

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Windle Parish Council , held on Tuesday 15th October 2013 , at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present: Councillor W. Ashcroft (Chairman)
“ R. W. Barton (Deputy Chairman)
“ Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft
“ Mrs. K. S. Barton
“ Mrs. A. Bate
“ S. A. Bligh
“ Mrs. M. McNulty
Also in Attendance: L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

Min.85) Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

86.) Apologies: Apologies had been received from Councillor K.D. Roughley (not well) and Cllr. Mrs. E. Uren (prior engagement).

87.) Declarations of Interest: As Cllr. R. W. Barton had been elected to the post of Deputy Chairman (see min. 70 – ante) it was necessary to declare this fact and amend his Declaration of Interests form. This was completed.

88.) Parish Matters (a) Reports of parking half- on the pavement at the corner of Coronation Road and Kiln Lane near the shops. This would appear to be an isolated incident.

(b) Similar offence at the corner of Rutherford Road and Hamilton Road by people dropping off their children for Bleak Hill School.

Resolved that this type of dangerous parking needed to be kept under observation and if it proved to be necessary, a request would be made for the presence of a traffic warden to dissuade would be offenders.

(c) As reported previously road surfaces within the Parish appear to have deteriorated somewhat, and the Chairman said that he would investigate and report back to the Council.

(d) A resident of Windle Grove had reported that it would seem that some newspapers left outside his house had disappeared and later some magazines also, and vehicles parking in the road were proving something of an obstruction. Some investigation of these matters had not provided any answers to date.

89.Parish Clerk / Salary Increase etc.

At the request of the Clerk it was agreed that this matter be discussed at a later date, as the rise would be back dated to 1/04/2013.

90. Minutes; The Council received the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, the 17th September 2013, copies of which had been circulated previously.

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

91. Matters Arising (a) Ref.min69a ante Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty informed that the parking problem on Bleak Hill Road appeared to have been improved as only one vehicle was parked there on occasion.

(b) Ref. Min. 74 ante; Cllr. Nancy Ashcroft reported back on the “Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation” from St Helens Council. The four licensing objectives remain the same i.e. (1) The prevention of crime and disorder
(2) Public Safety
(3) Prevention of public nuisance
(4) Protection of children from harm

Details of major changes were:

Activities exempt from licensing requirement

- (1) Film exhibitions for the purposes of advertisement, information, education etc
- (2) Film exhibitions that form part of an exhibit put on show for any purposes of a museum or art gallery
- (3) music whether live or recorded, which is incidental or ancillary to other activities, which do not require a licence
- (4) Live music as follows:
 - (A) amplified live music between 8am and 11pm before audiences of no more than 200 people on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises;
 - (B) amplified live music between 8am and 11pm before audiences of not more than 200 people in workplaces not otherwise licensed under the 2003 Act (or licensed only for the provision of light night refreshment); and
 - (C) unamplified live music between 8am and 11pm in all venues.
- (5) Use of television or radio receivers for the simultaneous reception and playing of a programme,
- (6) any entertainment or entertainment facilities at a place of public religious worship,
- (7) entertainment at garden fetes or similar functions unless there is an element of private gain,
- (8) Morris dancing or any dancing of a similar nature or a performance of unamplified live music as part of such a performance,
- (9) entertainment on road vehicles in motion.

(C) Ref. min 81- Garden Competition Cllr. Marie McNulty informed that she had received a letter from Mrs Sheridan of Regal Drive, congratulating the Council on the competition and the prize giving reception in September.

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

a) P/2013/0704- Land adjacent to Bleak Hill Farm, Bleak Hill Road, Windle-
Erection of 6 semi-detached and 1 detached dwellings with associated vehicular access and landscaping.

Resolved that no objections be raised provided that Highways Dept, is satisfied with the proposed access and egress onto Bleak Hill Road on the approach to the crest of the hill.

However, on account of the continued postponement of any already approved development on this land over several years, this site has become very overgrown and an eye-sore in a prime residential area. This, in turn, has resulted in complaints by residents and the necessary repairs made by the builder i.e. repairs to crumbling brick

boundary walls, and the car-park fencing and the cutting back overgrown brambles etc. which restricted some access to pavement on Bleak Hill Road, have been of a temporary nature.

Thus the Parish Council would welcome the proposed development as a great improvement to the neighbourhood and would hope that, should the application be successful, the work would be carried out in the near future as opposed to being kept in the developers land-bank as might have happened in the past.

b) P/2013/0745- Land at Emma Wood, Blindfoot Road, - Variation of conditions 9.19,23 ,of approval P/2012/0677 to provide minor variations to the approval scheme, including car park, street furniture, maintenance barn, reception building, entrance gate, and landscaping.

Resolved that no objections be raised concerning this application.

B.) Approval: P/2013/0594- 132 Bleak Hill Rd.- Erection of green –house- Permission granted

Received and Noted

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

a) email from David Sudworth- Local Life Magazine- request to be added to the circulation list for copies of the Windle Parish Council agenda and minutes.

Resolved that this request be met.

b) Invitation from the Millenium Centre to a service at 1.00pm on Monday 28th October 2013, at St Helens Parish Church . Cllr. R. W. Barton will be attending as he is a trustee of the Millenium Centre (St Helens) Ltd.

Clerk to reply to

94. Ecclesfield Sports Facility-Report- The contractor Balfour Beatty had installed a temporary building on the shopping car-park, which has since been moved to the car park near the changing rooms. The next committee meeting was scheduled for December.

95. LALC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC

Copy of MAPTC agenda Received & Noted

Information on latest courses available. Received & Noted

96. L.W.P.A. – There had been one incident reported recently of youngsters causing some disturbance on the play area, but no more since then.

97. J. Malone Garden- Cllr. Wally Ashcroft reported that after his recent battle with the weeds, he intended to spread a generous load of manure on the garden to improve the quality and fertility of the soil, which is currently at a low ebb.

98. Parish Newsletter- Articles required a.s.a.p. - to be sent to Cllr. W. Ashcroft in the first instance, for handing over to Brian Walsh.

99. Christmas Tree Lighting – Report The Mayor of St Helens ,Cllr..Andy Bowden will be attending. There is still the need to appoint an M.C. for the event.

Cllr. Nancy Ashcroft had asked Mr. John Glover who had reluctantly had to turn the request down. The Clerk agreed to approach another likely candidate in the next week or so.

100. Reports from Other Bodies Cllr. W. Ashcroft announced that there would be a meeting of the St Helens Sports Council, at the Town Hall, on 24th October 2013, which he would be attending.

101. FINANCE: (a) Balances; The Clerk informed Council that the Bank balances at 28th September 2013 were:

	£
Current A/c	7248.41
Business Reserve A/c	6035.01

(b) Payment of Accounts- Resolved that

Payment of the following accounts be made :

	£
Nat West Bank Monthly Voucher Statement Fees	3.25
(Douglas Tonks Ltd ,qtrly. Direct Debit to cover)	933.13
(Salary & Paye 904.63/ Admin. Fee incl.VAT £19.00/)	
(STI nil returns£9.50)	
Post Office Ltd. BT Tel A/c dedicated line	115.75
Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire 15/10/13	21.00
B. Walsh Website	35.00

(c) Risk Assessment- Review carried out of internal controls and finance arrangements including Internal audit.

102. Date of Next Meeting – This would be held on Tuesday, 19th November 2013, commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed _____(Chairman) _____(Date)