

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 15th April 2014, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

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

Also in Attendance: L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

188. Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone, and a minute's silence was held in honour of Councillor Bill Marriott, for many years a former Ward Councillor on St Helens Council, and also a former Chairman and Councillor on the Windle Parish Council, and latterly, in recent years, a member of Rainford Parish Council who had passed away recently. Cllr. W. Ashcroft, as Chairman, paid tribute to Bill's sense of humour and the valuable advice he was able to impart to the Parish Council, and mentioned how instrumental he had been in bringing to fruition successful projects such as the provision of the School Clock at Bleak Hill CP School and the Millenium Bench at Windle Island.

He then opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

189. Apologies: had been received from Cllr. Mrs. A. Batc (away on holiday) and Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty- indisposed.

190. Declarations of Interest: were made by Cllr. N. J. Ashcroft re: Windle United Charities, and Cllr. W. Ashcroft reference Liverpool- St Helens R.U.F.C.

191. Parish Matters : Cllr. Mrs. E. Uren reported that some potholes in Hamilton Road had been sprayed white around them , but appeared to have been overlooked in subsequent repair work.

Cllr. Sheila Barton reported that long outstanding repairs to the roads in both Windle and Eccleston had been carried out at long last.

Cllr. W. Ashcroft reported that dangerous potholes outside the gate of Liverpool- St Helens RUFC in Moss Lane had been repaired, and he wished to record thanks to Steve Walker(Highways) for his efforts in this matter.

192. Minutes: the Council received the minutes of both the Annual Assembly and those of the ordinary meeting, which were both held on the Tuesday 18th March 2014- copies of which had been circulated previously.

Resolved : (a) that the minutes of the Annual Assembly 2014 be kept on file until March 2015.

(b) that the minutes of the ordinary meeting, held on Tuesday, 18th March 2014 be accepted, and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. :

193. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

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

(a) Planning Application- P/2014/0311- 39 Queen's Drive Windle - s./stry.rear extn.projecting 5.94m from the rear , 3.25m height overall and 2.35m to the eaves.

(b) Decisions : P/2014/0124- 5 Regal Drive s./stry.side&rear extn. Permission Granted
P/2014/0199- 12 Woodford Rd. s./stry. rear extn.incl. partly converted conservatory. Permission Granted

P/2014/0194 - 10 Blindfoot Road Rainford 2stry.side and rear extn. N.B. Application now withdrawn

Resolved that no objections be raised ref. the application in (a) and the decisions in (b) be noted.

195. Other Correspondence: The Clerk submitted the following items of correspondence to be dealt with as indicated :

a) Latest email bulletin from Halton & St Helens VCA Received & Noted

b) Email from F.Crawford St Helens Sports Council Received & Noted

196. Ecclesfield Sports Facility ; No report- next meeting to be held in June.

197. NALC/LALC/MAPIC/SLCC. Jonathon Owen has been appointed the NALC Chief Executive as from the 1st April 2014. He has over ten years experience of corporate change management and director level at various public sector bodies whilst working at senior level with Suffolk County Council, Ipswich B.C., Havering B.C. and the Local Government Association.

198. Lynton Way Play Area—The amount paid in March 2014 for opening and closing etc in 2013/14 had amounted to £2593.50 (+ £518.70 VAT). and a similar figure of £2620 + VAT was forecast for 2014/15.

The three Windle Ward Councillors had attended the Windle Parish Council meeting on the 21st January 2014, and had agreed to investigate the Lynton Way Play Area situation further, to see if any way might be found to alleviate this heavy expenditure on security and opening and closing the Play Area, and promised to report back with their findings on completion. No information or feed-back has been received to date.

Resolved : a letter be sent to ask for an update on the situation and to invite them to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

199. J. Malone Garden: In Cllr. McNulty's enforced absence due to sickness, Cllr. W. Ashcroft gave a brief report on the current satisfactory condition of the garden. Cllr. Steve Bligh informed that a resident, Mrs. Margaret Edwards, had described to him how, later this year, Grange Park Golf Club were commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the commencement of the First World War, and had suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider similar activity, planting poppies and using poppy type decoration etc on the notice board, to be featured at the J. Malone Garden. The date of the Centenary is the 28th July. After a favourable discussion it was;

Resolved that Cllr. Bligh be requested to investigate further and report back at the next meeting in May.

200. Parish Newsletter Cllr. Bligh reported that most of the preparation of the next issue was complete, and he had seen some advertisers who wished to amend their adverts, as well as the printers. The Clerk promised him the Finance Article due from him.

201. Garden Competition 2014 The format would be similar to last year, and Cllr. Marie Mc Nulty had recommended that the judging be scheduled at a similar date to 2013, which was Friday July 5.

Resolved that Friday 4th July 2014 be the day for judging this year.

202. Reports from Other Bodies

a) Windle United Charities- Cllr. Nancy Ashcroft had attended a recent meeting and described the disbursement of some funds.

203. Finance: (a) Balances: The Clerk advised the Council of the balances on the 31st March 2014 Current A/c £720.82 Business Reserve A/c £6037.29 and on the 1st April " " A/c £131.64 " " A/c £6037.29

(h) Payment of Accounts: Resolved that payment be made of the following:

	£
Direct Dr. NatWest Bank	Voucher Statement Fees 3.25
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 15/04/14 21.00
B. Walsh	Website 35.00
Post Office Ltd.	BT tel.a/c incl. Broadband (dedicated line) 130.46
LALC(annual subs NAIC £116.16 , LALC £236.88)	
(contribution to LALC Area Secretary (£15.00)	
Local Council Review 1copy per issue (£17.00) =	385.04
Ecclesfield Project Rev. A/c (six months payment)	713.06
	(i.e. - 2 qrtly. payments)

(c) Signing off of the Receipts & Payments Book /VAT Return 2013/2014

Resolved that the Receipts & Payments Book be signed off for the year 01/04/2013-31/03/2014 by the Chairman, and the Clerk as the R.F.O. This was duly completed. Resolved that the completed claim forms for the repayment of VAT 2013-2014 be approved and sent off HMRC- Customs & Excise.

(d) External Audit 2013/2014- was due to be carried out on 30th June 2014 by BDO LLP of Southampton.

The Balance Sheet and the Receipts & Payments Accounts for 2013-2014 and the Annual Return would be presented, and the latter document completed, at the next meeting in May.

204. Date of Next Meeting; this was scheduled for Tuesday 20th May 2014, and would will follow on at the conclusion of the AGM which would commence at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Chairman)