

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 16th May 2006 at Eccleston Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft
Councillor W.Ashcroft
Councillor R.W.Barton
Councillor K.D.Roughley
Councillor Mrs.B. Walsh

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

13. Prayers

Prayers for the work of the Council had been said previously on the opening of the Annual Meeting.

14. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs.M.P.Fraser (bereavement), A.F.Rigby and Mrs.E.Uren (prior engagements).

15. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

16. Parish Matters

- The window had been put through again at the dry cleaners shop in Kiln Lane.
- The lack of car parking space at the new adjoining premises here was also causing some inconvenience.

Resolved that matters might be improved by reducing the width of the pavement in front of the Kiln Lane shops to provide more space for parking, and this suggestion be pursued further i.e.by consultation with the Police and St.Helens Council.

17. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th April 2006, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on the 18 April

- 2006 , be confirmed as a true correct record and be signed by the Chairman.
18. Matters Arising

The electric fence mentioned in min.206 and 228 had now been taken down, but had originally been placed in situ,it was believed,because of a bull being kept in a nearby field.The question of rights of way and public footpaths would be clarified with Mr.Peter Coulton (St.Helens Council).

19. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted :

(a) an invitation to comment in respect of ;

(1 P/2006/0468- Mr.Gorman 34 Rutherford Road- Conservatory to rear.

(2) P/2006/0522 – Mr.& Mrs.Taylor 11 Hamilton Road- Works to trees in conservation area and single- stry.rear extn.incorporating dining room

(3) P /2006/0539- Mr.S.Tyrer – 31 Queens Drive – 2stry.side-extn.plus single stry.extns.to side and rear, and conversion of a flat-roof to a pitched-roof.

(b) Approvals

There where no approvals received to be noted

Resolved that no comments be made regarding the three planning applications detailed in (a).

20. Other Correspondence

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

a) “Contact” – Latest edition- Received.

b) Planning Consultation ex Knowsley Council- Noted

c) Invitation to attend Mayor`s Sunday-21 May 2006.

Clerk had already consulted with the new Chairman and had informed the Mayor`s Officer that Councillors Mrs.K.S.Barton and R.W.Barton would be attending. Noted.

d) Letter of Resignation from Councillor A.F.Rigby for personal reasons. After much discussion and expressions of regret,together with fulsome tribute for his long service on the Parish Council,the Council reluctantly agreed to accept his resignation.

Clerk to inform St.Helens Council as necessary, regarding the resultant “Casual Vacancy”.

21. Quality Parish Councils

Nil Report.

22. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Nil Report.

23. LAPTC/NALC

Discussion of the membership fees etc., for LAPTC/MAPTC for 2006/07 had taken place initially at the April Meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved that membership be maintained and to include two subscriptions only for the NALC magazine- one for Councillors Mrs.K.S. and R.W.Barton and one for the Clerk .

24. Parish Newsletter – Report

The Newsletter was almost ready to go to print.

The Clerk was hoping to finalize an outstanding advert.plus a totally new one,over the next day or two,when he would forward it to the Editor.

25. Lynton Way Play Area – Report

The new higher fencing and gates etc.was ,so far,proving an effective preventative measure against trespassers in the play area,but the peak time for this activity was still some weeks away.

Some complaints had been received from some residents concerning noisy closure of the gates in Lynton Way.These complaints had been passed on to Brian Johnson (Parks & Leisure) and his department were hoping to solve this problem.

26. Parish Boundary Adjustments- Report

The Ward Councillors gave an account of the St.Helens Council Meeting on 19 April 2006 ,when it was eventually resolved that ,in the case of Windle Parish, the Parish boundary be altered so that the boundary between the Parish and the Rainford Borough Ward coincides with the boundary between the Windle Borough Ward and the Rainford Borough Ward.

It was pointed out that this draft recommendation ,although thus confirmed and adopted for the next stage of the Parish Review,as previously approved at the St.Helens Council meeting on 9 November 2005,may still be subjected to consultation and representation by residents.

27. Jim Malone Garden

The Clerk reported the prompt removal of the offending syringes(see min.236)

28. An initial attempt to tidy up the Garden had also been made.
Bleak Hill School Awards

The Clerk informed the Council that a date had been agreed for this annual event viz. Friday 14 July 2006- 9.00 am for 9.15 start.

Resolved that the presentations take place as agreed, and the level of prizes- W.H.Smith Gift Vouchers -- be the same as in 2005 - £150 (INCL.VAT)

29. Footpath Walks

Councillor Mrs.B.Walsh had supplied a copy of the map(see min238) for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

30. Garden Competition/School Poster Competition

An entry form for the Garden Competition would be include in the Newsletter, -and judging take place in July-provisionally the 18th.

As usual the Poster Competition would take place after the half-term holiday. Some arrangements were believed to be in hand but the Clerk would consult Councillor Mrs.M.P.Fraser (not present at the meeting) to confirm.

31. Insurance –Renewal / Risk Assessment

An invitation to renew ,at a cost of £460.20 (c.f. £431.69) was submitted from Allianz Cornhill. This included cover for £1500 worth of computer equipment purchased.

Resolved that the renewal of cover be approved.

32. Reports from Other Bodies

(a) St.Helens CVS- Chief Executive ,Kate Williams was leaving to take up another post.

(b) Windle Charities had appointed a new member viz.Cllr.Carol Cavanagh a St.Helens Town Councillor.

A of grant of £300 had been made to help a 15 year old boy ,chosen to appear at Judo for England ,but whose father was disabled.

33. Finance

- (a) Balances

The Clerk reported that the balances at the 30th April 2006 were :

Current Account - £3551.70

Capital Reserve Account -£7988.35

(b) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
L.A.P.T.C.	Annual Subscriptions	396.45
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 16.05.06	18.00
Allianz Cornhill plc	Insurance – Annual Premium	460.20
*J.Friar	Internal Audit Fee 2005/06 etc.	140.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary ,Expenses and Purchases	306.48

(c) Balance Sheet – Receipts& Payments Accounts

The Clerk presented the Balance Sheet/Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2006.

Resolved that the Balance Sheet /Receipts & Payments Y/E 31/03 /06 be accepted and approved by the Council.

(d) Internal Audit

The Internal Auditor,Mr.John Friar , had provided his report for the Financial Year 2005/06,which was accepted by the Parish Council.

*In view of his past 4 years service in this post it was

Resolved that the Internal Auditor be paid an additional £25.00 on top of the normal annual fee of £115.00 in appreciation of his services for this period , and that a review of the annual fee be carried out during the current financial year.

(e) External Audit

The date of the audit was Friday 28th July 2006, and it was intended that the necessary documents and returns would be ready for approval and completion at the June meeting.

34. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting would be held on Tues.20 June 2006 commencing 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)