

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th April 2008 At Eccleston Village Hall.

PRESENT : Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft (Chairman)
Councillor W.Ashcroft
Councillor Mrs.KS.Barton
Councillor R.W.Barton
Councillor Mrs.A.Bate
Councillor S.A.Bligh
Councillor Mrs.M.McNulty
Councillor K.D.Roughley

206. Prayers:

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer for the work of the Council

207. Apologies

Apologies for absence were made on behalf of Cllr. Mrs E. Uren, unable to attend due to a family bereavement.

208. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

209.Parish Matters

- It had proved necessary for the empty premises on Kiln Lane(viz.the "Tanning Shop") to be boarded – up once again ,because of further damage by local vandalism.
- The brook, at Kiln Lane ,appeared , recently, to contain quite a lot of brushwood and other debris floating in it.
- A number of children, judged to be of 8 or 9 years of age, had been seen tormenting the old lady ,Mary Simkin , who is a resident of Regal Drive .
- Councillor Nancy Ashcroft had been in contact with both Bleak Hill School and Social Services about this matter.

210. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of ;

- a) the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly – held on the 18th March 2008
- b) the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting - held on the 18th March 2008– subsequent to the Annual Parish Assembly.

Copies of both meetings minutes had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly , held on 18th March 2008, should be kept on file until the next Assembly in 2009 .

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting , held on Tuesday 18th March 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

211. Matters Arising

1) Ref. min.196. The Clerk had informed Peter Blackburn of the Parish Councils' nomination of Cllr.R.W.Barton for the vacant position on the Local Standards Board, and, having attended a recent initial meeting of this body, Cllr.Barton gave a brief report on this .

2.) Ref.min.202 - The Clerk reported on the "Sun-Dial Project " and had located several within the designated price range of £50-£70 approx. He would carry on looking, as several garden centres were awaiting new stock ,before inviting the Chairman and possibly, other members to approve the final choice .

Resolved that the Clerk should be authorised to make the purchase and that arrangements be made , with Bleak Hill School for a small presentation ceremony.

212. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave invitation to comment in respect of the following :

A. Planning Applications

1.P/2008 /0309 Mr.J.Venables 25 Rutherford Road – Demolition of existing kitchen xtn.and the erectn. of a single stry.,hipped roof xtn.to the side and rear .

2. P2008/0310 Mr.I.Ball – 21 Stuart Road – single stry side xtn.with 1st flr side xtn . over existing single stry.side extn.

3. P/2008/0316 – Mr.H.Jesse 157 Rainford Road – single stry.rear xtn.to form sun-lounge

4. P/2008 /0382 – 88 St.George`s Ave. – single stry side xtn.

B. Approvals

The Clerk informed Council that the following had been approved.:

1. P/2007/1408 – 15 Regal Drive –Rear Conservatory

2.P/2008/ 0075 - 62 Queens Drive – 2 stry.pitched roof side xtn.to form family room,utility room,with bedroom en suite and enlarged bathroom above s./stry.pitched roof rear xtn to form kitcen &dining room area & enlarged

3.P/2008/0160 – 27 Lynton Way – Change of use from shop unit(A1) to (A2)- Estate Agent`s Office.

4. P/2008/0181 -35 St.George's Ave. – s/stry.rear xtn.

5. P/2008/0202 – 61 Rainford Rd.Windle – s/stry.side &rear xtn.plus alteratn.to existing garage.

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the 4 applications listed in A.and that the 5 approvals listed in B be noted.

213. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following correspondence ,to be dealt with as indicated:

1. “Contact”Magazine from St.Helens CVS – Latest edition . Received.

214.Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.

215. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

There had been an incident when men , accompanied by whippets or greyhounds, had apparently been trying to attempt hare-coursing on Ecclesfield and the adjoining agricultural land. This information had been reported to the Police.

216. LALC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC

Annual subscriptions were now due – including 2 subscriptions to the LCR,-the Official Journal of NALC.

The total due for 2008/09 was £363.17 – c.f. £372.48

Information concerning the NALC Annual Conference for 2008 , which would be held in Eastbourne 20-22nd of May, was given.

Resolved that the subscription be renewed and the number of magazine copies be kept at two – one copy for the Clerk and one for Cllr. R.W .Barton .Clerk to write to confirm details again to ensure correct supply.

217. Lynton Way Play Area

The account for security provision from Oct.2007-31st March 2008 had now been received ,which amounted to £1855.09 VAT Inc.

218.Jim Malone Garden

Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty had occasion to remove rubbish from the JMG on a couple of occasions ,but apart from that the garden was coming along quite well.

219.Parish Newsletter /Garden Competition/ Footpaths

- ❖ The Garden Competition Entry Form would be contained within the Parish Newsletter.
- ❖ Residents would again be urged to make use of the Public Footpaths within the Parish and to report any trouble spots.
- ❖ Any outstanding articles for inclusion in the next issue were required to be submitted as soon as possible please.

220. Insurance 2008/2009

An invitation to renew by the 1st June 2008 , at a cost of £479.32 –c.f. £460.63 (2007/08). was submitted from Allianz Insurance plc.

After a detailed consideration of the items covered and the risk assessment it was Resolved that renewal of the cover should be approved and confirmed at the May Meeting, as the Clerk would seek an alternative quotation from an alternative company in the interim.

221. Reports from Other Bodies

- a) Windle Charity – Cllr. W. Ashcroft reported that several small grants had now been made .
- b) St Helens Sports Council – Cllr. W. Ashcroft informed Council that he was now on the executive of the Sports Council , and that an extra award for the “Club Member of the Year” had been created.
- c) Police Report – Cllr. K. D. Roughley drew attention to the successful measures taken by the Police against local drug dealers , which had been featured in the “St. Helens Star” recently. Residents were being urged to maintain the flow of information from the public , which had helped to bring about these successful raids.
- d) Local Transport – Cllr. K. D .Roughley reported that Peter Houlton was trialing a `bus service (Fairway Bus), over the 15 and 16 Routes –running from 7.00 a.m. – on the hour, until tea-time .

222. Finance

a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at 31st March 2008 were :

	£
Current Account	217.36
Capital Reserve Account	7896.36

b) Payment of Accounts

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

	£
Post Office – BT telephone a/c including B/Band – dedicated line	89.44
Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire 15.04 .08	20.00

Ecclesfield Project Management Fund 1 st Quarterly Payment	250.00
B. Walsh Website	30.00
St Helens Council LWPA Security Provision – Oct.07- 31 Mar 08	1855.09
LALC/NALC/ Area Sec Contrib. /LCR Subscription	363.17
L.J.Kilshaw {Salary £290.56, Postage£3.74} {St Helens Council-LWPA Annual Lease £0.21 }	294.51
Rivendell Garden Centre -Sundial + Flagstone for Bleak Hill CP School	56.99

c) Internal Audit

The final one for the year 2008/2009 would be carried out within the next few weeks by Mr. John Friar ,who would be retiring from the position of Internal Auditor after this final duty .

As regards his replacement two people had expressed an interest in taking over from Mr. Friar as auditor to both Eccleston and Windle Parish Councils . A preliminary interview meeting had been arranged for next week with the two gentlemen concerned and John Friar and the respective Parish Clerks.

Resolved that Council approved of this action , and would accept any recommendation emerging from this meeting for consideration and confirmation ,at the AGM on May 20th 2008.

d) External Audit

The date for the External Audit had now been received i.e. Friday 18th July 2008.

e) Signing off of the Receipts & Payments Book for 2007/2008

Resolved that this signing off be carried out by the Chairman and the Clerk- which was then completed .

f) Balance Sheet & Receipts & Payments Accounts for 2007-2008

The Clerk reported on these matters informing Council that they had been completed satisfactorily, and copies would be supplied prior to the next meeting,when the Annual Return for 2007/2008 would be completed and confirmed for sending to the External Auditor.

g) VAT Return 2007/2008

This had been completed and sent off , claiming a VAT Refund of £973.70.

223. Date of Next Meeting –The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 20th May 2008 following on at the conclusion of the AGM, which would start at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

Signed

Date