

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th December 2008 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

Present : Councillor R. W. Barton (Deputy Chairman)
 *(Councillor W. Ashcroft (Chairman))
 Councillor Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft
 Councillor Mrs. K . S. Barton
 Councillor Mrs. A. Bate
 Councillor S. A. Bligh
 Councillor Mrs. M. McNulty
 Councillor K. D. Roughley

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

122. Prayers

Cllr. R. W. Barton , in the Chair, welcomed everyone ,and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council .

123. Apologies

Cllr. W .Ashcroft (Chairman) was attending a St Helens Council Function at the Town Hall but intended to arrive later in the evening at this meeting. This he did arriving at 7.30pm.

Cllr. Mrs. E. Uren - away on holiday.

124. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

125. Parish Matters

No matters were raised.

126. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday ,2nd December 2008, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council , held on 2nd December 2008 should be signed as a true and correct record .

127. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

128. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following applications - :

P/2008/1214 and 1215- J. Llewellyn 1 Malt House Court and P. Gray 2 Malt House Court for the creation of front balconies on the front elevation of these properties.

N. B. These applications replace an earlier applicant. No.1071 by Mr. Lewellyn ,which had now been withdrawn.

Resolved that no comment be made concerning these applications.

129. Other Correspondence

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

1. Dec2008/Jan 2009 Issue of Contact Magazine from St Helens CVS.----- Received
2. Invitation from Blackburn Cathedral for the Chairman to attend an Epiphany Service there in January 2009. Cllr. W. Ashcroft to reply to this invitation.

130. Code of Conduct – Adoption

Resolved that the latest amended Model Code of Conduct be adopted by Windle Parish Council as from the 1st January 2009, and be published on the website etc.

131. Ecclesfield

The drainage of pitches problems still persisted and an inspection of drainage pipes was to be made .

132. LAPTC/NALC/SLCC

Nil report.

133. Lynton Way Play Area

An email had been received from Peter Mavers (St Helens Council) following the meeting with the Chairman , Cllr. W. Ashcroft , and the Clerk to try and reduce the charge for security and opening and closing of the play park.

In this communication the only acceptable alternative suggested was one whereby the gates would be left unlocked , except for Saturday and Sunday evenings for a trial period ,commencing on 15th December 2008 until March 15th 2009.

The Clerk had already replied to accept this trial, but with the proviso that the progress of the scheme would be reviewed at the Parish Council Meeting on the 20th January 2009. It was hoped that this would reduce the bill for the current year by some £700.00.

Resolved that this action be endorsed and the review made in January.

134. Jim Malone Garden

Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty informed that some Leylandi cuttings appear to have been dumped in the garden and these would appear to emanate from the hedge of the first house in Bleak Hill Close. As this is a memorial garden this seems entirely inappropriate.

Resolved that this situation be monitored, and should this happen again a letter of protest should be sent to the offending household by the Clerk.

Cllr. W. Ashcroft entered the meeting at this point – at 7.30pm.

135. a) Tree Lighting Report – this event had been conducted at Bleak Hill C.P. School on Friday 12th December and had once again been a success, and enjoyed by all those attending.

The Clerk informed that it had been necessary to purchase a new set of lights as the wiring, of the ones left on the tree last year, had been chewed through.

Cllr. R. W. Barton, in the Chair, complimented Cllr. W. Ashcroft for conducting the occasion so well and also the Clerk for arranging it successfully.

b) Pre- Christmas Reception – all arrangements were in hand for this reception to take place after this meeting – guests had been requested to arrive for 8.30pm.

136. Reports from Other Bodies

St Helens Sports Council

Councillor W. Ashcroft informed that there was to be a re-structuring of their system and an increase in subsidies made available.

137. Finance :

a) Balances : The Council noted that the balances at the 15th December 2009 were as follows;

	£
Current A/C	596.44
Capital Deposit A/C	11,599.43

c) Payment of Accounts

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

	£
Bleak Hill C.P. School -Photo copying services Sept-Dec	23.22
Eccleston P.C. Room Hire 16/12/08	20.00
L.J.Kilshaw Hospitality, Purchases, Post, Salary	391.45

d) Budget/ Precept 2009/2010

A letter had been received from St Helens Council informing that the Council Base Tax Rate for the Parish for the financial year 2009/2010 had been set at 1.007 (Band "D" equivalent properties).

(in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base)Regulations 1992)

Received &Noted

In addition the letter notified the proposed dates for payment of the Parish Precept for 2009 / 2010 viz ; 50% on 24th April 2009)
50% on 26th June 2009)

(in accordance with the Local Authorities (Funds)(England) R'egulations 1992 Parish Precept Dates 2009/2010)

Resolved to agree to the proposed dates and that a letter confirming this be sent to Mr. R. Anders Assnt. Treasurer(Accountancy & Payments) St Helens Council.

The budget for 2009/2010 was still in the course of preparation and it would be necessary for the Finance Committee to consider it at a special meeting –date to be arranged.

138. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 20th January 2009,commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)