

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th March 2007 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 K.D.Roughley
Councillor Mrs.E.Uren
Councillor Mrs.B.Walsh

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

184. Prayers

Prayers for the work of the Council had already been said previously at the opening of the Annual Assembly. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

185. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor W.Ashcroft (attending a St. Helens Council Function)- Cllr.Mrs.M.P.Fraser (family commitments) – Cllr.Mrs.M.McNulty (away on holiday).

186. Declarations of Interest

Cllr.K.D.Roughley declared that, as a current member of St Helens Council Planning Committee, he would leave the meeting during any discussion of Planning Matters.

187. Parish Matters

a) Cllr. Mrs .B.Walsh confirmed that she would not be seeking re-election to the Parish Council in the forthcoming May Elections, and had presented the Council with a fine Chairman's Gavel for use in meetings. She was warmly thanked for this gift by the Chairman, Cllr.Mrs.K.S.Barton, on behalf of the Council, and also for her valuable contribution to the work of the Council over the years.

b) A resident had complained of encountering a fence – presumably placed by the farmer – on Public Footpath No. 14 and of cattle-(including bulls) in fields crossed by the path. Cllr.Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft was taking the matter up with St Helens Council.

c) There were several instances reported of children and youths –not from the local area – gaining access to Bleak Hill School grounds, at the Fairway end, at weekends. The Clerk reported that Mr.Wellens (Head Teacher) was seeking help and advice from various sources, including the Police, to combat this problem.

d) Cllr.R.W.Barton reported that some attempts had been made to tidy up the rubbish etc. by the Brook.

188. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th February 2007 ,which had been circulated earlier.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on the 20th February 2007 ,be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

189. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

190. Planning Applications

(At this point Cllr.Roughley left the room whilst planning matters were being discussed.)

The Clerk submitted:

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of -

1.P/2007/0243 -74,Lynton Way – retro permission sought for a boundary fence plus brick columns 1.5m

2.P/2007 /0251 – 53,55,57,59 Rainford Road – Cockleshell Cottages- Listed Bldngs.Consent sought for alterations viz.Replacement of existing windows with timber framed double- glazing.

3.P/2007/0323- Mr.Freeman 93 Rainford Road – single stry.rear extn.

4. P/2007/0323 – A.Magowan – 1 Sackville Rd. – Rear single stry.porch and pitched roof over existing flat roofed garage.

b) Approval in respect of :

P/2007/0026 Mr.and Mrs. Piggot – single stry.rear extn.

Resolved that the approval in (b) be noted and that no comments be made concerning the applications in 2,3 and 4. but regarding the P/A described in 1. the Council expressed the opinion that the fencing/wall appeared unsuitable for this residential area,being somewhat overbearing in appearance.

190. Other Correspondence

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

1.“Contact” from CVS – Latest edition – Received

2.Letter from Eccleston Parish Council informing that as from 1 April 2007 the Room Hire Charge would be £19.00 per occasion- an increase of £1.00 only- NOTED.

191. Quality Parish Councils

The Clerk informed Council that currently he did not feel that he was able to commit the time necessary to pursue the course of study etc. to obtain the Certificate in Local Council Administration(CiLCA) and did not wish to join the training course in April as previously arranged.

Resolved that the Council noted his comments and understood the situation and that the matter would be reviewed at a later date - in six months time perhaps.

192. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

A committee meeting had been held on the 6th March 2007. It was hoped to celebrate the 20 years in existence of the Bleak Hill Rovers Football Team.

193. LAPTC/NALC

Cllr. Ken Cleary had been re-elected to the post of National Chairman of NALC.

Details were given of the LAPTC Conference "After the White Paper" scheduled for Fri-11th May to Sunday 13th MAY 2007 at Park Hall, Charnock Richard.

193. Parish Newsletter

The Editor, Cllr. K.D. Roughley made his request for any outstanding articles to be submitted as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported that all outstanding accounts due from advertisers had now been received.

194. Lynton Way Play Area

Nil report.

195. J. Malone Garden

Nil report .

196. Bleak Hill School – Spring Activity

The Clerk gave full details of this event which was to take place on Weds. 21st March 2007 at 2.30 p.m. The Chairman and the Parish Council were to present the School with planters etc. for use in the planned "Quiet Area"(see min. 181 ante).

197. Reports

Nil reports.

198. Finances

(a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances that the balances at the 1st March 2007 were

	£
Current Account	158.25
Capital Reserve Account	9999.02

(b)Payment of A ccounts

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

		£
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary ,Post & Purchases	341.24
Bleak Hill School	Photo-copying Services	21.00
Ecleston P.C.	Room Hire	18.00
Brian Walsh	Website /Computer Maintenace	30.00

199. May Elections

These were scheduled to take place Thursday 3rd May 2007.

In addition to Cllr.Mrs.B.Walsh, Cllr.Mrs.M.P.Fraser had indicated that she would not be standing for re-election to the Parish Council this time after many years of service.

200. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 17th April 2007 ,commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Signed-----
(Chairman)

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