

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance ; Thirteen local Windle residents,  
P. C. M. Pender and CSO. S. Kelly (Merseyside Police)  
L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

### 138. Prayers

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

### 139. Apologies

Mr. B. Johnson (St Helens Council) had been invited to attend but had replied that he was unable to do so, but would welcome details of complaints concerning Lynton Way Play Area.

### 140. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. W. Ashcroft declared that, being a member of St Helens Council Planning Committee he would be able to take part in any discussion of Planning Matters, but would not be able to vote on any decisions.

### 141. Lynton Way Play Area

The residents present had a particular interest in this item 11 on the agenda, and thus, the Chairman sought Councils permission to vary the agenda and take it to be the first one for discussion. This was agreed and accepted by the Council.

There had been a spate of recent incidents involving youths being noisy and troublesome in the late evening and the residents were concerned about this. The Police Officers present informed that they had had to evict youths from the Play Area., and pointed out that if enclosed premises are locked they are able to take action.

This discussion continued for sometime and the Parish Council informed that they were as anxious to find a solution for this perennial problem.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would liaise with Brian Johnson and Paul Sanderson (St Helens Council) concerning the issues raised, which included the following:

1. Opening and closing of the Play Area with the possible involvement of local residents and access on application. Possible permanent locking of one the 3 entrance gates.

2. Provision of new proper signs in the Play Area informing "No Ball Games"

Play Area and equipment is for use by children under twelve etc.

Details of Opening and Closing.

Use of anti-vandal paint to discourage access and egress, when the Play Area is closed.

Repair / replacement of damaged benches, litterbins etc.

3. Continued liaison with the Police, who had been very helpful in recent incidents, and possible provision of keys for their use.

Residents were encouraged to attend the Police Forum Meeting on Mon. 14/2/11 – 7pm to 8pm- at the Youth Club, Gamble Avenue, in order to press their claims for the Play Area to be made a "Priority Area" for Police attention.

4. Possible meeting with Mr B. Johnson (St Helens Council)

The Clerk informed that the St Helens Security Force had been instructed to open and close the play area on a daily basis, as a result of the disturbances.

It was;

Resolved that this instruction should be maintained until further notice, whilst the matter of the L. W. P. A. is under consideration.

At this point, despite a kind invitation from the Chairman to remain for the rest of the meeting, the residents and Police Constables took their leave.

#### 142. Parish Matters

There were no matters raised.

#### 143. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010, which had been previously distributed.

a) Cllr. W. Ashcroft said that ref. min.122 his declaration of interest should read that "being a member of the St Helens Council Planning Committee, he would take part in any discussion of Planning Matters, but would be unable to vote on any decisions".

b) The Clerk revealed that ref.min136b he had omitted the listing of a December payment to Bleak Hill CP School for Photo-Copying Services for £26.64, and requested an addendum be made.

When this amendment had been made and the addendum added it was;

Resolved the minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010, be accepted, and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

#### 144. Matters Arising

a) Ref. Min123a – Gritting – Hamilton Road although not on a standard bus route, was quite heavily used by coaches and buses transporting Bleak Hill School pupils to and from the baths etc. and other visits. It was still not being gritted. Noted

b) Ref. Min 125a – It was still not known whether the further promised examination, by camera, of the drains in Hamilton Road had been carried out. Noted

#### 145. Planning Matters

No new applications or decisions had been received.

#### 146. Other Correspondence

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

1. Letter from Mr. R. Anders (Assistant Treasurer / Accountancy & Payments) St Helens Council, informing of the proposed payment dates for the Precept for 2011-2012 viz.

50% on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011

50% on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011

and that the Council Tax Base figure for Band D properties had been set 1.034 for 2011-2012.

Resolved to agree to these payment dates etc. and the Clerk to send a letter to confirm.

2. Published Copy of "Chief Constable's Annual Report" 2009-10- John Murphy of Merseyside Police. Received and Noted.

3. From St Helens Council-St Helens Local Development and Framework Newsletter Issue 4 Received & Noted

#### 147. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Items under review included the use of the car park/conditions of the lease.

An incident of graffiti on the changing rooms had occurred in September, and two boys apprehended by the Police, had been made to clean it off.

Some pitches will be re-jigged and the drains de-silted.

Budget figure for 2011-2012 =

#### 148. LALC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC

Details of forthcoming LAPTTC Workshops and SLCC Courses. Received

#### 149. J. Malone Garden- Report

Cllr. Marie McNulty stated that there appeared to be quite a few dead plants in the Garden at this time of year, and after the severe frosts etc suffered recently. However replacement items would be planted and the beds tidied up.

#### 150. Parish Newsletter – Report

The Newsletter had been distributed in December and early feedback indicated that it had been well received.

#### 151. Christmas Tree Lighting – Report



As Cllr. Mrs. Nancy Ashcroft was due to enter hospital the next morning to undergo a major operation, the Council expressed best wishes for a successful and speedy outcome and recovery.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)