

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2009 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

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

173. Prayers for the work of the Council had previously been said at the earlier Parish Assembly.

174. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. W.Ashcroft – away on St Helens Council business and Cllr.Mrs.M.McNulty- prior commitment.

175. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made .

176. Parish Matters

The usual problems of dog fouling and parking problems in Coronation Rd. and Fairway were raised and efforts are continuing to combat these.
 There had been a number of suspicious vehicles sighted in the area and residents were to be requested to note the registration numbers and report any such vehicles to Crime Stoppers .

177. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 17th February 2009, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council, held on the 17th February 2009, be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

178. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

179. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following applications ;

A) Applications

1. P/2009/0130 – Mr.C.Richards 51 Rainford Road ,Windle –Demolitn.of existing dwelling & erectn.of 2.5 stry.bldng.for the creation of 5 x 2bedroom apartmnts.with associated parking.

2.P/2009/0158 – G.Palfrey 99 Rainford Road, Windle – Single stry .rear extn.

B) Approval – P/2009/0084- D.Hollihead 83 Bleak Hill Rd. App/for Cert.of Lawfulness for demolitn. Of existing conservatory and erectn. of single stry.pitched roof extn.

Resolved that the approval in B be noted, and that no comments be made concerning application no.2 in A .

However it was advised that no public notices had been posted in the vicinity concerning application no.1, nor had all neighbouring properties been informed,and consequently, the Clerk should write pointing this out to the Planning Officer concerned.

The Grade 2 Listed Building known as “The Barn “on Rainford Road,Windle -adjoining “Beechcroft” had been fitted with plastic windows and fascias etc.which would contravene planning regulations and the Clerk was requested to point this out to Planning Office for them to follow up.

180. Other Correspondence

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

1. Latest issue of “Contact” magazine from St Helens CVS – Received

181. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

It was reported that drainage problems were still causing problems with the pitches and research had revealed that a full survey would cost in the region of £15,000.United Utilities may have to be involved as it may be that the land-drains are at fault.

A suggestion was made that pitches should be inspected every Thursday, so that matches might be called off in good time when necessary.

182. LALC/NALC/MAPTC/SLCC

The provisional interim pay award from NALC OF 2.45% , back-dated to 1/04/08, had finally been settled with the additional increase of a further 0.30%.

Resolved that this additional increase be implemented immediately.

183. Lynton Way Play Area

As reported previously the limited opening /closure exercise was proving to be successful so far, and should result in a considerable saving in expenditure.

Resolved that the opening and closing of the gates be limited to ;

Friday evening (locked)	Saturday .morning (opened)
Saturday evening (“ ”)	Sunday “ ” (“ ”)

This arrangement to continue until advised differently. – Clerk to inform St Helens Council Security.

184. Jim Malone Garden - Report

Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty had been clearing up at the garden and would be purchasing some new plants. An upgrade of the site was to be carried out by St Helens Council covered by a grant of £350.

185. Bleak Hill School – Possible Spring Project

The Clerk had liaised with Mr. Wellens (Head –Teacher) and Diane Holcroft (Deputy Head) and, it had emerged that the School was interested in providing a wishing-well for the internal garden. This would be not only be decorative , but would also be used as a “suggestions box” by children and parents etc.

Further research was being carried out regarding possible suppliers etc.

186. Parish Newsletter – Report

Articles were requested a.s.a.p. by Cllr Ken Roughley (Editor) for the next edition . The Clerk informed that “Beyond the Fringe” hairdressers had intimated that they would be supplying a new format advert in April.

Ref.min164 item 3.-17/02/09 – the Clerk had sent a letter of explanation to the resident concerned, regarding the incorrect advice given in the last edition of the Newsletter ,apologising for any inconvenience caused but, at the same time, thanking the lady for taking the trouble to write and advise the Council of the error.

187. Reports

1. Standards Committee

There been a meeting yesterday evening, and the next meeting would be in 3 months time.

188. Sue Faulkener was conducting a campaign attempting to bring about some measures to improve safety when crossing the East Lancs.Rd.etc. at Windle Island Junction.Details were given of the websites etc. involved
-i.e.www.windleislandcampaign.org.uk and http petitions number10.gov.uk/windle island

188. Finance ; a) Balances: The Council noted that the balances, at 24/02/09 were
Current A/c £324.61, Capital Deposit A/c £10116.10

b) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire 17/03/09	20.00
Bleak Hill CP School	Photo-copying Services (Jan – March 31 st 2009)	17.28
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary incl.arrears(+ postage)	347.23

c) Audits

The Internal Audit would be conducted within the next few weeks ,and BDO Stoy Hayward of Southampton, had again been appointed as External Auditors for Year Ending 31/03/2009 .

189. Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st April 2009, commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)