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Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Windle Parish Council, held on Tuesday,
19th June 2012, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

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

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 Mrs. E. Uren – away at present.

32. Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

33. Parish Matters

(a) Several residents had again complained that second-hand cars were still being displayed for sale as reported previously (see min. 16b ante).

Resolved that the matter be referred to the St Helens Council Trading Standards Office.

(b) The Clerk reported that he had been offered the opportunity to purchase a second-hand aluminium framed notice board for £50 by a resident.

Resolved that, subject to suitability, as it would require some reinforcement and extra support, it be purchased, and arrangements for it to replace the notice board in the School grounds be made.

34. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of both; (a) the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15th May 2012

(b) the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting –held on the 15th May 2012. Copies of these minutes had been received earlier.

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

It was pointed out that there was an omission in the minutes of (b) and that the line “Also in Attendance” : L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)” should be inserted under details of those present. When this addition had been made it was Resolved that these minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

35. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following:

(a) General Applications:

P/2012/0421 M. Beesley 36 Hamilton Rd. - single stry. side extn

P/2012/0422- TESCO EXPRESS& PETROL STN.East Lincs Rd. Windle Signage
Application- Consent sought to display new signs on fascia & canopy, totem signage
ATM surround , doors & exterior wall

P/201/0452 – G.Pennington , 51 Rainford Road Erection of 4 apartments

(b) Decisions

The Council were informed of the following approvals:

P/ 2012/ 0190 M. Evans 22 Windle Grove –s/stry.side and rear extn.

P/2012/0185 R. Leung 51b Rainford Rd.(Abbeyfields Hse.) Proposed utility room
extn. to side elevatn.

P/2012/0221 K. Austin 15 Fistril Drive s/stry.front extn. to form porch and shower
room.

P/2012/0262- Erectn. of a 20m high monopole radio base station etc at Windle Farm
East Lancashire Rd Windle .

P/2012/0285- Works to 4 Protected trees – Abbeyfield House 51b Rainford Rd

P/2012/0322- 29 Lynton Way – Change of use from beauty salon to photography
studio

Resolved that no objections be raised against any of the three applications in (a) and
that the six approvals in (b) be noted.

36. Other Correspondence-

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

a) Latest bulletin from Halton & St Helens VCS- Received & Noted.

b) Email-from Ward Councillor S. Robinson ref. Councillor Improvement Fund and
inviting an application for help.

Resolved that requests be made for funding help for ;
the Christmas Tree Lighting at Bleak Hill School, which is organized and paid for by
the Parish Council and benefits many Windle residents.(Cost £691.51 in 20110
Also replacement P.C. Notice Board needed in the grounds of Bleak Hill School,
facing onto Bleak Hill Rd. (estimated around £500)

c) Letter from Environmental Health & Trading Standards Division. St Helens
Council- consultation on Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 and
detailing the proposed Dog Control Orders

1. Fouling of land by dogs and the removal of dog faeces

2. The putting and keeping of dogs on leads when directed to do so.

Introduction of Fixed Penalty Notices £75. Failure to pay FPN may result in
prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000.

Resolved that a letter of support for these measures be sent, and a suggestion that it
would help if more signs were placed in the necessary public places, to inform of the
penalties that may be incurred, together with an increased provision of Dog Litter
Disposal Bins.

37. Garden Competition Cllr. Marie McNulty reported that 12 entries had been received so far. It was confirmed that judging would be carried out on Friday 29th June 2012 by the following councillors N.J. and W. Ashcroft, A. Bate, M. McNulty

38. Ecclesfield Report

No report.

39. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC

New Code of Conduct being introduced from 1st July 2012 – details of pecuniary interest declarations necessary etc. plus other documents on Localism Act. These would need to be considered further.

40. L.W.P.A.

All is satisfactory at the moment.

41. J. Malone Garden

Cllr. Marie McNulty, who has done a first rate job so far, is currently finding the task of the garden maintenance difficult, as she is still recovering from the effects of an operation she had to undergo, and requested help from other members of the Council as the garden requires urgent attention.

Resolved that – weather permitting – the following members would carry out the work on Monday 25th June 2012, commencing at 2pm- Councillors W. Ashcroft, A. Bate, S. Bligh, K. Roughley

42. Parish Newsletter

The latest issue had now been distributed, and early feed-back, expressing appreciation and enjoyment, had been received. Thanks were again given to Editor Ken Roughley for his efforts, who, in turn, requested the early receipt of any articles for the next issue. The Clerk informed that the bill from the printers had been received amounting to £466.00.

43. Bleak Hill School Awards / Christmas Tree Lighting 2012

The Clerk confirmed that the School Awards Ceremony would take place on Monday 9th July 2012- assemble at 9.00am for a 9.15 Start. Awards to be at the same levels as last year, as shown in the Council Budget for 2012-13.

The Christmas Tree Lighting had been, provisionally, agreed with Mr. I. Wellens – Head Teacher at Bleak Hill- to take place on Friday 7th December 2012. After discussion it was

Resolved that this date be agreed and initial arrangements be made by the Clerk.

44. Reports

School Governors- Cllrs. Sheila Barton and Nancy Ashcroft, as School Governors, informed Council that Bleak Hill School would be undergoing alterations to accommodate an extra number of pupils in the next intake.

Due to the retirement of Susan Richardson, Andy Dempsey would become the St Helens Council Officer dealing with Education.

Police Report –No Report It was noted that there had not been any report, of any kind received from Merseyside Police for several months now –neither a police officer attending nor any written report.

45. Finance; (a) Balances- The Clerk informed the Council that the balances at the 1st June 2012 were: Business Current A/c £ 5427.47 Business Reserve A/c £6031.25

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

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Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire 19 th June 2012	21.00
Peecce Print Ltd t/a PC Print Newsletter Printing	466.00
L. J. Kilshaw Expenses Apr./May/ June 2012	16.55
L. J. Kilshaw Purchase of Gift Cards – W. H. Smith Retail Ltd.	130.00

(c) Internal Audit- Due to the computer problems being experienced by NatWest Bank, the first audit for 2012-13 has been delayed by one month.

(d) External Audit – The Annual Return Sections 1 and 2 were completed at the last meeting on 15/05/12, and the required legal notice had been displayed on the Council Notice Board. The Section 4, Annual Return –Annual internal audit report- had been completed and agreed by the Internal Auditor and the Council. The fully completed Annual Return, plus supporting documents etc., would be posted off to arrive at the external auditors Southampton address, prior to the audit date (Monday 9th July 2012).

45. Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 17th July 2012, at Eccleston Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Chairman)