

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday, 15th May 2012, at
Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present: Councillor Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft (Chairman)

- “ W. Ashcroft Deputy “)
- “ Mrs. K. S. Barton
- “ R. W. Barton.
- “ Mrs. A. Bate
- “ S. A. Bligh
- “ K. D. Roughley
- “ Mrs. E. Uren

13. Prayers: had already been said at the AGM, which had preceded this meeting.
Cllr. Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft- as the new Chairman – welcomed everyone.

14. Apologies - had been received from Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty-away at present.

15. Declarations of Interest – None made. All eight Councillors present, had completed new Declaration of Interests Forms at the AGM.

16. Parish Matter

(a) Several complaints of dog fouling in Hamilton Road had been received.

(b) A resident had reported that second-hand cars were being displayed for sale outside the house, adjoining the end of the parade of shops in Kiln Lane , and wondered whether this is permissible. This query would be passed on to the Trading Standards Office.

(c) The visit of the Olympic Torch and the Diamond Jubilee were discussed further and it was

Resolved that a suitable banner be purchased for £30.00 to be displayed on the days concerned.

17. Minutes- The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17th April 2012, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

18. Matters Arising

Reference min. 197 17/04/12 the Clerk reported that a aluminium notice board to replace the damaged wooden one at Bleak Hill School site, might cost some where around £497.00. He would investigate the matter further.

19. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following;

(a) Applications:

1) P/2012/0322- 29 Lynton Way – Change of Use from a beauty salon to a photographic studio.

2) P/2012/0351- 7 Padstow Drive – Single stry. rear extn.

3) P/2012 /0356- 12 Fistral Drive –Single stry.rear extn.

Resolved that no objections be raised concerning these three planning applications .
There were no approvals received.

20. Other Correspondence

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

1) Latest bulletins from Halton & St Helens VCA Group- Received & Noted.

2) An email had been received from Mr. Peter McKenny- a resident of Rainford Rd- detailing a recent experience viz.

“ Whist waiting to cross the road at the pelican crossing lights by St Thomas of Canterbury School on Rainford Road, a `bus heading out from St Helens stopped at the lights as they turned red, and as I was about to cross the road two cars overtook the `bus and drove straight past me. If any children had been crossing they would have been run over as they passed the front of the `bus. We used to have a “lollipop man” there to prevent this from happening .If his removal is down to cuts, the money needs to be found to get him back before we have a death on our hands”.

Resolved that the Clerk should write to St Helens Council- Paul Sanderson
Copies to S. Richardson, R. Orlandi, P. McKenny concerning this request.

3) Letter received from SELRAP – i.e. Skipton -East Lancashire Rail Action Party Seeking an expression of support for the campaign for the re-opening of the Colne to Skipton missing rail link as part of the National Rail Network.

Resolved that, as agreed at the Parish Council Meeting 21st October 2008, the expression of support be sent again with a request for reciprocal report for the re-instatement of the missing local rail link from St Helens Junction to St Helens Central (formerly known as St Helens Shaw Street Station)

21. Garden Competition 2012- Cllr. Marie Mc Nulty had included an article in the latest edition of the Windle Parish Newsletter explaining the proposed format for this year's competition, together with an entry form in the magazine.

Resolved . that judging would take place w/c 25 /06/12 on Friday 29th June.

22. Ecclesfield Sports Facility- Report- Next meeting due on Tuesday 3rd July 2012.

23. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC –Report

Important documents had been received from NALC/LALC giving details of the Localism Act and its effects. Further study of these would prove necessary and the Clerk place this item on the agenda for the June or July 2012 meetings.

24. L.W.P.A.- No report made.

25. J. Malone Garden – Report – The garden is featured in a special article in the current issue of the Newsletter, which describes its origins and pays tribute to the work of Cllr.Marie McNulty in maintaining it to a high standard.Unfortunately, due to

an injury suffered in a fall it has proved much more difficult for her to complete the tasks involved. Other Councillors have been looking after the garden but are asking any residents, who might be able to spare half an hour per month tending the garden, to get in touch with Marie to volunteer their help.

26. Parish Newsletter- Report

The latest edition is currently being distributed.
The Chairman complimented Cllr. Ken Roughley for his work as editor, in producing another interesting magazine.

27. Reports from Other Bodies (including Police Report)

No reports were made..

28. Finance; (a) Balances – The Clerk informed the Council that the balances at the Bank, at May 1st 2012 were

Business Current A/c £6101.73

Business Reserve A/c£ 6031.25

(b) Payment of Accounts- Resolved that payment of the following accounts be made;

	£
Eccleston P.C. Room Hire 15/05/12	21.00
P. Fairclough Internal Audit 2011-12	140.00
S. L. C. C. Annual Subs.	83.00
AON Ltd. Annual Insurance Premium	613.68
DSG Retail Ltd. Ink Cartridge M/pack.	49.99

(c) Risk Assessment / Annual Ins. Cover 2012-13

These had been discussed at the meeting on 20th March 2012(min191e) and it was Resolved that decision made then to increase the level of the Fidelity Guarantee from £15,000 to £20,000. The necessary form had been obtained by the Clerk, when consulting with the insurance company, and this was duly completed and signed by the Clerk and Chairman Cllr N. J. Ashcroft.

(d) Internal Audit Report- The Internal Auditor's Report had been received from Mr. Philip Fairclough for the year 2011-12, but there were no matters arising from this.

(e) External Audit 2011-12

The Balance Sheet and Receipts & Payments Accounts for 2011-2012 were noted and approved by the Council. (Y/end Balances were £ £238.44 Current A/c / £6031.25 Business Reserve A/c)

Completion of the Annual Return for 2011/12 was carried out and signed by the Clerk and Chairman with the Councils approval.

The required legal notice would be posted on the Council Notice Board for the required period 6th June -3rd July 2012.

29. Date of Next Meeting- to be held on Tuesday 19th June 2012 7.00pm start.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Chairman)