

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 20 September 2005 at Eccleston Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor K D Roughley (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs K S Barton (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft
Councillor W Ashcroft
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)

77. Prayers

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

78. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor R W Barton – prior engagement.

79. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

80. Parish Matters

- (a) The Clerk reported that Mr Noel Davies, who had acted as M.C. at the Bleak Hill School Christmas Tree Lighting Carol Services over the past few years, had been taken into Whiston Hospital and was gravely ill. Councillor Mrs K S Barton, a neighbour of Noel, further informed the Council as to the present situation regarding Noel's illness. The Clerk said that he had sent a card to both Noel and his wife, June, to assure them that they would be in the Council's thoughts at this difficult time.
- (b) Councillor W Ashcroft gave information regarding recent crimes in the Windle area; two of the perpetrators had been caught in Kiln Lane. The dog fouling in Fairway had been cleaned up.
- (c) Councillor Mrs N J Ashcroft had reported incidents of litter and cans and bottles in the entry from Windle Grove to Rainford Road and the

illegal purchasing of alcohol from Morrisons to Trading Standards Officers. There also appeared to be drug dealing in this entry.

- (d) Councillor Mrs M P Fraser reported that the brook, which had been overgrown, had now been cleared.
- (e) Councillor Mrs E Uren said that incidents of dog fouling were still occurring at the Hamilton Road/Coronation Road junction.
- (f) Councillor Mrs B Walsh said residents of Fairway had complained of dangerous parking on the left-hand side of Fairway by parents, etc delivering children to school. Councillor W Ashcroft said he would take this matter up with Mr George Houghton (Highways).

81. Chairman's Report

The Chairman took this opportunity to report on the results of the actions decided upon regarding "Youth Matters" (see minute 60 (b) ante). The initial response had been a little "underwhelming", but further attempts would be made to fire the enthusiasm of the local youth for the project. It was

Resolved that the Council would support him in these efforts and that a further committee meeting would take place shortly.

82. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 July 2005, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

83. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

84. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted

- (a) Invitations to comment in respect of
 - (i) *P/2005/0915 – Matthew Drennan, 21 St Georges Avenue – single storey side and rear extension
 - (ii) *P/2005/0942 – Mr & Mrs Dawe, 117 Rainford Road – raising of existing roof extension and rear conservatory
 - (iii) *P/2005/0959 – Mr & Mrs A Briers, 26 Coronation Road – single storey side extension to form study and WC cloakroom

- (iv) **P/2005/0914 – Mr Shaun Lavelle, 35 Queens Drive – demolition of existing single storey rear extension and the erection of a two storey rear extension to form kitchen and fourth bedroom
- (v) *P/2005/0967 – Colin Eaton, 34 Regal Drive – demolition of existing rear extension and replacement with single storey side and rear extension to form kitchen/diner and WC
- (vi) *P/2005/1003 – Lynton Way Play Area – erection of 3m high wire panel fencing and gates at the play area
- (vii) *P/2005/1028 – R Corbin, 9 St Georges Avenue – demolition of existing porch and erection of a two storey front extension and conservatory to rear
- (viii) P/2005/1048 – Mr S Foster, 19 Padstow Drive – demolition of existing garage and the erection and relocation of a new garage
- (ix) P/2005/1056 – Mrs Paula Dawson, 60 Queens Drive – two storey side extension forming car port and bedroom extension above
- (x) P/2005/1060 – Mr B O’Dwyer, 15 Sackville Road – demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey front, side and rear extension incorporating a porch, garage, kitchen and conservatory

* Applications considered by local committee during summer recess and no objections/comments made.

** As above in *, but request made to ensure the provision of necessary parking space.

(b) Planning decisions – approvals in respect of

- (i) P/2005/0768 Mr & Mrs F Verdin, 6 Fairway single storey conservatory
- (ii) P/2005/0799 – Mr G Dyer, 47 St Georges Avenue – single storey side extension to form garage and kitchen extension
- (iii) P/2005/0915 – as detailed ante in 84 (a)
- (iv) P/2005/0942 - “ “ “ “
- (v) P/2005/0959 - “ “ “ “
- (vi) P/2005/0914 - “ “ “ “

Resolved that no comments be made concerning the planning applications contained in 84 (a), ie the local committee's decisions be ratified, and no comments be made reference (viii), (ix) and (x) and also that the six approvals detailed in 84 (b) be noted.

85. Other Correspondence

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

- (a) "Contact" ex St Helens CVS – Received.
- (b) St Helens Council Minutes - Received.
- (c) St Helens Local Development Framework, Statement of Community Involvement and The Issues and Options – Received and Noted. Copies had been distributed by the Clerk with a request that any completed questionnaires be returned to Mr T Ferguson by the end of the month.

86. Quality Parish Councils

Nil report.

87. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Councillor A F Rigby reported that he had been elected as Chairman of Ecclesfield Management Committee.

At 30 June 2005 the current account was showing a balance of £250 and the Capital Reserve Account was £1965.07. Noted.

88. LAPTC

A meeting of the MAPTC had been held on 7 September 2005 at Rainhill. The LAPTC AGM was scheduled for Saturday, 5 November 2005, 10.30 am at County Hall, Preston. Noted.

89. Footpath Walks

The final walk had been held this previous Sunday and had been attended by seven walkers. Serious consideration as to the merits of the exercise would be needed before announcing a programme of walks for 2006. Due to poor support from residents this year, the matter would be up for debate.

90. Garden Competition

The prize winners and their guests had attended the Awards Ceremony prior to the Parish Council meeting this evening. As this was the 20th year of this event, a little extra celebration had been enjoyed by all.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be given to all and especially Councillor Mrs P Fraser, who had helped provide the buffet, etc, and also including the Chairman for printing the prize certificates.

91. Parish Newsletter

The editor, Councillor K D Roughley, requested articles be submitted to him as early as possible for the November/December issue.

92. Lynton Way Play Area

Following on from the Parish Council meeting on 19 July 2005, which had been attended by Mr D Bielowski, St Helens Council Parks & Leisure, and residents (see minute 59 ante), a planning application had been submitted by St Helens Council for the provision of a new 3 metre high wire panel fence and gates at each entrance. This fence also covered more of the perimeter than the current one and it was hoped to be far more effective. The opening/closing times had also been restored to normal, as requested.

93. Jim Malone Garden

The Clerk announced that he intended to re-stain the millennium bench in the near future. He had also requested a joiner to repair the broken lock to the notice board.

94. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Clerk reported that the Mayor had written to accept the Parish Council's invitation to the event and all other arrangements were progressing.

95. Reports From Other Bodies

(a) Police

Notice of meeting of Police & Community Forum to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 28 September 2005 at Room 8, St Helens Town Hall.

(b) Bleak Hill School Governors

Councillor Mrs K S Barton commented that whilst on a walk-round inspection of the school grounds, the governors had pointed out that the Parish Council notice board appeared to be in need of repair.

The Clerk reported that he had arranged for its removal this week for estimate and repair by the joiner who was repairing the Jim Malone Garden notice board.

96. Parish Website

The Clerk reported that the computer, etc was on order and would be delivered within the next week or so. It was hoped to have everything operational by the end of October.

97. Finance

(a) Balances

The Council noted the balances at 1 September 2005:

Current Account - £2461.03

Capital Reserve Account - £12667.40

(b) External Audit 2004/5

The audit had been satisfactorily carried out on 29 July 2005 and the auditor had found an error of £1.00, due to rounding up, in the Annual Return.

Resolved that the Audit Report 2004/5 be accepted and the necessary Notices of Conclusion of Audit and Statement of Accounts and Annual Review be posted on the Parish Council notice boards for the requisite two weeks.

(c) Interim Internal Audit 2005/6

The internal auditor's Interim Report to 30 June 2005 was presented to the Parish Council and noted.

(d) Payment of Accounts

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

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| Royal British Legion | | |
| Poppy Appeal | Donation VJ Day | 16.50 |
| Toye Kenning & Spencer | Engraving Chairman's Chain | 24.09 |
| Easily Ltd | Purchase of Domain Name | 49.35 |

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| *Mesh Computers Ltd | Computer Equipment | 1409.48 |
| *Easily Ltd | Domain Name Modification | 61.98 |
| BDO Stay Hayward | External Audit Fee | 141.00 |
| F Bishop | Garden Competition Winner | 30.00 |
| Mrs M Rhodes | “ “ “ | 20.00 |
| A Burns | “ “ “ | 15.00 |
| Mrs C Hardman | “ “ “ | 30.00 |
| N Phillips | “ “ “ | 20.00 |
| Mrs M Jackson | “ “ “ | 15.00 |
| A Halsall | “ “ “ | 15.00 |
| Mr & Mrs D Appleton | “ “ “ | 30.00 |
| N Phillips | “ “ “ | 20.00 |
| Threshers | Garden Comp Hospitality | 36.23 |
| Eccleston Parish Council | Room Hire (Sept) | 18.00 |
| L J Kilshaw | Two months' salary & Post & Purchases | 484.88 |

*Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 as being, in the opinion of the Council, in the best interests of the area and its inhabitants.

98. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 18 October 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

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