

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 17th June 2014, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present: Councillor R. W. Barton (Chairman)
“ Mrs. K. S. Barton (Deputy Chairman)
“ Mrs N. J. Ashcroft
“ W. Ashcroft
“ S. A. Bligh
“ Mrs. M. McNulty
“ Mrs. E. Uren

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

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

31. Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs. A. Bate (away on holiday) and K.D. Roughley (indisposed)

32. Declarations of Interest; Councillor W. Ashcroft declared an interest concerning his connection with the St Andrews Scout Group –see Parish Matters min33 below..

33. Parish Matters

(a) Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty said she had been contacted by telephone concerning her report in the minutes for the 20th May 2014 concerning noise disturbance at the Starbucks Coffee Shop at Windle Island.

(b) A community garden had been established at the back of the Scout HQ in Dartmouth Drive by the scouts .Funding had been obtained from Windle United Charities and the scouts themselves had won a competition from the Prince`s Trust for their presentation. There was to be an Open Night – by invitation- later this month.

34 Minutes. ; The Council received the minutes of both;

(a) the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May and

(b) the Minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting, held on the same date.

Copies of both sets of minutes had been circulated previously.

Resolved that ; (a) that the minutes of the Annual Meeting be accepted, and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

(b) that the minutes of the May ordinary meeting be accepted and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

35. Matters Arising; There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Meeting, but concerning the minutes of the monthly meeting-

Ref.min.28c a candidate as successor to Mr. P. Fairclough as Internal Auditor, had been recommended and it was resolved that he be invited for an informal interview on Tuesday 15th July 2014.

36. Finance: (a) The Clerk advised that the balances at the 30th May 2014 were Current Account £6002.99 and Business Reserve Account £6037.29.

(b) Payment of Accounts; Resolved that payment be made of the following accounts:

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NatWest Bank Voucher Statement Fees	3.25
Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire 17/06/14	21.00
PC World St Helens Ink Cartridges & Stationery	63.48
Peecee Print Ltd- t/a PC Print June Newsletter	377.00
L.J.Kilshaw Reimbursement for purchase of W.H.Smith Gift Cards for School Awards on 9/7/14	130.00

(c) Balance Sheet / Receipts & Payments Accounts for y/e 31st March 2014 - Copies of which had been supplied by the Clerk. Year end balances were Current A/c £131.64 and the Bus.Res. A/c £6037.29. Total = £6168.93

Resolved that these be approved and noted.

(d) External Audit 2013-2014 ; Completion of the Annual Return for 2013-2014 was carried out Sections 1 and 2 and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk, with the approval of the Council.

Section 4- Annual internal audit report 2013/14 had already been completed on the 10/06/14 by Mr. P. Fairclough as internal auditor.

The required legal notices had been posted on the Councils notice boards and the date of the external audit was 30th June 2014.

37. Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity to on the following:

a) Planning Applications-(1) P/2014/0482- 7 Windle Grove, 2 storey side-extn.

(2)P/20140417-63 Rainford Road- Part 2 stry, part s/stry.rear extn. + conversion of garage into an habitable room with the installatn.of a bay-window

b) Approvals or Otherwise

P/2014/0381- 2 Lawrence Rd.- s.stry.side-extn.- Permission granted.

Resolved that no objections be raised concerning the two applications in a, and the approval in b, be noted.

38. Other Correspondence

a) Email from Cllr. Ken Roughley in which he informed of his intention not to stand for re-election to the Parish Council in May 2015. as he would be retiring from his position as a Councillor.

39. Garden Competition 2014- Report

Cllr. M. McNulty informed that it had proved necessary to amend the dates for the competition, because of time constraints, to 4th July for the closing of entries and Wednesday 16th July for the judging day.

40. Ecclesfield Sports Facility - Report

Cllr. Richard Barton reported that a committee meeting had been held on the 3rd June 2014. The changing rooms had been newly decorated. A builders report had estimated £700 for replacement paving- flags and £500 for other repairs, and it was decided that the flags did not need replacing but the other repairs would be carried out. A £500 donation had been received from Rainhill Rotary towards the cost of a defibrillator for the changing room site. There is to be a visit from a French team, but unfortunately, it will not be possible to use the pitches at Ecclesfield. However Councillor Haw will see if one available at the UGB field.

41. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC- The latest list of conferences and courses were notified. Received and Noted

42. Lynton Way Play Area

The Clerk reported that he had written to the three Windle Ward Councillors requesting a report concerning the results of their investigation into the costs of L.W.P.A. security/opening and closing, which they had promised to pursue, when they attended the Parish Council meeting in January 2014. The situation now is that after various correspondence that Paul Sanderson, after discussion with Cllr.David Baines has now agreed to a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council and would request suggested dates for this.

After discussion it was;

Resolved that the Clerk reply to Mr. Sanderson requesting that the meeting be held at his office in Wesley House, on either Thursday a.m. 3/7/14 or Thursday a.m. 10/7/14 .

43. J. Malone Memorial Garden; Cllr. Steve Bligh had planted some poppy seeds in the garden to grow and feature in the remembrance of the commencement of the First World War in 1914. It may well be that the weeding activity subsequently carried out had prevented them from appearing and growing.

The Chairman Cllr. Richard Barton had managed to obtain some details of the likely cost of a garden maintenance service. It appeared to average out generally, at £15 per hour.

Resolved that he should investigate further and discuss the schedule of maintenance that may be necessary with the contractors.

44. Parish Newsletter; It was reported that the Newsletter had been completed and distributed and thanks were expressed to Cllr. Bligh for his efforts as editor.

45. Reports from Other Bodies – None received.

46. Date of Next Meeting – This would be on Tuesday 15th July commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____