

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th December 2006 at the
Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

PRESENT; Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton (Chairman)
 Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft(Deputy Chairman)
 Councillor R.W.Barton
 Councillor Mrs.M.P.Fraser
 Councillor Mrs.M.McNulty
 Councillor K.D.Roughley
 Councillor Mrs.B.Walsh

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

131. Prayers

The Chairman,Cllr.Mrs.K.S.Barton ,welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

132. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr.Mrs.E.Uren – away on holiday,and Cllr.W.Ashcroft was attending a meeting at St.Helens Town Hall,but hoped to arrive in due course.

133. Declarations of Interest

Cllr.K.D.Roughley stated that ,as a current member of St.Helens Council Planning Committee,he would leave the room when planning matters were discussed.

No other declarations were made.

134. Parish Matters

1. The yellow road markings,indicating the “hatch area” at the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road had been worn away,by the passage of traffic.Consequently a request had been made to Mr.George Houghton (Highways) to have them renewed.
2. Parking at the bottom of Regal Drive was continuing to cause problems. Cllr. Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft reported that she had been dealing with the matter.
3. There was news of the sale of the Hamblett School Site and of the submission of an outline planning application for 55 houses on this site.
 This was on the Parish Boundary and would have a negative effect on the traffic situation on Rainford Road .

In addition, there was news of an outline planning application to build some six terraced houses on the site of the old St.Helens Parish Church Vicarage, close to the Hamblett Site.

A further factor to consider was the lack of further land available for expansion of the Borough Cemetery and ,because there was no crematorium facility in Skelmersdale,people from there were having to use the St.Helens Crematorium on Rainford Road.

Resolved that a letter be sent from Windle Parish Council to Mr.R.Hepworth (St.Helens Council) c.c. Chief Executive – drawing attention to these matters etc.

135. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting,held on Tuesday,21st November 2006,which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting ,held on 21st November 2006,be confirmed as a true and correct record,and be signed by the Chairman.

136. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

137. Planning Applications

(Cllr.K.D.Roughley left the room at this point,as planning matters were now to be discussed.)

The Clerk submitted ;

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of ;

1. P/A/20061431 – Mr.&Mrs.B.and D.Thomas 17,Pentire Avenue – Demolition of part of garage and erection of a part 2storey,part single storey extn. to rear.

2. P/A/2006/1492 – Mr.&Mrs.Burrows 4.Portreath Way – Conservatory to rear.

3. P/A/2006/1495 – Windle Farm East Lanes.Road (A580) – Prior Notification of application for Telecom.15m monopole+ 3 antennae ,2 dishes, and 3 equipment cabinets at ground level.

4. P/A/2006/1501 – A.R.Burns 52, Crantock Grove – Single storey side extn.to form garage.

N.B.This application replaced the original one i.e. P/A/2006/1298 –which had now been withdrawn .

(b) Approvals in respect of :

- 1). P/A/2006/1213 - J.Cameron 29,Sackville Road – single stry.side and rear extn.with porch to front.
- 2). P/A/2006/1281 – Mr.and Mrs.Bruce 2,Moss Lane – Conservatory to rear
- 3). P/A/2006/ 1304 – Mr.Wright 57,Coronation Road – single stry.side &rear extn.

Resolved no comments be made regarding the applications detailed in (a) , and that the approvals in (b) be noted.

138. Other Correspondence

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

1. “Contact” – Dec 2006/Jan 2007 Edition- from St Helens CVS – Received
2. Invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral for the Chairman and guest to attend the - Lancashire Civic County Epiphany Service -at the Cathedral –Sunday 14th Jan 2007.
Unfortunately the chairman is unable to attend and the Clerk had been requested to reply and give the necessary apologies.
- 3.The Clerk had received ,from St Helens Council,a Register of Electors (Full) for the Windle Parish,which were in force from 1st December 2006 . – Received and noted.
4. A letter from R.Anders(Asst.Treasurer) St Helens Council,detailing proposed dates for the payment of the Parish Precept 2007/2008 and the provisional Council Tax Base,for the Parish at 1,014 (Band “D” equivalent properties).
Resolved that the Council would agree to these payment dates etc. i.e.
50% on 27th April 2007
50% on 29th June 2007
and the Clerk to write to confirm the acceptance by 31st January 2007.

139. Footpaths

St Helens Council were ,currently in the process of producing and republishing an updated and corrected definitive public rights of way map,accompanied by definitive statements which will describe the rights of way in enough detail for them to be identified on site.The accuracy of this documentation is imperative as it will affect the legal rights of both the public and land owners for many years to come.

A copy of draft plans with statements ,for the Windle Parish Area had been received.This had been studied by the Cllr.Mrs.B.Walsh and Mr.Maurice Walsh together with the Clerk,and a letter detailing and questioning some points had been sent to Mr.John Bryan-St Helens Council ,Engineering Dept.

The resultant reply had settled the points at issue.

A question, concerning the exact route of the footpath near the Liverpool-St Helens Rugby Ground ,Moss Lane had been raised with the Clerk,by a member of Eccleston Parish Council.However ,despite consulting all available historical records in the possession of Windle Parish Council ,and other sources,no evidence had been found to support the claim that the path went across the middle of the main playing pitch.

140. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Cllr.R.W.Barton informed Council that the amount of the contribution to be made by Windle Parish Council for 2007/08,to the Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account would remain the same as at present i.e.£1300 - to be paid in quarterly instalments.

Bank Balances @ 29th September 2006 were ;
Ecclesfield Project Rev.Current A/c = £250.00

Ecclesfield Project Res.A/c = £1367.54

141. L.A.P.T.C. / N.A.L.C.

The LAPTTC Newsletter for December 2006 had been received.

Also details of a further training course for achieving success in the “Certificate In Local Council Administration.This would commence on 17th April 2007and would consist of six two hour sessions at the LAPTTC Offices in Penwortham ,Preston.The cost will be £150.00.

The Clerk expressed an interest in this matter and it was Resolved that further details be obtained and enrolment may be made with the cost being met by the Windle Parish Council .

142. Parish Newsletter

The Clerk reported that the advertisers had responded promptly in settling their accounts – only 3 remained outstanding.

143. (a)Christmas Tree Lighting / (b) Pre-Christmas Reception

(a)

The event had passed of very enjoyably for all those attending on the 1st of December.Unfortunately the Chairman ,Cllr.Mrs.K.S.Barton had been unable to attend due to sickness,and was very disappointed to miss out on one of the pleasant duties of her year in office.Cllr.Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft had deputised and carried off the ceremony with her customary aplomb.Mr.Alan Hull had proved to be an excellent M.C. despite attempting some interesting deviations from the programme.

A few days later some 10 lights had suffered storm-damage and Paragon had to be called out to replace them .Again because the timing of the lights was incorrect it had proved necessary to request them to call this week to reset the timer .

(b) The Pré-Christmas Reception had been arranged and would take place at the conclusion of tonight`s meeting. Guests had been invited to arrive for 8.30 p.m.

144. Lynton Way Play Area

Nil Report.

145. Reports from Other Bodies

Cllr.K.D.Roughley reported on the current bus service problems and gave details of the arrangements for pupils travelling by bus to school.

146. Finance

(a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at 1st December 2006 were:

	<u>£</u>
Current A/C	533.07
Cap.Res.A/C	11955.00

(b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that approval be given for payment of the following accounts ;

	<u>£</u>
Thresher Hospitality (Tree Lighting)	31.23
Thresher Hospitality (Pre-Christmas Reception)	62.44
Eccleston Parish Council Room Hire 19/12/06	18.00
Bleak Hill School Photo-Copying Services Sept-Dec 2006	25.71
L,J.Kilshaw Salary /Expenses/Purchases	361.26
Mrs.M.P.Fraser Hospitality/Catering for Christmas Reception	137.66
Mr.B.Walsh Computer and Website Maintenance	30.00

(c) Finance Committee

Resolved that a meeting of the Committee be held to discuss the Budget for 2007/08 and Parish Precept Requirement etc. on Tuesday 9th Jan.2007, at 54 Brookside Avenue commencing at 8.00 p.m.

147. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 16th January 2007 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.14.p.m.

Signed------(Chairman)-

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