

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 18 October 2005 at Eccleston Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor K D Roughley (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs K S Barton (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor R W Barton
Councillor Mrs M P Fraser
Councillor A F Rigby
Councillor Mrs B Walsh

Also in Attendance: Sgt Phillips (Merseyside Police)
L J Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

99. Prayers

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

100. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs N J Ashcroft, W Ashcroft and Mrs E Uren – all away on holiday.

101. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

102. Parish Matters

- (a) Residents had complained reference Dale Roofing, Sackville Road, who had three white vans parked outside. The matter was reported to M Garner and Nicola Hamilton, St Helens Council officers.
- (b) There had been a fly tipping incident to the rear of Lynton Way shops, where an old fireplace had been dumped and three wheelie bins had been set on fire.
- (c) Councillor A F Rigby commented favourably on the excellence of the new surface coating, which had recently been applied to the pavements in Pentire Avenue, etc.
- (d) The Clerk drew the attention of the Council to the road works to be carried out on the A580, for the construction of a traffic island at the Blindfoot Road junction. These road works were scheduled to persist for some 34 weeks (until June 2006) and would inevitably have an

adverse effect on the traffic flow on Bleak Hill Road as a result of necessary diversions.

103. Police Report

With the Council's permission, the Chairman varied the agenda to enable Sgt Phillips to give his report.

In the Windle Ward, as a whole, there had been 80 offences, including:

- (i) 13 thefts from motor vehicles
- (ii) 2 thefts of motor vehicles (including one from Bleak Hill School car park)
- (iii) 10 burglaries
- (iv) 8 drive-offs
- (v) 5 common assaults, 4 GBH assaults
- (vi) 16 incidences of criminal damage, especially to motor cars.

The Council discussed the above incidents with Sgt Phillips and also made the following information available to him.

- (i) The tanning shop in Kiln Lane, although now unoccupied, was still serving as a rendezvous for youngsters. The window and door in these premises were broken and were thus providing a ready access for the youths and there was some suspicion of drug activity. Indeed a black scooter, seen around the area, was suspected of being the means of transport for a drug dealer.
- (ii) Youths on scooters were driving too fast around Coronation Road, St Georges Avenue area, especially a youth on a red and white scooter (with registration no. A 322 JMA?).

Sgt Phillips took note of the discussion and it was advised that 2 support officers had been earmarked for the Windle Ward.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Phillips, on behalf of the Council, for his contribution and the Sergeant then took his leave of the meeting.

104. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Councillor K D Roughley, outlined the progress of the youth initiative activity and gave some indication of further attempts to activate and develop the scheme.

105. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 September 2005, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

106. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

107. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of

*P/2005/1164 – D Traynor, 82 Kiln Lane – change of use of newsagents and dwelling to newsagents, hair and beauty salon and florist and erection of a single storey extension to the proposed newsagents

(b) Approvals in respect of

(i) P/2005/0967 – Colin Eaton, 34 Regal Drive – demolition of existing rear extension and replacement with single storey side and rear extension to form kitchen/diner and WC

(ii) P/2005/1056 – Mrs Paula Dawson, 60 Queens Drive – two storey side extension forming car port and bedroom extension above

(iii) P/2005/1060 – Mr B O’Dwyer, 15 Sackville Road – demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey front, side and rear extension incorporating a porch, garage, kitchen and conservatory

(c) Refusal in respect of

P/2005/1028 – R Corbin, 9 St Georges Avenue – demolition of existing porch and erection of a two storey front extension and conservatory to rear. This refusal was on the grounds of overdevelopment and because of its siting and scale it would produce an unbalanced effect and would be detrimental to the street scene.

*Because of time restraints this planning application had been considered by local committee consultation and no objections or comments had been made.

Resolved that no comments be made reference P/2005/1164 detailed in (a), thus ratifying the local committee's decision, and that the three approvals in (b) and the refusal in (c) be noted.

108. Other Correspondence

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

- (a) From the Duncan Society, Liverpool University – Autumn 2005 Programme of Debates and Lectures – Received.
- (b) “Contact” October Edition – Received.
- (c) North West Air Ambulance – request for financial support for the Air Ambulance Service – Received and noted.
- (d) Letter from the Mayor's Office reference Remembrance Sunday, 13 November 2005 – Received and noted.

109. Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.

110. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Councillor A F Rigby gave information regarding incidents of vandalism, etc in the changing room.

There had been problems with the shower facility, resulting in a £600 repair bill.

There had been a huge increase in the United Utilities' account for the provision of water, originally at £13 per month and now £52 per month.

The Clerk reported that the third quarterly payment of £325 was now due.

111. LAPTC

The next meeting of the MAPTC would be held on Wednesday, 2 November 2005 at Rainhill Village Hall – Noted. The LAPTC AGM was scheduled for Saturday, 5 November 2005 in Preston – Noted.

112. Footpath Walks - Report

Nil report.

113. St Helens Design Guide Consultation

After discussion it was agreed that any comments or questionnaire returns should be made on an individual basis to Mr T Ferguson at St Helens Council by 31 October 2005.

114. Parish Newsletter

Councillor K D Roughley announced that the November Issue of the Newsletter was almost complete and would be going to the printer shortly.

The Clerk handed him a floppy disc containing an article obtained from Mr Ian Wellens, Head Teacher, Bleak Hill School.

Distribution would be made in the second half of November.

115. Lynton Way Play Area

The planning application for the new fencing, etc was still awaiting approval.

116. Jim Malone Garden

Councillor W Ashcroft had indicated that he would be carrying out a "gardening blitz" on the Jim Malone Garden.

The Clerk reported that he had now managed to re-coat the millennium bench with two coats of preservative stain. He further reported that the repairs to the lock on the Jim Malone Garden notice board, and also the extensive repairs to the notice board at Bleak Hill School, would be carried out over the next few weeks, at an estimated cost of £120.

Resolved that the repairs be authorised.

117. Christmas Tree and Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Clerk informed the Council that the Reverend Colin Smith had agreed to officiate as M.C. at this event. Invitations would be sent out within the next few weeks to the various schools and Mr Peter Houlton would be approached regarding the provision of transport for them.

Arrangements and details of the Carol Service were proceeding with Bleak Hill School.

The quotation of £330 for the electrical work, etc had been received from Paragon Building Services (St Helens) Ltd.

Resolved that this be accepted – Clerk to write to Paragon to confirm.

118. Reports(a) Sports Council

The Clerk reported that he had informed Mr M Fedyk that all correspondence should be sent to Councillor R W Barton, instead of Councillor A F Rigby.

(b) Police Report

Further to the Police Report (minute 103 ante), Councillor Roughley supplied a copy of the Police October Newsletter for each Councillor present.

(c) Bleak Hill School

Councillor Mrs K S Barton gave a progress report on ongoing discussions regarding the possible proposed new (community) building for Bleak Hill School and how best to proceed with the project.

119. Website/Computer

The computer had been delivered and installed by M B Walsh. BT Broadband would be installed on 31 October 2005.

120. Finance(a) Balances

The Council noted the balances at 29 September 2005:

Current Account - £1286.96

Capital Reserve Account - £11667.40

(b) External Audit

The Clerk confirmed that the necessary official Notice of Completion of Audit, etc had been posted on the Parish Council notice boards.

(c) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire (18.10.05)	18.00

Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account	3 rd Quarterly Payment	325.00
BT/Post Office	Telephone	27.59
Mrs S A Hull	Typing Services	68.27
L J Kilshaw	Salary, Post & Purchases	256.57
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Donation/Wreath for Remembrance Day	18.00
P Anders Building Services	Repairs & renovation to notice boards at Jim Malone Garden & Bleak Hill School	120.00
Cllr Mrs M P Fraser	Hospitality – Catering Buffet – Garden Competition	20.00
BT/Post Office	Telephone	9.44

121. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, ~~20 Dec~~¹⁵ December 2005.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

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