

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 21 September 2004

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

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

71. Prayers

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

72. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Mrs M P Fraser (away on holiday) and Councillor Mrs E Uren (prior meeting).

73. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

74. Parish Matters

- (a) A resident had complained about youths playing football in the evenings, sometimes until 11.30 pm, at the junction of St Georges Avenue, Coronation Road and Regal Drive. When any attempt was made to remonstrate with them, the youths insisted they could play wherever they liked. The police had been requested to assist in the matter.
- (b) Dog fouling incidents had increased in the area, especially around Regal Drive and Fairway. The new dog fouling signs had been received and were being placed in position. It was also noted that St Helens Council had recently appointed a temporary Dog Warden Support Officer to help combat this problem.
- (c) In the school holidays children had been seen playing in the Bleak Hill School grounds and some even claimed to have been told by their



mother to play there. It is a fact that there is no sign forbidding entrance to the school and steps should be taken to remedy this.

- (d) An effort had been made to initiate action from the Planning Enforcement Officer because of the poor state of the land adjoining the shops at Lynton Way. It was judged that, at the current time, the situation was not bad enough to warrant such action.
- (e) Following a complaint from a resident, a tree at Bleak Hill School, which was proving to be a nuisance to a neighbouring property, had been cut back to solve the problem.
- (f) A resident had complained about the poor state of the pavements in Rainford Road from no. 61 to Bleak Hill Road and this complaint had been passed on to St Helens Council by Councillor K Roughley. The complaint was investigated and repairs would eventually be made, which were budgeted for next year.
- (g) The scout hut at Dartmouth Drive had now been refurbished after suffering damage and vandalism in a recent break-in.
- (h) The Clerk was given approval to order the necessary wreath for Remembrance Sunday from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

75. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 July 2004, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 20 July 2004 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

76. Matters Arising

(a) Minute 54 (b)

The complaint raised had been resolved by the remedial action of John Broomhead (St Helens Council).

(b) Minute 54 (c)

It was pointed out that traffic lights are the responsibility of the local council and St Helens Council contracts out the work involving major cable replacement, etc. This explained the delay in carrying out the repairs at the Windle Island junction.

77. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted

- (a) **Invitations to comment in respect of**
- (i) *P2004/1116 – Mr & Mrs Williams, 4 Woodford Road – two storey side extension to form store with bedroom and bathroom extension above
 - (ii) *P/2004/1161 – Mr & Mrs Porteus, 40 Regal Drive – erection of two storey rear and side extension to extend kitchen and create a new master bedroom and single storey extension to enlarge the dining room
 - (iii) *P/2004/1168 – Mr & Mrs Barnes, 8 Windle Grove – single storey rear extension to form dining room and kitchen
 - (iv) P/2004/1204 – Mr C Richards, 20 Moss Lane – erection of first floor addition to existing garage
 - (v) *P/2004/1250 – David Brown, 11 Lawrence Road – demolition of existing conservatory and garage to be replaced with ground floor side and rear extension to form kitchen, WC and dining room
 - (vi) P/2004/1388 – J McGivern, 31 Windlebrook Crescent – single storey rear extension to existing dining room
 - (vii) P/2004/1440 – Mrs Morelli, 169 Rainford Road – ground floor rear extension and dormers to front and rear elevations

*As decisions had been required, during the summer recess, on these applications, they had been dealt with by a local committee consultation at the time.

Resolved that no comments or objections be raised in respect of applications in (i), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii).

In respect of (ii) it had been indicated to the Planning Office that a drainage problem might arise as there was a soak-away there, and there was the question of sufficient car parking space being available.

- (b) **Enforcement Notice Appeal – ENF/2004/002 – APP/H4315/CO4/1157675 – R. Brooks, 7 Coronation Road – It was brought to the Parish Council's notice that an appeal was under consideration regarding a breach of planning control under Section**

171A(i)(a) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Section 174. The breach concerned the simultaneous erection on the land of a conservatory and extension to the dwelling house without the benefit of planning permission.

(c) Approvals in respect of

- (i) P/2004/0363 – P Barker, “Beechcroft”, Rainford Road – change of use of barn to 1 no. dwelling and two storey extension to rear
- (ii) P/2004/0365 – Mr P Barker, “Beechcroft”, Rainford Road – extension to and conversion of barn to 1 no. dwelling house
- (iii) P/2004/0797 – Mr & Mrs Hall, 11 Fairway – erection of rear conservatory, garage and utility side extension with pitched roof
- (iv) P/2004/0842 – Mr P I Lee, 26 Calderhurst Drive – single storey rear extension to form dining room
- (v) P/2004/0855 – Mr R Johnson, 59 Regal Drive – single storey side and rear extension to form study, WC and kitchen extension
- (vi) P/2004/0905 – Mr J Harrison, 5 Stuart Road – demolition of existing side porch and erection of single storey side extension for bathroom
- (vii) P/2004/1116 – Mr & Mrs J Williams, 4 Woodford Road – two storey side extension to form store with bedroom and bathroom above
- (viii) P/2004/1030 – Mr S North, 6 Regal Drive – erection of single storey side extension
- (ix) P/2004/1050 – Mr & Mrs Bonetti, 31 Fistral Drive – single storey side and rear extension to form garage and family room
- (x) P/2004/1056 – 146 Bleak Hill Road – erection of first floor side extension
- (xi) P/2004/1086 – Mr L Tabernaacle, 43 Rainford Road – conversion of bungalow to two storey dwelling with construction of first floor for 4 bedrooms and a study

- (xii) P/2004/1161 – Mr & Mrs F Porteus, 40 Regal Drive – erection of two storey rear and side extension
- (xiii) P/2004/1168 – Mr & Mrs Barnes, 8 Windle Grove – single storey rear extension to form dining room and kitchen
- (d) Refusals in respect of
 - (i) P/2004/1204 – Mr C Richards, 21 Moss Lane, Windle
 - (ii) P/2004/0803 – Mrs Morelli, 169 Rainford Road
- (e) Withdrawal of application P/2004/0833 – land adjacent to Refill Service Station, Rainford Road, Windle – erection of 3 retail units and associated access and parking. The applicant (TrendText Ltd) had decided not to proceed with the application and it was formally withdrawn on 1 September 2004.

Resolved

- (i) that no comments be made reference the appeal in (b)
- (ii) that the approvals listed in (c), the refusals listed in (d) and the withdrawal listed in (e) all be received and noted.

78. Other Correspondence

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

- (a) Letter from Eccleston Parish Council giving details of new arrangements for hall users. Received and noted.
- (b) September Issue of CVS "Contact". Received.
- (c) Autumn Programme from Duncan Society. Received and noted.
- (d) Notice of St Helens Community Safety Forum on 29 September 2004 at 12.00 noon at Mansion House, Victoria Park. Received and noted.
- (e) Letter from St Helens North Crime Prevention Team requesting a donation towards the costs of their work.

Resolved to donate £50.00 towards this work.

79. Ex ODPM

Consultation re ~~Draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees and a Review of Restrictions on the Political Activities of Local Authority Employees and Pay of Political Assistants~~

The Clerk gave an outline description of these detailed documents and picked out salient points for consideration. Any responses were due to NALC by 12 November 2004.

Resolved that no comments be made at this juncture.

The documents were available for close scrutiny and study upon request.

80. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

At the AGM, held on 7 September, Councillor Shirley Evans had been elected as Chairman of the Management Committee.

81. LAPTC

Notice of the AGM on Saturday, 6 November 2004 at 10.30 am at County Hall, Preston was received and noted.

82. Windle Parish Website

Parish Councils are required to have a website in operation in 2005. The Clerk confirmed that steps were currently being taken to comply with this requirement.

83. Footpath Walks

The last of 4 footpath walks had taken place on Sunday, 19 September. This had been attended by 2 residents only, plus Mr Maurice Walsh and the Clerk. Serious consideration as to the future continuation of these walks would be necessary when planning for next year's programme.

84. Garden Competition

The prize-giving would take place prior to the next meeting on 19 October 2004. Councillor Mrs Fraser (away on holiday) had the list of winners, which the Clerk would obtain upon her return. The Chairman had already supplied details of the Chairman's Choice winner. The necessary invitations would be sent out by the Clerk.

Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to John Broomhead for his preparation and clearance maintenance of the footpaths prior to the walks.

85. Parish Newsletter

Councillor K Roughley requested that outstanding articles be received by 15 October 2004.

86. Lynton Way Play Area

Permanent notices had now been installed informing that the gates would be closed at 8.30 pm in summer and 6.30 pm in winter.

87. Jim Malone Garden

Nil report.

88. (a) Planting of Additional Trees

The 4 trees were available from Mr M Walsh and it was agreed that they would be planted in the near future by the Chairman and the Clerk (plus volunteers).

(c) Tree Lighting

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Betty Lowe, MBE, had accepted an invitation to the Tree Lighting.

Resolved

- (i) that the Christmas tree planted by Councillor Mrs Fraser several years ago be used at Bleak Hill School Tree Lighting;
- (ii) that the electricians be consulted about any necessary extension to the power cable connection, etc.;
- (iii) that all other arrangements be put in hand for the Tree Lighting to be held on 10 December 2004.

89. Reports From Other Bodies

- (a) Bleak Hill School – The Head Teacher, Mr Peter Isaac, had announced that he would be taking early retirement at the end of the Spring Term 2005.
- (b) St Helens Council had revealed some pleasing statistics regarding the success of the Green Waste Collection Scheme, revealing a total tonnage of 1335.77 of green waste collected with a participation level approaching 70%.

90. Finance(a) Balances

The Council noted the balances at 31 August 2004:

Current Account - £468.89

Capital Reserve Account - £14247.55

(b) Audit 2003/04

The external audit had been satisfactorily carried out on 9 August 2004. No issues had been raised.

Resolved that the Audit Report be accepted and the Notices of Conclusion of Audit and Statement of Accounts and Annual Review be posted for two weeks from 22 September 2004 on display on the Parish Council notice boards.

(c) The Clerk had implemented back-dated salary increases, as approved (minute 69(c) @ 20.7.04). However, new increases had since been agreed detailing salary levels ex 1 April 2004 and 1 April 2005.

Resolved that the new levels be implemented from next month and again at 1 April 2005.

(d) Payment of Accounts

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

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* St Helens CVS	Annual Membership/	
**	Affiliation Fee	50.00
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire	18.00
HLBAV Audit plc	External Annual Audit Fee	141.00
L J Kilshaw	Salary (Aug & Sept) & Expenses	466.56
** St Helens North Crime Prevention Team	Donation	50.00

* Previously issued 18 August 2004 at time of receipt.

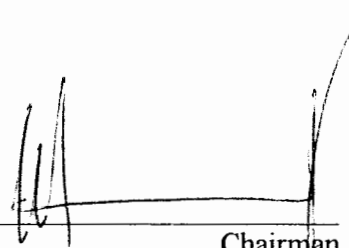
** Expenditure incurred by the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 as being, in the opinion of the Council, in the best interests of the area or its inhabitants.

91. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 19 October 2004, preceded by the ~~Garden Competition Prize Presentation~~.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed _____



Chairman

Date _____

19 / 10 / 04

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