

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Windle Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday ,18th March 2008,at Eccleston Village Hall,Kiln Lane.

PRESENT ; Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft (Chairman)
 Councillor W.Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)
 Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton
 Councillor R.W.Barton
 Councillor Mrs.A.Bate

Also in Attendance : P.C. B. Morrison (Merseyside Police)
 L.J.Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

179. Prayers

Prayers had been said prior to the Annual Assembly .The Chairman welcomed all present.

180. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors S .Bligh- on holiday ,Mrs. M. McNulty – on holiday, Mrs. E .Uren (family illness),and K .D .Roughley.

191. Declaration of Interests

No declarations were made.

192. Parish Matters

With Councils permission the Chairman varied the agenda in order to accommodate P.C. B. Morrison ,and so ,item 16. Reports from Other Bodies – including the Police Report.- were discussed in conjunction with Parish Matters .

Matters discussed included the “Tanning Shop” in Kiln Lane, which is a constant source of problems, but ongoing efforts are being made to solve them.

The car in Hamilton Road -see min.165b.19th Feb.2008 – was still there.

Requests had been received from residents for Traffic Speed –Gun Checks to be made in Bleak Hill Road, Kiln Lane (and Dentons Green Lane.)

An incident had occurred in Lawrence Road involving several young children who had been playing ball and making a lot of noise – shouting and generally upsetting a resident .When he remonstrated with them they had argued with him and were alleged to have “mooned” at him.

P.C. Bev Morrison took note of these points, and recommended that an effort be made to identify the children involved in the latter incident, so that an informal approach might be made, initially, to their parents to improve matters. At this juncture P.C. Morrison left the meeting.

193. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th February 2008, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on the 19th February 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record, and be signed by the Chairman.

194. Matters Arising

There were no further matters arising.

195. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave invitation to comment in respect of the following applications:

A. Planning Applications

*1. P/2008/ 0160 – Mrs.P.Reid –ref.27 Lynton Way – change of use of unit -ex retail shop (A1) to (A2) Estate Agents Office.

2. P/2008/0181 – Mr.A.P.Marsh – 35 St. George`s Ave. -single stry.rear extn.

3. P/2008 / 0202 – Mrs.L.Whittle – 61 Rainford Road – single stry.side &rear extn.with alteration to existing garage.

4.P/2008/0239 – G.Culliford – 68 Coronation Rd.- 1st flr.side & rear extns.over existing garage & kitchen.

*Decision – “No Comment ” already taken by Local Committee and advised to P.O.26/02/08.

B. Approvals

The Clerk informed Council that the following applications had now been approved:

1. P/2008/0030 – 8 Malt House Court, Rainford Rd. – Works to protected trees

2. P/2008 /0036 - 50 St.George`s Ave. – 2 stry.side extn + single stry.rear extn.

3. P/2008/ 0038 – 129 Bleak Hill Road - Works to protected trees.

4. P/2008/0052 -18 Regal Drive – single stry.side extn. with pitched roof & also changing existing flat roof over the kitchen to a pitched roof.

Resolved that a) the decision made ref. item 1 in A. be endorsed and that no comments be made reference the remaining three listed applications.

b) the four approvals listed in B. – be noted.

196. Other Correspondence

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

1. A request had been received from Peter Blackburn – Asstnt.Chief Exec.-Legal & Admin.- St Helens Council- for a nomination from Windle Parish Council for one of the members to fill a vacancy on the Local Standards Board.

After due discussion it was

Resolved that Councillor R.W.Barton be nominated ,and that the Clerk inform Peter Blackburn of this decision.

197.Quality Parish Councils

Nil Report

198. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

At the meeting on the 4th March the Caretaker`s Report had mentioned that the Training Room Doors had been left open . It was considered that bollards were needed to prevent Travellers accessing Ecclesfield.

199. LAPTC/NALC / MAPTC/ SLCC

From 1st April 2008 the Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils – (LAPTC)- will be known as the Lancashire Association of Local Councils –(LALC)

200 . Lynton Way Play Area

A reply was expected to the draft letter (see min .173 ante) concerning the amount of the Security Charges for the Play Area.

201. Jim Malone Garden

No report.

202. Bleak Hill School – Possible Provision of a Sun-Dial Project

The Head Teacher , Mr.Ian Wellens ,had reacted enthusiastically to this possibility. Initial investigation had not produced the required information and it was

Resolved that the Clerk would attempt to locate a supplier and prices etc.which would then require approval by the Chairman and other interested Councillors .

203. Parish Newsletter

In the absence of Councillor K. Roughley, the Chairman, Cllr. Nancy Ashcroft, made a request that any articles for the forthcoming edition of the Newsletter should be forwarded to him a.s.a.p.

204. Finance

a) Balances :

The Council noted that the bank balances at the 29th February 2008 were :

Current Account	£	
		576.23
Capital Reserve Account		7860.47

b) Payment of Accounts

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

Eccleston Parish Council - Room Hire 18/03/08 -	£	19.00
Bleak Hill C.P. School - { Photo-Copying Services }		15.49
{(Jan – March 2008) }		
L.J. Kilshaw - Salary and Postage		292.94

c) Internal Auditor Situation

A letter of resignation had been received from Mr. John Friar, the current auditor, who had held the post since its inception. He had enjoyed his stint in office but wished now to resign for personal reasons with effect from the conclusion of his duties concerning the 2007/08 Audit.

The Chairman paid the respect and gratitude of Windle Parish Council to John for his sterling work over the past six years, and the Clerk endorsed these remarks from his own perspective.

It was hoped to find a replacement auditor in conjunction with Eccleston Parish Council.

Resolved that the Council reluctantly agree to Mr. Friar's resignation and that the Clerk should write to inform him of this: and also to express the thanks of the Council for his efforts on their behalf.

205. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 15th April 2008 commencing at 7.00 p.m. The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed ----- (Chairman) _____ (Date)