

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 17th January 2012, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. K. S. Barton (Chairman)

- “ Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)
- “ W. Ashcroft *
- “ R. W. Barton
- “ Mrs. A. Bate
- “ S. A. Bligh
- “ Mrs. M. McNulty
- “ K. D. Roughley
- “ Mrs. E. Uren

Also in Attendance: Mrs. P. Marsden, Mr. P.S. Marsden, Mr. S. G. Marsden
(Residents of Hartington Road, which is in the Windle Ward)
L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

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

143. Apologies: * Councillor W. Ashcroft was not present at the opening of the meeting, due to a prior commitment, and had apologised informing that he expected to be delayed, but he arrived very soon after the start.

144. Declarations of Interest- Councillors Bate and Roughley declared an interest in the Planning Application P/2011/0828.

145. Parish Matters

a) There had been incidents of pupils from the De La Salle School causing nuisance by throwing stones from the poolside into the ornamental pool by the newsagent's shop at Coronation Rd.

The newsagents had been subjected to a break- in and the theft of cigarettes etc. The Police were investigating

b) Residents in Fairway and Regal Drive still complained of dog fouling in the area. Dog Wardens **help** to be requested.

c) Two youths had been arrested trying to break into a house on Rainford Rd. - a prompt alert to the Police, by watchful neighbours, had brought this about. Apparently, as a modus operandi, the youths would ring the door-bell and, if there was no answer, then attempt to force an entrance.

146. Minutes: The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th December 2011, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th December 2011 should be accepted and approved , and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

147. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

148. Planning Matters

At this point permission was given for the three residents to express their views on the Planning Application P/2011/1031 and 1032 made by Euro Garages Ltd. for the erection of a Starbucks Drive-Thru Coffee Shop, on the land adjacent to the Tesco Service Station, Rainford Road.

These applications had been considered at the meeting on 21st December 2011 by the Council, (see minute 130) and it had been resolved to raise objections to these applications on the grounds that the inevitable increase in the amount and movement of vehicles in a locality, where it is already a severe problem, would be hazardous to safety there. In addition there would be an anticipated increase in litter in what is primarily a residential area, bordering on the crematorium and cemetery.

The Marsdens were concerned that the opportunity for employment was being ignored and denied to local residents, as it had been indicated that there would be some 20 full-time and 10 part-time staff required. Mrs. P. Marsden presented their views and there was some discussion on this point.

It was pointed out that the Council had taken these details into account when considering the application, but, on balance, had considered that concern for the safety of residents and others visiting the site, as a result of the increase in traffic and its effects, must, in this instance, outweigh this factor, and this still remained the opinion of the Council.

The Parish Council and Ward Councillor W. Ashcroft, encouraged Mrs P. Marsden to exercise her democratic rights, and write a letter of support for the proposed application to the Planning Officer, because she appeared to be so strongly in favour of it.

The residents then took their leave, after declining an invitation to stay for the remainder of the meeting, and being thanked for their interest and contribution to the meeting by the Chairman Cllr. Mrs. K. S. Barton, on behalf of the Parish Council, and Cllr. W. Ashcroft as a Windle Ward Councillor.

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following:

a) Approvals

1) P/2011/0832- Mr. M. Bulman 148 Bleak Hill Rd. -Creation of In/ Out driveway and a balcony to an existing rear window opening. Permission Granted.

2) P/2011/0936 Mr. & Mrs. Palfreeman 25 Windlebrook Cresc.-2stry extn. to the rear and insertion of 1st Flr. window into the gable-end. Permission Granted.

3) P/2011/1047-Mr.D.Bottelli 10 Padstow Drive - 2stry.extn. to side. Permission Granted

b) Planning Applications - None received

Resolved that the 3 approvals listed in (a) be noted.

149. Other Correspondence

The Clerk submitted the following items of correspondence, to be dealt with as indicated;

a) Latest mail out from Halton & St Helens CVS. Received & Noted.

b) From Eccleston PC –to inform that Mrs. Lynne Scott (Clerk of Eccleston PC) would be retiring at 31st March 2012. Received & Noted.

150. Ecclesfield Sports Facility- Report

Next committee meeting due in March 2012.

151. NALC/ LALC/MAPTC/SLCC

Employment Briefing E07-11 Further to a previous advice to inform that the Government would revoke the present regulations, in 2012, which give local councils the discretion to pay a retirement and other gratuities confirmation was given that the Local Government(Dicretionary Payments)(Injury Allowances) Regulations 2011, SI 2954 (“the 2011 Regulations”), which will revoke Part VI of the 1996 Regulations is due to come in force on 16th January 2012, and so after this date councils will no longer have the discretion to pay a gratuity. NALC advises that any extant contractual obligations relating to the payment of gratuities may be met.

Re: The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Expected to be some 1012 Beacon locations- will be lit between 10pm and 10.30pm on Mon 4th June 2012. Her Majesty the Queen will be lighting the National Beacon in central London around 10.30pm.

152. Lynnton Way Play Area- Report

Agreement received (via email from Peter Mavers) to the alterations requested from Paul Sanderson (Director of Environmental Protection) for the arrangements for the L.W.P.A. i.e.:

As from Monday 16th January 2012;

1. Opening up of the Play Area at about 10.00am -10.30am Mon- Fri- (except Bank Holidays) by the Playground Inspectors.

St Helens Council Security Force will lock the play area Mon –Fri. as well as opening and locking at weekends.

2. Set of keys to be supplied to the Clerk to the Windle Parish Council–(now received)

3. Terry Deveney to place an order for re-painting of sign in the play area (as requested)

4. Terry Deveney to check progress on the replanting of the hawthorn hedge and complete the works by the end of February at latest.

153. J. Malone Garden – Report

No activity to report apart from tidying and preparing for the next season.

154. Parish Newsletter- Report

The Clerk reported that the annual bills for advertisers were now being sent out.

155. Christmas Tree Lighting - Report

It may be necessary to purchase a new set of lights for next year.

156. Pre-Christmas Reception – Report

This had once more been a well received event and the catering arrangements had worked out well. The Clerk requested that any cheques made out to the ladies for catering purchases, and not yet presented for payment, should be presented as soon as possible please.

157. Reports from Other Bodies (including the Police Representative)

No reports received.

158. Finance

a) Balances: The Clerk informed the Council that the bank balances@12/01/12 were: Business Current A/c £2861. 85 Business Reserve A/c £7350.34

b) Payment of Accounts; Resolved that payment be made of the following a/c's

	£
Postage on Document requested from LALC	4.00
B. Walsh Website/ Computer	35.00
Eccleston PC Room Hire 20/12/11	21.00
Eccleston PC Room Hire 17/01/12	21.00
Post Office Dedicated BT Tel. line incl. B/ band	93.47

c) Budget /Precept 2012- 13

Discussion delayed until Feb. meeting after Finance Committee Meeting ,
Resolved this latter meeting should be held 7.30pm Tuesday 14th Feb.2012,
at 54 Brookside Avenue, Eccleston.

However the letter from R. Anders, Assistant Treasurer(Accountancy &
Exchequer Services) St Helens Council, notifying the proposed payment dates
for the Parish Precepts 2012/13 50% on 23rd April 2012 ,50% on 25th June
2012, and also that the Council Tax Base for Windle Parish had been set at
£1.035(Band `D` equivalent properties) for 2012/13 was considered.

Resolved to agree to the aforementioned payment dates 23rd April and 25th
June 2012, and that the Clerk should write a letter confirming this to St
Helens Council, R. Anders(Accountancy & Exchequer Services).

159. Date of Next Meeting ; was scheduled for 7.30pm.Tuesday 21st February 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) (Date _____)