

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 15 June 2004

PRESENT: Councillor W Ashcroft (Chairman)
Councillor K D Roughley (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft
Councillor Mrs M P Fraser
Councillor Mrs E Uren
Councillor Mrs B Walsh

Also in Attendance: Police Inspector John Vaudrey
L J Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

34. Prayers

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

35. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs K S Barton (prior engagement), Mrs J Foster and A F Rigby (holidays).

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Vaudrey to the meeting.

36. Declarations of Interest

None.

37. Parish Matters

- (a) Now that the local elections had been completed, it was intended to clear the remains of the Christmas tree from Bleak Hill School during the next week.
- (b) More complaints had been received reference dog fouling and lack of signs forbidding this, especially in Lynton Way.
- (c) The litter bin at the corner of Bleak Hill Road and Hamilton Road had disappeared and there had been damage around the post box in Hamilton Road. Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft volunteered to pursue the matter.

- (d) Parents, etc. bringing children to Windleshaw School on Rainford Road were causing problems to through traffic and residents by parking in Kingsley Road and Hartington Road.
- (e) Councillor Mrs B-Walsh, asking the question as to when the promised further green bins would be issued (see minute 16 (e) ante), was reassured to be told that the delivery was imminent.

38. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of both the Annual Council Meeting and the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 May 2004, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of both the Annual and the ordinary meetings be confirmed as true and correct records and be signed by the Chairman.

39. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

40. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted

- (a) Invitations to comment in respect of
 - (i) P/2004/0797 – Mr & Mrs Hall, 11 Fairway – rear conservatory, garage and utility side extension with pitched roof
 - (ii) P/2004/0803 – Mrs Morelli, 169 Rainford Road – two-storey rear extension to create lounge with master bedroom above and change in shape of roof of original dwelling to facilitate loft conversion
- (b) Planning decisions – approvals in respect of
 - (i) P/2004/0444 – Mr & Mrs Hughes, 36 Calderhurst Drive – part single-storey, part two-storey rear extension to form enlarged dining room, utility room and WC plus additional bedroom space above and bay window to front elevation
 - (ii) P/2004/0446 – C W Sumner, 14 The Grove – retrospective approval for single-storey rear extension
 - (iii) P/2004/0459 – Mr & Mrs Briers, 26 Coronation Road – conservatory to rear

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- (iv) P/2004/0472 – Mr Collard, 24 Moss Lane – erection of front porch
- (v) Mr G Dyer, 47 St Georges Avenue – single-storey side extension to form garage with pitched roof and canopy across part of front elevation
- (c) Planning decisions – refusal in respect of
 - (i) P/2004/0531 – Mr & Mrs P Harper, 22 Moss Lane – single storey side extension to form music room and store, two-storey side extension to form stairwell and rear conservatory.

Resolved

- (a) that the refusal in (e) be noted and also the approvals in (b) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) be noted, but a request was made for the Clerk to write and query the retrospective approval in (b) (ii) as to list of objections, etc.
- (b) that no comments be made about the planning application P/2004/0797 – Mr & Mrs Hall, 11 Fairway
- (c) that no objections be raised reference P/2004/0803 except to comment about the extensive nature of the planned alterations, including the change in roof shape, and trust that this would merge in with neighbouring properties.

38. Other Correspondence

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

- (a) June 2004 issue of St Helens CVS “Contact” – Received. NB The new address of CVS is 4th Floor, Tontine House, 24 Church Street, St Helens WA10 1BD.
- (b) Letter from Democratic Services, St Helens Council, requesting names of Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Windle Parish Council for 2004/5. The Clerk had supplied the relevant information.
- (c) Issue of “Network News” (St Helens Community Empowerment Network) – Received.
- (d) Community Foundation for Merseyside – “In Touch” Magazine – Received.

39. Quality Parish Councils

The Clerk reported that the relevant full day course, scheduled for Saturday, 26 June 2004, had now been cancelled and it was hoped to hold a replacement in the Autumn.

40. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft reported on a management committee meeting held on 1 June 2004, which she had attended. Police Sergeant Murphy, from Eccleston Police Station, had recommended that CCTV cameras should be installed on the shop fronts in Walmesley Road and trained on the changing rooms from there and also security fencing placed around the side from the library end and behind the changing rooms. The cost of this, plus the cost for further refurbishment of the changing rooms was to be ascertained before the start of next season.

41. LAPTC

As reported in minute 39 ante, the course scheduled for 26 June 2004 had been cancelled.

42. Footpath Walks

A successful walk had taken place on Sunday, 23 May 2004 and a further one was scheduled for Sunday next, 20 June, commencing at 2.15 pm at Eccleston Library.

A photograph of the last walk and prior publicity had been obtained in the "St Helens Star" as well as the usual poster advertising.

Further walks were planned on Sundays, 18 June, 22 August and 19 September.

43. Garden Competition

Councillors were reminded that judging would take place on Tuesday, 20 July 2004 and were requested to submit their nominations for the front garden section.

Ian Betts had informed Councillor Mrs M P Fraser that he would be unable to produce the prize certificates this year and Councillor Mrs Fraser would supply them.

The Garden Competition Poster Competition for Bleak Hill School pupils would now have three winners, not four, as indicated in minute 25.

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Resolved that the extra £10 worth of vouchers, now surplus as a result of this decision, be transferred to an increase of £5 each to the vouchers awarded for the two pupils winning the Shield of Endeavour Award.

44. Parish Newsletter

An amendment to the advertisement for J S Hedges had been received and passed on to Councillor K D Roughley. A letter had been received from Boggiano's Pharmacy requesting that their advertisement be discontinued. The Clerk pointed out that the advertisers normally paid retrospectively in November/December for the two advertisements featured in the May/June and November/December editions. Thus, technically, payment for one advertisement was due from Boggiano's for the recent advertisement in the April Newsletter.

Resolved that as the customer had supported the Newsletter for several years, this fee should be waived as a gesture of goodwill. Clerk to write to inform.

45. Lynton Way Play Area

There had been an incident recently when several youths, judged to be about 14 years of age, had been observed in the play area with rucksacks, apparently containing alcoholic drinks, in a shopping trolley. They had also applied their own padlock to one of the gates and obstructed the fastening on another gate.

The Clerk had returned the shopping trolley to Glynweb, at the Lingholme, freed the obstruction from the gate and the St Helens Security Force had sawn off the offending padlock.

Inspector Vaudrey requested a further two padlock keys for police use, as their original ones had gone astray. Clerk to supply.

46. Jim Malone Garden

Councillor W Ashcroft reported seasonal maintenance had been carried out and weedkiller applied. He confirmed that Mr Palfrey, the neighbour to the Jim Malone Garden, was interested in the small piece of land adjoining his property, which was difficult to maintain as part of the garden. Clerk to investigate further.

47. Christmas Tree & Tree Lighting

Resolved that the Clerk should go ahead to make tentative arrangements for this activity, scheduled for December 2004.

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48. Reports From Other Bodies(a) Bleak Hill School Governors

A meeting was scheduled for 8 July 2004.

(b) Police Report

Inspector John Vaudrey reported that there had been an increase in violent crime recently, especially in incidents of domestic violence. Recently there had been thefts of, and from, vehicles in Kiln Lane and Hard Lane. In addition, he described police activities and aims on the wider front. However, some of these proactive measures had not been implemented because of unforeseen sudden staff shortages.

Of special note was the Neighbourhood Action Group Initiative (NAG).

It was intended that each Neighbourhood Inspector would have a small group to tackle problems. The proposed consultation would, hopefully, enable 4 or 5 priority problems to be concentrated on for the next 12 months, eg in the Windle Parish it might be the Lynton Way Play Area, etc.

The Chairman, Councillor W Ashcroft, endorsed these proposals and thanked Inspector Vaudrey for his valuable contribution to the meeting.

49. Finance(a) Balances

The Council noted the balances at 28 May 2004:

Current Account - £312.42

Capital Reserve Account - £11214.98

(b) Audit

The internal auditor's report was received and approved. The Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2004 were received and it was

Resolved that these be approved.

The Statement of Accounts / Assurance Forms were read through and completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk, with Council's approval. The date of audit was 9 August 2004 and all necessary notices would be posted on the Council notice boards.

(c) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that approval be given to the payment of the following accounts.

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*KPM Trophies	New Shields of Endeavour for Bleak Hill School & engraving	130.60 ✓
*W H Smith	School Awards	160.00 ✓
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire	18.00 ✓
L J Kilshaw	Salary & Post	215.71 ✓
Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account	Second Quarterly Instalment	325.00 ✓

*Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 as being, in the opinion of the Council, in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants.

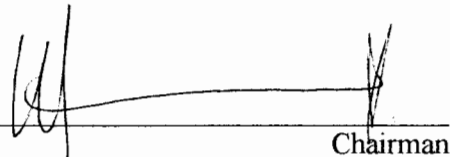
50. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 20 July 2004 commencing at 7.00 pm. Judging of the Garden Competition entries was to be carried out on the afternoon of that day.

The Clerk also drew the Council's attention to the School Awards Ceremony, scheduled for Thursday, 8 July 2004 at 9.00 for 9.15 am.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed


Chairman

Date

20/7/04

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