members of the Parish Council. A grand display of uniforms and marching. Then in July I presented the awards at Bleak Hill School – an event I really enjoy, seeing all the children and marking their achievements. Later in July I attended the school leavers' assembly at which there was much merriment at the play and contents followed by a nostalgic look back at each leaver's photographs from when they started to them leaving.

It was with great pleasure that Windle Parish Council was involved at Moss Lane with the tour of the Webb Ellis Cup where I and Deputy Chair, Cllr Nancy Ashcroft, presented medals to the children to commemorate the day.

At the September meeting we had the Annual Awards for the garden competition. I would like to thank all those who participated as it was the best year ever for numbers of entrants and the gardens were beautiful. Thanks to Cllr Ann Bate for taking over the running of the competition and those involved in judging – Cllrs Ashcroft, Bate and Uren.

In November I laid a wreath on behalf of the residents of Windle at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday accompanied by my granddaughter, Melissa. A day for reflection on behalf of all those who had fought, died or suffered.

In December I attended two tree lighting ceremonies. The first was at Bleak Hill School which was well attended by parents, relatives and friends along with the Mayor and Mayoress. Thanks to Lenny Lowe and Wally Ashcroft who helped to make it a great success. The weather was again kind to us. Thanks to Windle Ward Councillors for their financial contribution towards the event. Later the same day I attended the tree lighting at the top of Dentons Green. A choir from Cowley sang for us and Parr Brass Band provided the music. The final event was the Christmas buffet after the December meeting which was attended by winners of the garden competition and invited guests. Many thanks to

Cllr Ken Roughley for providing the quiz and the ladies and wives of Councillors for providing the buffet which was enjoyed by all.

In October we lost a very dear friend and loyal member of the Parish Council, Mrs Marie McNulty, who died after an illness bravely borne. She will be missed as she organised the garden competition for many years. To honour her memory, starting this year there will be an award presented as part of the garden competition.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Parish Council for their time given and efforts in the work of the Parish Council. I would also like to thank our Clerk, Janet, who has been a great help and support to me. Thanks to Four Seasons for keeping the Jim Malone Garden looking so neat and tidy. Finally, welcome to our two new members this year, John Cunliffe and Allan Dockerty. I hope they will enjoy the work of the Parish Council.” – Councillor Sheila Barton.

187 Financial Statement: The Clerk submitted a financial report, summarised as follows:

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Balance at 1 April 2015	7545.00
Plus projected receipts to 31 March 2016	12,752.00
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Less payments to 31 March 2016	11,406.00
Projected Balance at 31 March 2016	<hr/> 8891.00 <hr/>

188 Reports

(a) Windle United Charities –Cllr N Ashcroft reported that there had been a meeting arranged for 5 November but only she and the Chair attended. As they did not reach the quorum the meeting did not take place.

(b) School Governors – Cllr Sheila Barton reported that Bleak Hill School had received outstanding in the Ofsted inspection and commented that staff were really dedicated to the school and the pupils. The school had joined committee meetings meaning there were 2 committees instead of 4.

Cllr Barton reported that there had been a reduction in the number of school governors and unfortunately Cllr Nancy Ashcroft had had to resign due to ill health.

(c) District Councillors – No report received.

(d) NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC – The Clerk informed that these bodies provide useful guidance and information on the current changes occurring in Local Government as well as training courses for Parish Clerks and Councillors.

(e) Voluntary Organisations – No report.

189 Public Comment: No public comment made.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: