

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting the Windle Parish Council, held on 17th April 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: L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

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

194. Apologies – None

195. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. W. Ashcroft as an allotment owner, pending the anticipated discussion of the 2012 Garden Competition and possible cooperation with Alder Hey Road Allotment Association.

196. Parish Matters

The Clerk reported that the Council notice board at Bleak Hill School was in need of repair, and he would investigate the matter.

197. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of both the Annual Assembly and those of the ordinary meeting held on 20th March 2012.

Resolved that : (a) the minutes of the Annual Assembly be kept on file until March 2013.

(b) the minutes of the ordinary meeting, held on the 20th March 2012, be accepted, and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

198. Matters Arising - Ref. Min.179 - arrival of the Olympic Torch at Windle Island on Fri 1st June 2012- The Clerk had obtained more detail of this event from St Helens Council and had learned that the Torch would be transported in an enclosed van, travelling in a convoy of vehicles from Aintree Race Course to Windle Island. However to avoid congestion the van would travel further down Rainford Road, most probably to pull-in at the Crematorium lay-by. Then the Torch would be brought out and lit, and then carried by a chosen runner for 300 metres from near Stuart Way to the Top of the Green by St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. At this point it may be greeted by the Mayor of St Helens- to be confirmed- but this may provide a photo opportunity. After which it would be carried by further runners down Greenfield

Road, Boundary Road etc and eventually transported by van again, to arrive at Knowsley Safari Park for 3pm.

This tight schedule would seem to preclude the opportunity to greet the procession on an official basis, and also to make obsolete the original proposal to provide a suitable greetings banner. However the Chairman thanked Cllr. Ken Roughley for his efforts in this matter- although it might be possible to place one at the JMG for the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

199. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave invitation to comment on the following:

(a) Applications

(1) P/2012/0221- Mr.K.Austin-15 Fisral Drive- sinle stry.front extn. to form porch and shower-room.

(2) P/2012/0262- Land at Windle Farm, East Lancs. Rd. Windle - Erectn. of a 20m high monopole rad base, and 6m high radio equipment. cabinets etc.

(3) P/2012/0285-Abbeyfield House 51b Rainford Rd.-Works to 4 protected trees (covered by a T.P.O.) Report by St Helens Council Trees and Woodlands Officer gives details of work necessary and recommendation.

(b) Approvals or Otherwise.

P/2012/0050 –Mr. M. Rush 29 Calderhurst Drive – Dem. of existing detached garage /erectn. of s/stry.extn. to side .- Permission granted.

Resolved that no objections be raised concerning the three applications in (a) and that the approval in (b) be noted.

200. Other Correspondence

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

1. Latest bulletin from Halton & St Helens VCA Group- Received & Noted

2. Invitation from St Helens Council for any interested Parish Councillors to attend the Gilmooss Waste Disposal Unit .

Clerk to reply and ascertain times and days etc. Cllrs. Mrs. A. Bate and Mrs. M. McNulty had expressed an interest.

201. Garden Competition 2012 – Report

It had been hoped that a representative from the Alder Hey Allotments would be present regarding a joint venture. However this had not proved possible .

After discussion it was:

Resolved that this year the Competition would be run along the customary lines with minor amendments, in an effort to re-stimulate interest among residents.

202. Ecclesfield Report- No report. Next meeting in June 5th 2012.

203. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC

No report-

Resolved that the Annual subscriptions be approved for payment today.

204. L. W. Play Area- Report

No report.

205. Jim Malone Gdn.

Councillors Bate and Roughley had planted some bulbs etc. Cllr. Mrs. Mc Nulty thanked them for their efforts and help during her period of injury. The Clerk reported that the Millenium Bench would require re- staining this year.

206. Parish Newsletter- Report

Cllr. Ken Roughley requested that any outstanding articles be supplied a. s. a. p. and asked the Clerk ref. the promised change of format advert. due from Beyond the Fringe and was informed that it would be received this very week, and then forwarded to him. Due to the local elections on the 4th of May 2012 the publication would take place after this, and possibly in June.

207. Reports from Other Bodies (including Police Report)

No report..

208. Finance: (a) Balances- The Clerk informed the Council that the Bank balances were, at the 31st March 2012, Business Current A/c = £238.44
BusinessReserve A/c = £6031.25

(b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that payment of the following accounts be made:

	£
BT Tel A/c including B/band - dedicated line	100.75
B. Walsh Website	35.00
LALC/ NALC/ ETC Subscriptions for 2012/13	321.32
Eccleston P.C. Hire of Room 17 April 2012	21.00
Ecclesfield Project Revenue A/c Two Quarterly. Payments	706.00

(c) The Receipts & Accounts Book for the Financial Year 2011-2012

was signed off, with the approval of the Parish Council, by the Chairman Cllr. Sheila Barton and the Clerk.

(d) Details of the VAT Refund Claim, amounting to £963.66, were given by the Clerk and approved.

Resolved this should now be sent to HMRC.

(d) Notification had been received that the External Audit for 2011-2012 was scheduled for Monday 9th July 2012. Noted

209. Date of Next Meeting- to be held on Tuesday 15th May 2012 and will follow on from the AGM, which will start at 7.00PM.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date.