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

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

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

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

125. Apologies- had been received from Councillor Mrs. E. Uren- away on holiday.

126. Declarations of Interest- None were made.

127. Parish Matters

Mr. Tony Bishop, a resident of Windle Grove, had complained regarding the frequent incidents dog fouling occurring in the passage-way from Windle Grove and Rainford Road.

Resolved that the Dog Wardens be asked to give the matter some extra attention.

128. Minutes - The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2011 which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th November, 2011 should be accepted and approved, and be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

129. Matters Arising- There were no matters arising.

130. Planning Matters

The Clerk gave an invitation to comment on the following :

a) Planning Applications:

1.) P/2011/ 0988- M. Bulman - 148 Bleak Hill Rd.- Creation of an in/out driveway and installation of a Juliette balcony to an existing window opening.(Re-submission of P/2011/0832 –Refused 28/11/11)

2.) P/2011/1031- EURO GARAGES LTD-Land adjacent to Tesco Service Station, Rainford Road, Windle Island.- Erection of a drive-thru coffee shop.

3. P/2011/1032- as 1031- Consent to display 2 fascia signs post-mounted, 1 hanging sign, 4 directional signs, 2 menu boards and all illuminated along with 1 non-illuminated clearance sign.
4. P/2011/1047 – Mr. D. Bottelli, 10 Padstow Drive Windle - Two Stry. Extn. to side

b) Approvals or Otherwise

1. P/2011/ 0828 – L. Holden – 21 St. George's Ave.- Singe Stry. Extn. to Side.
Permission Granted.
2. P/2011/0832 – Mr. Bulman 148 Bleak Hill Rd. –Creation of in and out driveway plus balcony to an existing window opening. Permission Refused.
3. P/2011/ 0869- Mr .C. White 27 Regal Drive -2stry.side extn. plus 1st Flr.Rear extn.
Permission Granted.

Resolved that the approvals for items 1 and 3 and the refusal for item 2 in (b) should be noted, and that no objections be raised concerning applications 1 and 4 in (a). However the Council opposed the applications 2 and 3 in (a) by Euro Garages Ltd. for a drive thru Costa Coffee Bar and relevant signage.

This proposed development would inevitably increase the amount and movement of vehicles in a locality, where it is already a severe problem. There would also be an anticipated increase in litter in what is primarily a residential area, bordering on the crematorium and cemetery.

131. Other Correspondence

Letter received from Mr. R. Anders -Assistant Treasurer(Accountancy & Exchequer Services) St Helens Council- notifying the proposed payment dates for the Parish Precept 2012/13 i.e. 50% on 23rd April 2012
50% on the 25th June 2012

and that the applicable Council Tax Base for Windle Parish for 2012/13 has been set at £1,035(Band 'D' equivalent properties).

and also requesting written confirmation of the acceptance of these dates by 31st January 2012 and the date when the Parish Council would meet to set the 2012/13 Precept.

Resolved that these dates would be acceptable and that a letter of confirmation be sent and to inform that the Precept would be set either on Tuesday, Jan 17th 2012 or if not, certainly on Tuesday 21st February 2012.

132. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Budget for 2012-13 had been ratified and the amount due from Windle Parish Council would be the same as this current year i.e.£1412

A letter had been sent out to the shop keepers at Walmesley Road, regarding correct usage of the car park, but only one reply had been received.

133. NALC /LALC /MAPTC /SLCC The Clerk gave a brief report on the Finance Course he had attended in Penwortham, which was conducted by the Lancashire Training Partnership. He would be reporting in more detail to the Finance Committee in the New Year. Details of forthcoming courses etc. were given.

134. Lynton Way Play Area- Report

No reply had been received so far to the letter sent to Mr. Paul Sanderson (Director of Environmental Protection) dated 2nd Nov 2011, requesting some changes to the opening and closing duties provided by St Helens Council Security Force. It had since been learned that he had been on leave throughout November – only returning to duty early in December.

135. Jim Malone Garden- Report

Councillors Mrs. Ann Bate and Ken Roughley had tidied up the garden recently and reported there was not much to do there at this time of year.

136. Parish Newsletter- Report

The Chairman paid tribute to Cllr. Ken Roughley for having completed publication of the magazine after just returning from his lengthy sojourn in the Antipodes. The distribution of copies had been completed in December and early reports received from readers were appreciative. The bill for the printing was now due for payment= £438.00.

137. Christmas Tree Lighting 2011- Report

This had been carried out successfully once more and the occasion was enjoyed by all present- especially the children. The lights had failed once so far due to the wet, but had been working well since.

The newly purchased Xmas Greetings Banner had been fastened in position to the School perimeter fencing on Bleak Hill Road. Unfortunately gale force winds had subsequently ripped it off the fencing.

138. Pre-Christmas Reception –Report

All preparations had been completed for this event, which would be taking place later this same evening. A full report would be made at the January 2012 meeting.

139. Reports from Other Bodies

No reports received.

140. Finance : a) Balances- The Clerk informed the Council that the Bank Balances at the 30th November 2011 were Current A/c £4797.29
Business Reserve A/c £7329.43.

(b) Payment of Accounts

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

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Post Office (to St. Helens Council) Election Charges	170.57

K. D. Roughley	Re-imburement for purchase of Xmas Banner from Terry Beech Express Signs	40.00
Bleak Hill CP School	Photo-copying Sept-Dec 2011	26.84
Peecee Print Ltd.	Newsletter Printing	438.00
Flower Fashions	Hospitality (Pre-Xmas Receptn)	15.00
Hatton's Travel	Coach Hire Xmas Tree Ltng.	80.00
DSG Retail Ltd	PC World- Stny./ Ink Cartridges	62.94
L.J.Kilshaw	Postage / Purchases for Tree Ltng. & Pre-Xmas Receptn.	140.25
K.S.Barton	Hospitality Pre-Xmas Receptn. }	31.98
A. Bate	Catering }	10.23
N.J.Ashcroft	}	16.50
H. Bligh	}	10.50
M.McNulty	}	32.16
E. Roughley	}	11.11
Douglas Tonks (Direct Dr Payment) covering)		921.73
Clerk Salary 3months/ PAYE &)		
£14.25 Admin Fee plus VAT £2.85)		

c) 2012/13 Budget/ Precept- Discussion of this delayed –as awaiting reply to request for information.

141. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 17th January 2012.

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)