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WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 20 April 2004

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

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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman requested that a minute's silence be observed as a mark of respect to former Councillor Mrs B Bolton, who had died since the last meeting. This was duly observed.

205. Prayers

Prayers were then said for the work of the Council.

206. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Mrs E Uren and Councillor K D Roughley had informed that he would be arriving late to the meeting.

207. Declarations of Interest

It was declared that Councillor K D Roughley, being a member of St Helens Council Planning Committee, would withdraw from the meeting whilst planning matters were under discussion.

No other declarations were made.

208. Parish Matters

- (a) The Chairman, Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft, paid further tribute to the work and support that had been provided by former Councillor Mrs Betty Bolton, both as a Windle Parish Councillor and also as a Ward Councillor.

- (b) The Clerk displayed a newspaper photograph of the Tree Planting Ceremony, which had been carried out at Bleak Hill School.
- (c) A new street sign for Fairway had been installed. The original one had been removed when the boundary fence had been put up. Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft indicated that she had also requested provision of a Bleak Hill Road sign at the school entrance.
- (d) The Christmas tree at Bleak Hill School would now need to be taken down within the next few weeks.
- (e) It was recommended, and agreed, that the Windle Parish Council notice board be painted white (with school permission) to make it stand out more. Clerk to arrange.
- (f) Councillor W Ashcroft gave details of action taken to rectify the unsatisfactory situation at the Henderson Bleak Hill Farm site (see minute 189 (b) ante). The Clerk also gave details of the ensuing correspondence with Hendersons, St Helens Council Planning Office and Windle Parish Council. As a result, Hendersons had carried out repairs to the damaged boundary wall and the site was under scrutiny by the Planning Office.

209. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 March 2004, which had been circulated previously.

It was pointed out by Councillor Mrs M P Fraser that, reference minute 199, there had not been an agreed resolution to approach the two gentlemen mentioned to ask them to serve on the Footpath Walks Committee. Accordingly this resolution was deleted from the minutes.

After this amendment was made it was

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 March 2004 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

210. Planning Applications

The Clerk read out a letter received from Town Planning (Jane Stott, Development Services Manager), which detailed improvements in methods of dealing with planning applications and giving details of issues that the Planning Committee can and cannot normally consider.

The Clerk submitted

- (a) Invitations to comment in respect of
- (i) P/2004/0363 – Mr P Barker, “Beechcroft”, Rainford Road – change of use of barn to 1 dwelling and 2 storey extension to rear
 - (ii) P/2004/0365 – “Beechcroft”, Rainford Road – Listed Building Consent – alterations – extension to and conversion of barn to 1 dwelling house
 - (iii) P/2004/0444 – Mr & Mrs Hughes, 36 Calderhurst Drive – part single storey, part 2 storey rear extension to form enlarged dining room, utility and WC with additional bedroom space above and bay window to front elevation
 - (iv) P/2004/0446 – C W Sumner, 14 The Grove, Windle – retrospective application for single storey rear extension
 - (v) P/2004/0459 – Mr & Mrs Briers, 26 Coronation Road – conservatory to rear elevation
 - (vi) P/2004/0472 – Mr Collard, 24 Moss Lane – front porch extension
 - (vii) P/2004/0531 – Mr & Mrs Harper, 22 Moss lane – single storey side extension to form music room and store, 2 storey side extension to form stair well and rear conservatory
- (b) Planning decisions
- (i) Approval of P/2004/0070 – Mr M Beech, 154 Bleak Hill Road – 2 storey side extension to form garage, dining room, kitchen extension with additional bedroom, family room and study above, also conservatory to rear
 - (ii) Refusal of permission for P/2004/0245 – Ms K Fairhurst, 58 Queens Drive – erection of 2 storey side extension for garage, utility and enlarged bedroom above and 2 storey rear extension for additional bedroom accommodation above extended lounge and new kitchen.

Resolved that the approval in (b) (i) and the refusal in (b) (ii) be noted and no comments be made against the planning applications in (a) (i), (ii), (iii) and (v), but the following comments be made reference P/2004/0446, i.e., in view of the fact that this is a retrospective application, it was requested that the necessary stringent inspection be made and the observations made by local residents be taken into account.



212. Other Correspondence

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

- (a) April 2004 Issue of CVS "Contact" – Received.
- (b) Community Focus Issue No 22 – Received.
- (c) Letter from Eccleston Parish Council giving notice of increased charge for room hire from £16.00 to £18.00, effective from 1 May 2004 – Noted.
- (d) Insurance Policy Renewal Notice (AON & Allianz 111 Cornhill) -
Resolved that this item be placed on the agenda for the May 2004 meeting, when discussion of risk assessment, etc. would take place.

213. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Nil report.

214. Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.

215. LAPTC – Merseyside Association of Parish & Town Councils

The Clerk informed that the annual subscription was now due for renewal.

Resolved that the membership be maintained and to include 2 subscriptions only for NALC magazines.

216. Ex ODPM – Consultation Reference Code of Conduct

After some discussion it was

Resolved that no comments be returned to the ODPM.

217. Reports From Other Bodies(a) Age Concern

Councillor Mrs J Foster had attended a recent forum, where the speaker had been Dr Mervyn Eastman. She gave a brief outline of the meeting and also provided some relevant literature packs for distribution.

(b) Police

Councillor K D Roughley had scheduled a meeting with the police for tomorrow.

218. Footpath Walks 2004

Councillor Mrs M P Fraser expressed regret that she was unable to organise and attend the walks as in previous years. Councillor W Ashcroft proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Mrs M P Fraser for all her work in the past. This was readily seconded and endorsed by the other members of the Council present.

Councillor Mrs B Walsh volunteered to take over this task and would complete it in conjunction with Mr Maurice Walsh, plus help from other current members of the Footpath Walks Committee, i.e. Councillor A F Rigby and Councillor Mrs M P Fraser.

Resolved to agree to this course of action.

219. Lynton Way Play Area

A resident of Fistral Drive (Mr Harry Mansfield) had complained of disturbance at Lynton Way Play Area, which had spilled over onto his drive and property.

The Clerk had obtained a quote from Kingdom Security to fulfil the role currently carried out by St Helens Council Security Service. However, after perusal and discussion it was

Resolved

- (a) that the Kingdom Security quote was too expensive;
- (b) that St Helens Council Security Agreement for 2004 – 2005 be agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

This form was completed and the Clerk was requested to write to Mr B Johnson/Mr M Gornall in order to request some tightening up of security cover for the play area and any possible modifications, e.g., 'No Ball Games' sign, higher fencing, etc.

220. Jim Malone Garden

Nil report.



221. Parish Newsletter – April 2004 Edition

This was currently being printed and it was intended to deliver it by 28 April 2004.

222. Finance(a) Balances

It was noted that balances at 31 March 2004 were as follows:

Current Account - £890.72

Capital Reserve Account - £7414.98

(b) Audit 2003/04

The date for this external audit had been set for 9 August 2004.

The internal audit by Mr J Friar would be carried out within the next few weeks.

Resolved that the Chairmn and Clerk sign off the Receipts & Payments Book for the year ending 31 March 2004.

(c) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
St Helens Council	Lynton Way Play Area Security Jan – May 2004	706.76
Post Office	Telephone (Dedicated line)	31.58
Ecclesfield Project Revenue Account	1 st Quarterly Payment	325.00
LAPTC	Subscription Fees, etc.	399.71
Mrs S A Hull	Typing Services	60.52
LAPTC	June Course Fee	75.00

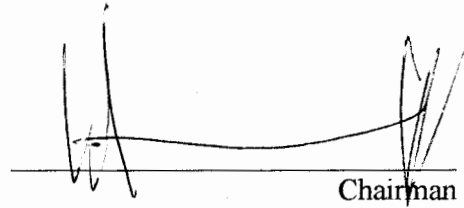
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire	16.00 \
L J Kilshaw	Salary, Postage, etc.	224.45 \
Peecee Print Ltd	Newsletter Printing、	494.00 \

223. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 18 May 2004 after the rising of the Annual Meeting, which would commence at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed



Chairman

Date

18 05 2004

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