

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

**Present;** Councillors Mrs. K. S. Barton ( Chairman)  
Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)  
W. Ashcroft  
R. W. Barton  
Mrs. A. Bate  
K. D. Roughley  
Mrs. E. Uren

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

105. Prayers – The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

106. Apologies – had been received from Councillor S. Bligh attending a further Maths. Tutorial and Councillor Mrs. M. McNulty- indisposed.

107. Declarations of Interest- None were made.

### 108. Parish Matters

a) Seasonal Banner- It was suggested by Cllr. Roughley that the purchase of a suitable banner be investigated to wish all residents of the Parish “ A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All Residents from the Windle Parish Council” This Banner to be displayed on the fencing at Bleak Hill School, subject to permission.

Resolved that prices be obtained and the purchase be made if satisfactory – not more than £80.also School to be approached for agreement.

N.B. Cllr. W. Ashcroft declared an interest and thus abstained from voting on this matter.

(b) There had been an outbreak of dog – fouling in Regal Drive and Fairway. Noted.

© The Clerk reported weather damage to the Council Notice Board in the School grounds and he would arrange for repair, subject to price, as soon as possible.

109. Minutes – The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be accepted and approved and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

### 110. Matters Arising

a) The Clerk gave an update on the site visit to Maddock's Farm (see min 93c) and read out the letter he had sent supporting Rainford Parish Council's, and those of the farmers involved, opposition to siting the electricity power line overhead instead of

underground. The preliminary meeting had been held today with the appointed inspector, but the main meeting would be in early May 2012.

b) The Chairman commented favourably on the moving Remembrance Sunday 13th Nov ( and also Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov) Parades in Victoria Square, which she had attended and laid the wreath from the Parish Council.

#### 111. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following;

##### A. Planning Applications

1. P/2011/0869- Mr. C. Mitchell – 27 Regal Drive- 2stry. side- extn. and 1<sup>st</sup> Flr. Rear Extn.

2. P/2011/ 0936- Mr.& Mrs.Palfreeman 25 Windlebrook Cresc.-2stry.extn.to rear plus insertion of 1<sup>st</sup> Flr.window into gable end.

##### B. Approvals

P/2011/0818- 38 Crantock Grove – Single Stry.Extn. to rear.

P/2011/0807- Conversion of garage into an inhabitable room with new pitched roof, plus alterations to existing ground -floor window at the side

Resolved that no objections or comment be made regarding the two applications in A. and that the two approvals in B should be noted.

#### 112. Other Correspondence

Halton & St Helens CVS bulletin. Received

#### 113. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

No report made.

#### 114. NALC/LALCMAPTC/SLCC

The Clerk confirmed he would be attending the Finance Course on 7/12/11 in Penwortham conducted by LALC.

Details had been received of courses to be held in 2012, and also the LALC accounts and Annual Report for 2010-11. Received

#### 115. Lynton Way Play Area.

The Clerk had written to Paul Sanderson ( Director of the Environment- St Helens Council) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 ref. Min 97-18/10/11, but as yet no reply had been received.

An invoice had been received from St Helens Council covering the cost of opening and closing the play area on a daily basis from 01/0411- to 20/10/11 for £2339.06, which was now due for payment.

#### 116. J. Malone Garden

Cllr. Marie McNulty needed help with the Garden and Councillors W. Ashcroft, A. Bate and K. Roughley volunteered to help.

117. Parish Newsletter

The editor, Ken Roughley, having not too long since, returned from a holiday in Australia, was applying the finishing touches to the latest edition for publication and distribution in December. The Chairman congratulated him on accomplishing this.

118. Christmas Tree Lighting 2011-Report

Arrangements were well in hand .

A 12ft.Spruce Christmas Tree had been purchased ex Rainfords £70.00+ vat.-see min.101-18/10/11

Estimate received from St Helens Council Lighting Dept. for Install/ Remove Tree and Lighting £381.81

Establishment Cost(25%) 95.45

Total £477.26

It may well prove necessary to pay for the provision of a coach for transporting the children, attending the event from St Thomas of Canterbury CP School ( est. cost £80) This latter provision had previously generously been made by Peter Houlton- free of charge, but he would be unable to oblige this year.

Resolved that approval be given for the acceptance of the estimate from St Helens Council and for any necessary transport to be arranged, and also for a letter of thanks to be sent to Peter Houlton for his generosity in previous years.

119. Pre- Christmas Reception- Report

It was confirmed that there would be a meeting held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011, to finalise catering arrangements.

Resolved

that Mrs. Worrall, who was relinquishing her post as the School Pedestrian Crossing Attendant, after many years of service at Bleak Hill, should be invited to attend.

120. Reports from Other Bodies

a) Bleak Hill School Governors Meeting next Tuesday- Cllr. Sheila Barton would invite them to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting.

121. Meeting of St Helens Parish Clerks- Report

This had taken place at St Helens Town Hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and the Clerk gave a brief resume. The main point of interest was the large bills which had been received by most of the Parish Councils e.g. £4000- £5000 in some cases for election costs. This was due largely to the cost of postal voting. Windle Parish Council, not having to hold a contested election, had been charged £170.16

It would seem prudent to increase the amount allocated annually in the budget to £1250 instead of the current £1000. to give £5000 reserve over 4 years.

Information had been received of balances remaining for money allocated to the- now defunct- Ward Committees.

Resolved that the Ward Councillors be requested to apply for some of this to help defray the cost of the Christmas Tree Lighting for the Parish Council, or for these costs to be met by the Borough Council on an annual basis, as appeared to happen with other Parish Councils in St Helens.

Cllr. W. Ashcroft declared an interest in this matter, as a Ward Councillor and Windle Parish Councillor.

122. Finance: a) The Clerk informed the Council that the Bank Balances at the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 were; Current A/c £7597.60 and the Business Reserve A/c £7329.43

b) Payment of Accounts - Resolved that approval be given for the payment of the following accounts: - £

NatWest Bank	Bank Charges - Voucher Statement Fee	3.25
Ecclesfield	Project Revenue A/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Payment	353.00
R. & D. Rainford	Christmas Tree	84.00
Eccleston P.C.	Room Hire 15/11/11	21.00
Post Office Ltd.	St Helens Council - Security Services Opening /Closing L.W.P.A. Period 4/4/11-2/10/11	2339.06

c) Budget- Discussion delayed until Dec or Jan Meetings.

123. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and would be followed by the Pre-Christmas Reception at 8.30pm. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December the Tree lighting Carol Service would be held at 2.15pm at Bleak Hill CP School.

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_