

# WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday, 19 October 2004

PRESENT: Councillor W Ashcroft (Chairman)  
Councillor K D Roughley (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft  
Councillor Mrs K S Barton  
Councillor Mrs J Foster  
Councillor Mrs M P Fraser  
Councillor A F Rigby  
Councillor Mrs E Uren  
Councillor Mrs B Walsh

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

92. Prayers

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

93. Apologies

None – all members present.

94. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

95. Parish Matters

- (a) A resident had complained of an overflowing litter bin at the Jim Malone Garden and claimed that rats were being attracted to this. Councillor W Ashcroft was now taking this up with Mr J Robinson (St Helens Council).
- (b) Councillor Mrs B Walsh reported that anti dog fouling notices had been posted in Regal Drive, etc, but there were still instances occurring in the area, including Hamilton Road and Coronation Road.
- (c) Residents were complaining that Peter Houlton was parking his double decker buses in Fairway and causing further disturbance in the early hours of the morning when starting up. This case had now been referred to M Garner (Planning Enforcement Officer).

- (d) Peter Parry, the newsagent in Kiln Lane, had complained about youth disorder around his area. These youths were suspected of wilful damage to his car and had been abusive and threatening to Mr Parry. They played football every night after school and continued to hang around until 10.00 pm

A source of attraction appeared to be the sun bed tanning shop next door, where many of them were seen going in and out. There was some suspicion of drugs in the area.

Nearby residents had also complained of persecution by youths, eg a window smashed by a football and abusive and threatening language and behaviour. Someone else had complained of having had her car scratched.

Reckless driving around the St Georges Avenue, Coronation Road and The Grove area had been observed.

Councillor W Ashcroft stated that all the above incidents and complaints had been passed on to the police, who were investigating further. It was pointed out that it would be most helpful if the registration numbers of offending vehicles were noted.

- (e) Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft was still awaiting a reply to an e-mail she had sent to Sue Richardson (Education) regarding trespass at Bleak Hill School and the possible provision of signs to forbid trespass.
- (f) The School Crossing Attendant had raised the matter of dangerous parking by parents, etc and again, to help the police, residents were requested to obtain the registration numbers of offending vehicles.
- (g) A wreath had been ordered to be laid at the Cenotaph at the Remembrance Sunday Parade on Sunday, 14 November 2004. As this had not yet been received, the Clerk had reported this to the Royal British Legion Appeal. A replacement wreath had now been despatched.

Resolved that, as the Chairman, Councillor W Ashcroft, would be officiating in another capacity on the day, the Parish Council wreath would be laid by Councillor K D Roughley (Deputy Chairman).

96. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 September 2004, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2004 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

97. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

98. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted

(a) Invitations to comment in respect of

- (i) P/2004/4516 – Mr & Mrs P Harper, 22 Moss Lane – demolition of existing garage and erection of new single storey extension to form music room, new conservatory to rear and first floor rear extension to accommodate new staircase
- (ii) P/2004/1580 – Trend Text Ltd, Windle Island – erection of three retail units and associated access and parking
- (iii) P/2004/1584 – Mr G Pennington, 16 Moss Lane – erection of rear dormer
- (iv) P/2004/1613 – Mr A Cunliffe, 62 Coronation Road – single storey rear and side extension to form new dining room, kitchen, utility room and garage and porch to front elevation, all to have pitched roofs

(b) Approvals in respect of

- (i) P/2004/1250 – D Brown, 11 Lawrence Road – demolition of existing conservatory and garage, to be replaced with ground floor side and rear extension to form kitchen, WC and dining room
- (ii) P/2004/1388 – J McGivern, 31 Windlebrook Crescent – single storey rear extension to form conservatory and extension of existing dining room.

Resolved that no comments/objections be made against any of the four planning applications listed in (a) and that the two approvals listed in (b) be noted and received.

99. Other Correspondence

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

- (a) October 2004 Issue "Contact" from CVS – Received.
- (b) Notice of Police & Community Forum on Wednesday, 20 October 2004 at Room 6, Rivington Road Centre – Noted and received.
- (c) From T Ferguson, St Helens Council Development Plans Manager – invitation to attend a presentation of findings of a Rural Accessibility Study, to be held at 10.30 am on 29 October 2004 at St Helens Chamber – Noted and received.

In addition to the three Ward Councillors, Councillor Mrs K S Barton expressed an intention to attend this presentation.

100. Ex ODPM – Consultation on Draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees, etc

Resolved that no comments be made to the ODPM on this matter.

101. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

No meeting had been held, but a recent accident had revealed the need to have a spare key available for emergency access to the field via the Ecclesfield Road gate.

102. LAPTC

Councillors were reminded of the forthcoming AGM (Saturday, 6 November 2004 at County Hall, Preston). Noted.

103. Windle Parish Website

Councillor K D Roughley announced that his son, Darren, had now been forced to withdraw his previous offer of assistance with this project, due to the pressure of studying he was currently undertaking. The Clerk would seek alternative sources of help.

104. Footpath Walks

Councillor Mrs B Walsh commented on the poor attendances on the walks held this year and referred to her article in the newsletter, posing the question as to whether the walks should be held in future. Tribute was paid to Messrs

Maurice and Brian Walsh, the Clerk and John Broomhead and staff for their help in pre-walking and preparing the walks.

105. Garden Competition

The presentation of the prizes to winning residents had been made prior to the commencement of this Parish Council meeting. The judging panel had made the following awards:

Open Category

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fred Bishop, 50 Crantock Grove  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Burns, 52 Crantock Grove  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Ryan, 5 Sidmouth Close

Senior Citizen Category

- 1<sup>st</sup> Arthur Halsall, 39 Calderhurst Drive  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Marion Jackson, 46 Windlebrook Crescent  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Norman Phillips, 25 Queens Drive

Children's Corner

Sophie Cotter, c/o 50 Crantock Grove

Front Garden Category (Windle Roofing Shield)

Mr & Mrs D Appleton, 51 Coronation Road

Chairman's Choice Winner (Rose Bowl)

Stan Pennington, 27 Coronation Road

Resolved that the awards be ratified.

106. Parish Newsletter

Councillor K D Roughley reported that the Newsletter would be printed tomorrow and distributed early in November. The new edition would be bigger than ever. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Councillor Roughley for his work in compiling and editing the Newsletter.

107. Lynton Way Play Area

Last year St Helens Council had been forced to remove, and then scrap the roundabout as being unsafe, from the play area. A request was made for the Clerk to enquire as to the question of a replacement item.

108. Jim Malone Garden

The Chairman, Councillor W Ashcroft, informed the Council that the Jim Malone Garden needed a "makeover", which, he hoped, would take place in the near future.

109. Planting of Additional Trees at Bleak Hill/Christmas Tree Lighting

- (a) Resolved that the four trees be planted in November, the Clerk to arrange with the personnel concerned.
- (c) The Clerk reported that he had written to Paragon Building Services (St Helens) Ltd to request an estimate for the cost of the electrical work involved in the Tree Lighting at Bleak Hill School.

The Mayor, Councillor Betty Lowe, MBE, would be attending the event on 10 December 2004.

110. Reports From Other Bodies

- (a) Police

Meeting scheduled for 20 October 2004, as detailed under 'Correspondence'.

- (b) Age Concern

Councillor Mrs J Foster gave a report on the AGM at the Mansion House.

111. Finance

- (a) Balances

The Council noted the balances at 30 September 2004:

Current Account - £573.15

Capital Reserve Account - £13711.79

- (b) Audit 2005/05

The Internal Auditor, Mr J Friar, would be auditing the books, etc for the period up to the half-year end, 30 September 2004, and his report would be presented at the next meeting.

(c) Payment of Accounts

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

|  |   | £      |
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| Post Office                            | Telephone Account   | 38.77  |
| Eccleston Parish Council               | Room Hire 19.10.04  | 18.00  |
| Ecclesfield Project<br>Revenue Account | Third Quarterly<br>Payment                                | 325.00 |
| L J Kilshaw                            | Salary (including arrears),<br>Postage & Trophy Engraving | 295.56 |
| Mrs S A Hull                           | Typing Services   | 75.59  |
| Thresher Wine Shop                     | Hospitality (Garden Comp)                                 | 38.99  |
| F Bishop                               | Garden Competition  | 30.00  |
| N Burns                                | “ “   | 20.00  |
| J Ryan                                 | “ “   | 15.00  |
| A Halsall                              | “ “   | 30.00  |
| Mrs M Jackson                          | “ “   | 20.00  |
| N Phillips                             | “ “   | 15.00  |
| Sophie Cotter                          | “ “   | 25.00  |
| D Appleton                             | “ “   | 30.00  |
| S Pennington                           | “ “   | 20.00  |

112. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 16 November 2004 commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

LJK/SAH

Date \_\_\_\_\_