

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Windle Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 16th July 2013, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

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

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

49.) Apologies had been received from Councillors S. A. Bligh –away, and Mrs. M. McNulty- indisposed.

50.) Declarations of Interest: No declarations made.

51.) Parish Matters

a) A complaint had been received concerning the overgrown and dilapidated state of the site of French's Farm, on Bleak Hill Road, which now belongs to Hendersons the builders. This site is an eyesore and reflects badly on a prime residential area within the Parish.

Resolved that contact be made with Planning Department, so that pressure may be brought to bear on Hendersons to improve matters.

b) Cllr. Roughley informed Council that, due to health problems, he felt that he would be unable to fulfil the role of Deputy Chairman, and later as Chairman in 2014-2015, and said that he wished to withdraw from the position.

Resolved, that this item be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.

c) The Clerk indicated that it was time once again for the two additional links, covering last year and the current year, to be ordered and fitted to the Chairman's Chain of Office.

Resolved that this be done with a budget figure of £70 to £80

d) Cllr R. W. Barton described an incident involving a wheelie –bin and a resident in Regal Drive, and it was recommended that St Helens Council be advised by telephoning 456789.

e) The Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday 29th June 2013, held at the Cenotaph, Victoria Square, when Cllrs. Wally and Nancy Ashcroft had represented the Parish Council on what proved to be an impressive and moving occasion..

52.) Minutes The Council received the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 18th June 2013, copies of which had been circulated earlier.

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

53. Matters Arising Ref.min33a – it appeared that the vehicles referred to are still being parked on Bleak Hill Rd.. Matter to be reported to Highways Dept. again.

54. Planning Matters – The Clerk gave opportunity for comment on the following;

a.) Applications – No new applications had been received.

b.) Approvals - P/2013/0383- 66 Lynton Way single stry.extn. to front. Granted 9/7/2013

Resolved that the approval in (b) be noted.

55. Other Correspondence

Invitation received from Gill Pinder (St Helens Council) for up to 3 representatives from the Parish Council to attend the Planning Presentation meeting to be held, at the Town Hall, on Thursday 8th August regarding future plans etc. for local development in the St Helens area.

56. Garden Competition 2013 – Report

A very high standard of entries had been made this year. The list of winners was supplied to the Clerk, for invitations to be sent to attend the prize giving on the 17th September 2013. It may be possible to try to obtain vouchers from a local garden centre etc. or retailers such as B & Q.

Draw made for the raffle prize – all entrants entered- winner of two tickets to attend the Southport Flower Show in August is Mr. J. Davies of 5, Padstow Drive.

.Chairman will call on him to present his tickets.

57. Ecclesfield Sports Facility- Report

A special meeting to be called shortly to discuss pitch arrangements etc.

Payment needs to be made covering the third quarter of 2013- 2014.

58. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC. An agreed national salary increase had been agreed for local council clerks – details to follow.

Details given of a LALC Employment Workshop on Wednesday, 18th September - cost per person £25.00. Noted

59.) Lynton Way Play Area- Report- The Chairman had spoken to Ward Councillor Lynne Glover and asked for a meeting with her and her fellow Windle Ward Councillors David Baines and Sophie Robinson to discuss any possible solutions to the financial situation concerning L.W.P.A.

60.) J. Malone Garden- Report

Resolved that the Millenium Bench would be re-stained by Councillor W. Ashcroft and the Clerk a. s. a. p.

Cllr. W. Ashcroft was also intending to treat the weeds with a strong weed-killer in the next few weeks.

61. Parish Newsletter – Report

The magazine had been published under the editorship of Brian Walsh, and distributed, and early reports indicated that it had been well received by the residents.

62. Bleak Hill School Awards- Report- Presentation of the awards by

Cllr.W.Ashcroft, as Chairman, had been carried out at the usual enjoyable assembly at the School on Monday, 8th July 2013 and with several Councillors attending.

The Christmas Tree Lighting had been provisionally agreed with the School for Friday 6th December 2013. Lennie Lowe was available once more to fulfil his

customary Christmas role. However Mr. A. Hull, our M.C. had informed that he would be going away on holiday on that date.

63. Reports from Other Bodies

No reports received.

64. Finance : (a) Balances at the 1st July 2013 were Current A/c £11582.96 and the Business Reserve A/c £6035.01.

(b) Payment of Accounts – Resolved that payment of the following accounts be noted and approved :

		£
Nat West Bank	Voucher Statement Fees	3.25
Douglas Tonks Ltd.	Direct Debit / Accountants	933.13
Bleak Hill CP School	Photocopying Services April-July	15.54
L. J. Kilshaw	Re-imburement for School Awards /W.H. Smith Vehrs.	130.00
Post Office	BT tel. a/c	123.09
DSG Retail Ltd. PC World	Stationery for Newsletter Leaflet.	30.01
L. J. Kilshaw	Post / Purchases/ Expenses April- July	26.26
Eccleston P.C.	Room Hire 16 th July 2013	21.00
Ecclesfield Project Rev.	A/c Third Qrtly. Payment	356.53
B. Walsh	Website	35.00
L. J. Kilshaw	Easily Ltd. Payments for 2 yr. extension of Domain Name etc.	82.76

© External Audit 2012/13 is due to be carried out on Monday next, 22nd July 2013. and all documents would be posted tomorrow for next day delivery.

65. Date of Next Meeting- To be held on Tuesday 17th September 2013 and would follow on after the Garden Competition Prizes at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

Signed ----- (Chairman) -----(Date)