

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday ,2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present : Councillor W. Ashcroft (Chairman)  
Councillor R. W. Barton ( Deputy Chairman )  
Councillor Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft  
Councillor Mrs .K .S .Barton  
Councillor Mrs .A. Bate  
Councillor S .A. Bligh  
Councillor K. D. Roughley

Also in Attendance ; Mr. D. Cawley (Resident of Windle )  
P. C. Mark Pender (Merseyside Police )  
L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council )

106. Prayers

Cllr.W.Ashcroft ,the Chairman , welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council .

107. Apologies

Apologies had been received on behalf of Cllrs.Mrs.M.McNulty( flu victim) and Mrs.E.Uren (holidays) .

108. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

109. Planning Matters

With the agreement of the Council the Chairman now varied the agenda to accommodate Mr. David Cawley and P. C. Mark Pender , and took Planning Matters and then the Police Report as the first two items.

a ) Utd.Utilities Pipe- Line (Prescot Reservoir to Woodgate Hill Reservoir Bury)  
P/2008/0872

The Chairman gave some details of a consultation meeting concerning this application. The Parish Council had already considered the application at the September Meeting, and a “No Comments email “ had been sent to Planning Office.

b) P/2008/0925 – Listed Bldng.Consent ;Alterations- Consent for installation of package sewage treatment plant in front gdn. “Beechcroft” Rainford Rd  
( Mr.P.Barker)

Originally the Parish Council had considered this application and, after seeking clarification from the Planning Officer, had made a "no comments return". Mr. David Cawley of "Beechcroft" had asked the Parish Council if he might inform them of his case for re-considering their opinion and was given permission to do so by the Chairman.

This he did most eloquently, and informed the Council of several relevant facts which were previously unknown to them. Apparently the original planning application was for the installation of a septic tank to be sited in the front garden of "Beechcroft", but a Klargest BioDisc Sewage Treatment Plant was installed. This, in Mr. Cawley's opinion, is obtrusive – the green plastic dome – cover protrudes some 13-15 inches in the middle and is off putting for any users of the garden for family recreation- and seems more suited to an industrial site than a Listed Building setting.

Mr. Cawley supported his objections with photographs and documents – including a report from an independent Chartered Surveyor, which gave an opinion on the resultant substantial decrease in the value of the property- all of which had been supplied to Planning Office previously

As a result, and as the decision on the retro- planning was still pending it was :

Resolved that the Clerk should write to the Planning Office to rescind the previous no comment decision of the Parish Council and to register a retrospective objection to planning permission being granted, based on the above detailed information..

#### 110. Reports from Other Bodies- incl. Police report

P. C. Mark Pender mentioned that he had called into the hair-dressers concerning the cigarette stumps litter around the Kiln Lane shops, and had been told that the smokers on the staff had been requested to clear up their litter, but some emanated from bus passengers.

The Police had carried out speed-checks on Bleak Hill Road and 21 offenders had been caught one day and a further 15 the next day – the worst culprit had been recorded at 48 mph.- this on a busy road alongside a School. Further exercises were to be carried out around the Borough. The Chairman, Cllr. W. Ashcroft, asked if some police warning action might be undertaken to help solve the problem of parking around the shops in Kiln Lane and Coronation Road.

#### 111. Parish Matters

a ) The new speeding signs on Rainford Rd. which indicate to drivers their speed, together with a courteous "THANK YOU" if they are well below the 30mph limit, appear to be having the desired effect in restricting speeding.

A similar installation of such signs on Bleak Hill Road, in the vicinity approaching the School would be most beneficial.

Resolved that the Clerk should write to make this suggestion to George Houghton (Highways).

P.C.M. Pender left the meeting at this point , having been thanked for his contribution.

#### 112. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday,21<sup>st</sup> October 2008 ,which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

#### 113. Matters Arising

Ref min.93 – Cllr Roughley informed that he had spoken to Peter Houlton regarding the offending bus parked in Fairway and had been assured that it would not now be there,as a the result of a bus service being discontinued by Mr.Houlton.

Min.95- Remembrance Sunday – The Chairman thanked Cllr.R.W.Barton for deputising for him on this occasion.

#### 114. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following correspondence- to be dealt with as indicated.

1. Invitation from Eccleston P.C. to their Tree Lighting ,at Eccleston Library  
Th.4/12/08 . Received and Noted.

2,Document from Hazel Blears (Minister) –Next steps in delivering parish power.  
Received and Noted.

#### 115. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

For the next financial year the Windle P.C. contribution to the Management Fund would be increased from £1000 to £1420 ,mainly due to increased costs of gas ,electricity and water charges.

Pitches were being moved around to combat poor drainage etc.

#### 116. LAPTC / NALC/MAPTC/SLCC

The Clerk presented the Annual A/C' S and Report received from LAPTC – Noted.

#### 117. Parish Newsletter

The latest edition had been distributed and well received.The Chairman once again complimented the Editor , Cllr. Ken Roughley ,for his efforts.

The Clerk pointed out that ,because the last edition had been so much increased in size , the cost of printing had increased to £564 (c.f.£494 ).= £1058 for the 2 issues this year ,against an total annual advertising revenue of only £425 est.

It was suggested the number of copies might be reviewed and reduced ,when placing the next order.

Also due to a printing error the Flower Fashion`s advert had also included her old address on Lynton Way – where a new florist had just opened.

Resolved that no charge be made for this second advert. of the year.

118. Lynton Way Play Area

Cllr. W.Ashcroft and the Clerk had seen Peter Mavers (St Helens Council) in an attempt to obtain a reduction in the charges being made for security at the L.W.P.A. A reply had been promised and it was

Resolved that the matter be settled promptly by consultation when such a reply was received.

119. Jim Malone Gdn.

Nil Report.

120. Christmas Tree Lighting Report

Matters proceeding. Quotation received from Paragon for electrical work.= £340

Resolved that this quotation be accepted and confirmation given to Paragon.

Pre – Christmas Reception – Report

Arrangements being made . Invitations going out within next seven days.

121. Finance

a) Balances : The Council noted that the balances at 2/12/08 were

Current Account	£1476.19
Capital Deposit Account	£11, 599.43

b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that approval be given for the payment of the following accounts ;

		£
PC Print	Newsletter Printing Nov.Issue	564.00
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 2/12/08	20.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary and Post	292.50

122. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 ,commencing at 7.00pm – to be followed by the Pre-Christmas Reception at 8.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date