

## WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday, 16 March 2004

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft (Chairman)  
Councillor W Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs K S Barton  
Councillor Mrs J Foster  
Councillor Mrs M P Fraser  
Councillor A F Rigby  
Councillor K D Roughley  
Councillor Mrs E Uren  
Councillor Mrs B Walsh

Also in Attendance: Canon C Byworth  
L J Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

186. Prayers

Prayers for the work of the Council had been said previously at the opening of the Annual Assembly.

187. Apologies

There were no apologies made.

188. Declarations of Interest

Councillor K D Roughley declared that, as a member of St Helens Council Planning Committee, he would withdraw from the meeting whilst planning matters were discussed.

No other declarations were made.

189. Parish Matters

- (a) The Clerk was pleased to inform councillors that Mr Noel Davies would, after all, be available to act as Master of Ceremonies at the Christmas Tree Lighting in December for one more year. Noted.
- (b) Concern had been expressed regarding the state of disrepair of the boundary wall and fencing to the site on Bleak Hill Road (formerly French's Farm).

Resolved that a letter be sent to Henderson Housebuilders, copy to St Helens Council planning Office, requesting that the necessary repairs be carried out and that a letter be sent to the Planning Office requesting help and assistance in this matter. Clerk to arrange.

- (c) Liverpool St Helens RUFC, Moss Lane, had been subject to attacks of vandalism and had arranged for protective shutters to be installed. Noted.
- (d) Residents of St Georges Avenue, Queens Drive, etc., had been complaining of vehicles making "rat run" detours to avoid the traffic calming bumps on Coronation Road, etc. Highways had been made aware of this. Noted.
- (e) The new Bleak Hill School fence appeared to be somewhat ineffective, as it was being used as a means of climbing and gaining access to the premises near the school entrances.
- (f) The Christmas tree would need to be taken down, probably towards the end of April after the Easter holidays. Clerk to arrange next month.
- (g) Parents, etc. delivering pupils to school were still parking over zig-zag lines in Fairway, etc., despite recent police campaign. A police presence was required at 8.50 am to enforce those parking restrictions. Noted.

190. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 February 2004, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 17 February 2004 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

191. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

192. Planning Applications

- (a) The Clerk submitted invitation to comment in respect of:
  - (i) P/2004/0203 – Mr & Mrs Radcliffe, 6 Windle Grove – single storey side extension to create utility room off existing kitchen;

(ii) P/2004/0245 – Ms K Fairhurst, 58 Queens Drive – two storey side extension for garage and utility room and enlarged bedroom above and two storey rear extension for additional bedroom accommodation above the extended lounge and new kitchen.

(b) There were no approvals received, but there was a refusal of appeal reference P/2003/1250, concerning a Maiden Outdoor Advert Sign at BP/Safeway, Windle.

Resolved that the refusal in (b) be noted and no comments be made reference the two planning applications in (a).

193. Other Correspondence

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

- (a) Notice of closure of sub-post office at Knowsley Road on 7 April 2004. Noted.
- (b) Local Agenda 21 – Spring 2004 Issue of “Pick-me-up”. Received.
- (c) Network News, Vol 2, Issue 1 – from St Helens Community Empowerment Network. Received.
- (d) Letter from M Murphy, St Helens North Crime Prevention Team, requesting help/donation to help reduce crime in St Helens North.

Resolved that further information be obtained by the Clerk.

194. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Details of the meeting of Ecclesfield Management Committee meeting held on 2 March 2004 were given, regarding necessary repairs and anti-theft measures carried out.

An amendment to the constitution had been agreed, i.e. currently three persons attending constituted a quorum, with one from each Parish Council. In the event of there being no representatives from either Windle or Eccleston Parish Councils, and apologies having been received, a quorum could not be declared. If no apologies were given from one side or the other, then the meeting may be declared quorate.

This was decided on the basis that there would be no opportunity to cancel the meeting.

195. Quality Parish Councils

No report.

196. LAPTC

The Clerk gave details of the new address for LAPTC as from 1 April 2004, viz:

LAPTC  
Howick House  
Howick Park Avenue  
Penwortham  
Preston PR1 0LS      Tel: 01772 750900

197. Consultation on Proposed Local Authorities Code Ex ODPM

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

198. Reports From Other Bodies

There were no reports made.

199. Footpath Walks 2004

Councillor Mrs P Fraser expressed a willingness to do the pre-walks and prepare routes and instructions, etc., but felt unable to participate in the actual Sunday walks. These were normally of some two hours' duration and scheduled to commence at 2.00 pm.

Resolved that Geoff Evans and Ted Griffiths, residents of Windle Grove and Kiln Lane respectively, be asked to serve on the Footpath Walks Committee to help to alleviate this situation.

200. Lynton Way Play Area

The Clerk reported information obtained from St Helens Council that the roundabout had originally been removed from the play area for repairs. Unfortunately this proved not to be possible and a replacement was necessary. The Clerk had requested estimates, etc. of any such replacement, so that these might be discussed by the Parish Council.

St Helens Council Security Services had forwarded details of the Service Level Agreement for 1 April 2004 – 31 March 2005 at £2640.92 per annum.

Resolved that the Clerk should inform St Helens Council that the matter was under review, but to carry on as per the contract terms for the time being. Also the Clerk was to obtain estimates from alternative sources.

201. Jim Malone Garden

Nil report.

202. Newsletter

Preparation of the next edition was well under way and requests were made for any outstanding contributions to be made as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported that Bleak Hill School was in the process of producing its own newsletter (The Bleak Hill Bugle) and had promised to provide him with a copy as soon as available within the next week. Mr Isaac, the Head Teacher, had given permission for any suitable material to be re-printed in the Windle Parish Newsletter.

It was noted that all outstanding monies due from advertising had now been received.

203. Finance

(a) Balances

It was noted that the balances at 27 February 2004 were:

Current Account - £151.94

Capital Reserve Account - £10486.39

(b) The Bank Mandate

The "new" mandate had finally been approved and authorised by Natwest Bank at long last.

(c) Payment of Accounts

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

|   | £     |
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| Eccleston Parish Council      Room Hire | 16.00 |

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|-------------------|---|--------|
| Mrs S A Hull      | Reimbursement for purchase<br>of computer print cartridge | 23.99  |
| L J Kilshaw       | Salary & Postage  | 214.22 |
| Bleak Hill School | Photocopying Services                                     | 20.58  |

204. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 20 April 2004 at Ecclestone Village Hall, commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_

LJK/SAH