

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 20th September 2011, at the Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane, Eccleston.

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

Also in Attendance: L. J. Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)
 and for part of the Meeting- Cllr. A. Jones and A. Melling and E. Thomas from Rainford.

68. Prayers

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

69. Apologies – No apologies.

70. Declarations of Interest- No declarations were made.

71. Parish Matters

Cllr. Mrs. A. Bate reported that the pavement footpaths in Rutherford and Hamilton Roads were currently proving to be slightly hazardous for pedestrians and needed attention.

72. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th July 2011, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that these minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

73. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

74. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following;

A) Planning Applications

*P/2011/0614- Mr.& Mrs. Harris "TIR NAN OG" 1 Moss Lane-
 2stry.rear extn.

* Considered by local committee in August – no comment made

- b) P/2011/0653 Mrs. J. Riley- 31 Sackville Rd.-single stry. front, side & rear extns
 c) P/2011/0703- Mr. M. Sephton 54 St George's Avenue- s.stry. extn. to the side.

B) Approvals

The following applications had been approved:

1. P/2011/0485- Paul Poulton –Ashdown Cottage, Rainford Road- Windle
 “Works to trees protected by a preservation order”

2. P/2011/0530 -28 Crantock Grove- 2stry. extn to front elevation

3. P/2011/0614 – Tir Nan Og-1 Moss Lane as detailed above in A.

Resolved that

No objections be raised concerning the three applications in A
 And also the two approvals in B. be noted.

c.) Application for installation of overhead electricity lines on land between the Coach Road etc and land adjacent to the boundaries of St Helens, West Lancs, and Wigan

At this point the Chairman introduced the three visitors from Rainford, named above, and they were invited to address the Parish Council on this matter.

At the original consideration of this application the Council had raised no objections but had commented that the line would be better placed underground.

Cllr. Jones is a member of both St Helens Council and Rainford Parish Council, whilst both Mr. Melling and Mr. Thomas are farmers, whose farms would be effected by the pipeline.

They gave a detailed account of their discussions with Electricity North West and their reasons for the cable to be placed underground, including the resultant disturbance of several thousand pink-footed geese which winter every year on one of the fields to be involved.

Resolved that the Council would;

a) support Rainford Parish Council in the effort to have the line placed under ground

b) request the Clerk to write to Planning Dept. ref this matter upon receiving the promised and more detailed information from Messr. Melling and Thomas.

c) Chairman Cllr. Mrs, K. S. Barton and the Clerk, along with Rainford P.C., to attend the expected pre-hearing meeting with the Government

Inspector Mr.M. Kilcullen (12pm Mon.15/11/11) and on Tuesday 1st May 2012. at 10am the main Hearing itself.

75. Other Correspondence

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

- a) September edition of the Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action mail out Received & Noted
- b) September edition- Sports Development E-Newsletter- from St Helens Council Asstnt. Sports Development Officer. Received & Noted.
- c)From B. Hatton Electoral Services Officer(St Helens Council) Details of changes to Polling Stations to be used for Elections.Received & Noted

76. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Cllr.Richard Barton had been appointed Chairman of the Management Committee, and was duly congratulated.
Car parking problems remained an issue. One team had closed down. A new person had been appointed as groundsman and for the marking of the pitches.

77. LALC/NALC/MAPTC/SLCC

The Clerk gave further detail of training courses available from LALC And the Notice of the AGM of the SLCC to be held Sat.15th October in Reading. Received & Noted

78. Lynton Way Play Area- Report

The Clerk reported that a new metal inner-lining had been fitted to the litter-bin –previously damaged by fire. The see-saw had been removed . The promised hawthorn hedge had not yet appeared
No incidents of youth disorder reported- no doubt due to the full security cover being maintained.This may need some adjustment when the dark evenings come in with the end of summertime, at the end of next month.
The Clerk had requested details of the amount due for the current year so far for security, but no reply had been received to date.

79. J.Malone Garden- Report

Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty thanked Councillors Bate and Roughley for their efforts ~~with~~ the garden this year.

80. Christmas Tree Lighting Fri. 2nd Dec 2011 An invitation had been sent to the Mayor, but as yet no reply had been received.

81. Parish Newsletter- November Edition

Cllr. Roughley would be away for most of October, and thus, requested any outstanding copy should be emailed/ sent to him, so that he would be able to, quickly, complete the magazine upon his return.

82. Reports from Other Bodies

A)The Clerk gave a brief report on the AGM of Halton & St Helens Voluntary & Community Action which had been held yesterday.

Received & Noted

B Standards Committee

Cllr.R.W.Barton reported the abolition of the Standards regime for councillors, and had received a questionnaire to complete and return.

Noted

83. Ward Committees

St Helens Council had informed that these were being replaced with "new arrangements for engaging citizens at a neighbourhood level which will allow Councillors to respond more speedily to local needs."

84. Chairman's Chain of Office – New Links

Resolved that arrangements be made for the addition of two new links to be purchased and added to the Chain by Toye & Kenning: to cover the years 2010-11 and 2011-12. The estimated cost was £55. plus VAT.

85. Finance:-

(a)Balances:- The Clerk reported that the balances at 31st August 2011 were Current A/c £ 9114.60 and the Business Reserve A/c £7328.51

(b) Payment of Accounts- Resolved that approval for the payment of the following accounts be given:

	£
Easily Ltd. Website Hosting etc renewal	47.94
*Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	50.00
Eccleston Parish Council Room 20/09/11	21.00

N.B. Direct Debit Payment to be made 28./09/11 to Douglas Tonks ltd covering Payroll Admin. Cost Clerks Salary 3months/ HMRC/PAYE

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

(C) Internal Audit 2011-12

The interim report for the period 1st April -30th June 2011 was presented but no issues raised.

Resolved that the Internal Audit Report be accepted and approved,

(d) External Audit Report 2010-2011

This has not yet been received, but was due any time now.

86. Date of Next Meeting

This was scheduled for Tuesday 18th October 2011, to commence at 7.00pm in Eccleston Village Hall , Kiln Lane

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Date
