

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 20th May 2014, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

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

13. Prayers- Prayers had already been said at the AGM, which had preceded this meeting, and the Chairman Cllr. Richard Barton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

14. Apologies had been received from Cllr.S. A. Bligh- away on holiday

15. Declarations of Interest; No declarations made.

16. Parish Matters; (a) The Clerk advised that he had agreed the dates for: The presentation of the Bleak Hill CP School Awards which would take place on Wednesday a.m. 9th July 2014@ 9.00 for 9.15 start and also the Christmas Tree Lighting for Friday 5th December 2014 (2.15pm start)

Resolved that prize levels be maintained at the same levels for the School Awards.
(b) Cllr. McNulty informed that she had received complaints from residents of Windle Grove concerning the practice of teenagers assembling in cars on the Starbucks Car Park, and playing loud music on their car radios whilst leaving the car doors wide open. Since then Starbucks have banned teenagers after 8.00pm from the car park and also banned the playing of loud music with the car doors wide open.

© A Police inspector had prevented a teenager, on the drive of his house, from attempting to remove the number plate from his car. This sort of activity has occurred previously when false number plates were used in drive-offs (without paying for the fuel) at Windle Island petrol station.

17. Minutes : the Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 15th April 2014, copies of which had been circulated earlier.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting on 15th April 2014, be accepted and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

18. Matters Arising: there were no matters arising.

19. Planning Matters. : The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:

a) Planning Application, P/2014/0381- 2, Lawrence Road, Windle Single Stry. side extn.

b) Decisions; the following applications had now been withdrawn
P/2014/0311- 39 Queens Drive- S.Stry.rear extn.. and
P/2014/0194- 10 Blindfoot Road- 2stry side & rear extn.

Resolved that no objections nor comments be made concerning the application in (a) and the two withdrawals in (b) be noted.

20. Other Correspondence; latest email bulletins from Halton & St Helens VCA
Received

21. Garden Competition 2014; Resolved ; Judging of the gardens entered would be on Friday 4th July 2014(closing date for entries 27th June 2014) and the categories would be the same as those in 2013.

22. Ecclesfield Sports Facility-Next meeting of the Management Committee would take place in two weeks time.

23. NALC/LALC/MAPTC/SLCC Details of forthcoming training courses had been received from LALC. Received and Noted.

24. Lynton Way Play Area – Report

No information has been received from the Ward Councillors, who attended our meeting in January, concerning the Play Area.

Resolved that the Clerk request a progress report, and also extend an invitation, on behalf of the Chairman Richard Barton for them to attend either of the meetings to be held on 17th June or the 15th July 2014 commencing at 7.00pm.

25. J. Malone Garden

Cllr. S. Bligh had proceeded with preparations for the proposed activity concerning the Hundredth Anniversary of the commencement of the First World War (see min.199 15/04/14).

Cllr. W.Ashcroft informed that he had weeded the garden with the help of local resident Roger Greatorex. This prompted discussion concerning the difficulty of regular garden maintenance, and it was;

Resolved that the Chairman would seek further information and details of costs from local firms, and report back to Council.

26. Parish Newsletter; Any outstanding articles were to be sent to the editor a.s.a.p.

27. Reports from Other Bodies- No reports received.

28. Finance: (a) Balances; The Clerk advised that the balances at the 30th April 2014 were Current A/c £ 7125.34 and the Business Reserve A/c £6037.29. The first half of the Precept 2014 /15 had now been received, and was included in the balances, and the second half would be received at the end of June.

(b) Payment of Accounts; Resolved that payment be made of the following accounts-
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NatWest Bank	Voucher Statement Fees (Dir.Dr.)	3.25
Eccleston P.C.	Room Hire 20/05/14	21.00
P. Fairclough	Internal Audit Fee 2013/2014	130.00
AON UK Ltd.	Annual Insurance premium.	579.71

(C) Internal Audit Report /Risk Assessment/ Insurance Cover 2014/15

The written report from the Internal Auditor Mr. P. Fairclough covering the period 1st March to 31st March 2014 was received and accepted- no points had been raised. As part of this consideration a further risk assessment of the Councils internal systems, especially concerning the handling of financial matters, was conducted, it was Resolved that, despite the changes brought about by recent legislation, it would still be prudent to maintain the requirement for two councillors to sign cheques etc. The insurance policy for 2014/15 was examined in detail and it was passed for payment.

Resolved that, as Mr. P. Fairclough had resigned for personal reasons, it would be necessary to appoint a successor as soon as possible.

(d) External Audit Annual Return 2013/14 will be verified and completed at the next meeting on 17th June 2014.

29. Date of Next Meeting: This would be on Tuesday 17th June 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Date _____