

## Windle Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008 ,at Eccleston Village Hall

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

Also in Attendance : P.C. Mark Pender (Merseyside Police)  
L. J. Kilshaw ( Clerk to the Council )

#### 90. Prayers

Cllr. W .Ashcroft (Chairman) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

#### 91. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

#### 92. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. K .D .Roughley declared that, as a member of the St Helens Council Planning Committee, he would absent himself from the meeting during the discussion of Planning Matters.

#### 93. Parish Matters

With the Council` s permission the Chairman varied the Agenda to incorporate the Reports item into discussion on Parish Matters ,to enable P. C. Pender to make his Police Report.

a). P. C. Pender informed that speed- checks were to be carried out in both the Parish and Windle Ward. A request for this to be done on Bleak Hill Road was made as residents were complaining about speeding traffic there, especially when approaching the vicinity of the School.

b) Residents of Fairway were complaining about a bus being parked consistently ,and being cleaned etc whilst there – the officer was requested to speak to the proprietor.

c) Cigarette butts were still causing a litter , and possible fire risk outside the hairdressing salon and the empty tanning shop in Kiln Lane . These emanated from the staff of the hairdressers when having their “smokers` breaks “.  
Again a request was made for the constable to have a word with them about the possible danger of fire and the possibility of the provision of ash-trays.

At this point P. C. Mark Pender left the meeting ,after the Chairman had thanked him for his contribution to the discussion.

#### 93. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council ,held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008,which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008 , should be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record .

#### 94. Matters Arising

- a) Ref. min 74b .- the Environmental Health Dept. had intervened and cleared the blockage etc. in the brook near Windlebrook Crescent .
- b) Ref .min 76b – the offending graffiti had been removed and the resident informed .

#### 95. Planning Matters

##### a).Planning Applications

No applications received.

Therefore it was not necessary for Cllr. Roughley to leave the meeting.

##### b) Approvals

1. P/2008/0717 – Extn. to existing cemetery plus landscaping ,drainage etc.- at St Helens Cemetery and Crematorium , Rainford Road. Permission Granted.
2. P/2008/0719 – Mrs. Y. Wainwright 10 Malt House Court, Windle – Works to a tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order – Consent Granted.
3. P/2008/0737 – Mr.D.Martland – 84 Bleak Hill Road – 2 stry.side extn. – Permission Granted.
4. P/2008/ 0820 – Mr .Anthony Richards 18 Moss Lane – Demolitn of existing rear conservatory and erectn. of replacement conservatory with single stry.side extn.to form garage. Permission Granted.
5. P/2008/0907 - Mr .M. Woodward “TIR NAN OG” Moss Lane – Resubmission of application P2008/0544 showing amended garage design. -Permission Granted - subject to subsequent conditions.

6. P/2008/0921 – Mr. D. Wright 57 Coronation Road – Amendment to previous permission P/2006/1304 . Permission Granted subject to subsequent conditions.

The Council noted the above six approvals.

#### 95. Other Correspondence

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

1. CVS Magazine – Oct/Nov. edition – Received.

2. Letter of from A. H. Jenkins( Mayor`s Officer ) inviting a representative and their guest to the Ceremony of Remembrance ,Sun.9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008 and also on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.2008.

As the Chairman , Cllr.W.Ashcroft, would be participating in his role as Leader of the Conservative Party, it was :

Resolved that Cllr. R. W. Barton (Deputy Chairman) should represent the Parish Council, with Cllr. Mrs. K. S. Barton as his guest at these ceremonies.

The Clerk confirmed that the necessary wreath had been obtained from the R.B.L.A.

3. Letter from Merseyside Environmental Service giving some broad detail of Merseyside`s Waste Plan etc. and inviting comment.

Cllr. Roughley described his visit to a Waste Disposal Plant to shed more light on the matter.

Received & Noted.

4. Letter from SELRAP – Skipton – East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership – requesting an expression of support for this campaign to re-instate the missing rail link from Colne to Skipton as part of the National Rail Network.

Resolved a message of support be sent with mention of possible reciprocal support for re-instatement of the missing rail link from St Helens Junction to St Helens Central(formerly Shaw St. Station)

5. Letter from Dept .for Communities and Local Government ref “The making and enforcement of byelaws – A Consultation “

Received and Noted – Further copies of the Consultation to be obtained.

#### 96. Quality Parish Councils

Nil Report.

#### 97. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Nil Report.

#### 98. LALC/MAPTC/NALC/SLCC

a) Details were given of a NALC Conference to be held 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2008.

b) LALC Newsletter .-Received.

c ) Freedom of information Act – Completing the necessary Guide to information for Parish and Town Councils Model Publication Scheme.

Resolved this item be placed on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting for further discussion .

99. Lynton Way Play Area

The Clerk had composed a letter to residents about the rising costs of security provision and possibility of temporary closure, during the Winter , in order to reduce this expense. However ,all had been quiet on the Western Front this year , and ,after discussion it was :

Resolved that Paul Sanderson etc. be consulted to discuss a possible short trial period of leaving the Play Area open ( i.e. unlocked) with a view to eventually keeping it open .

100. Jim Malone Garden

Just in need of some final trimming of shrubs – Cllr.W.Ashcroft said that he would attend to this.

101. Parish Newsletter

Next edition would be printed and delivered in November .

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Ken Roughley for his sterling efforts, once again , in compiling the magazine.

102. Christmas Tree Lighting 2008

The Clerk reported that Lennie Lowe was unable to fulfil his customary role as Father Christmas this year, due to a prior commitment . However John Glover ,of Bleak Hill Road , had been recruited by the Clerk to deputise.

The Mayor's Secretary had requested Council's permission for Connor Spratt - a 10 year old school boy to attend the Tree Lighting as an official guest .The Clerk had agreed to this request on behalf of the Council .

103. Pre- Christmas Reception 2008

The Clerk reported that arrangements were proceeding and the list of invitees was agreed.

104. Reports from Other Bodies

a) The Police Report had been incorporated into Parish Matters (see min.93 ante).

b) Cllr. R. W.Barton reported on his undergoing training for his work on the Local Standards Committee.

c) Windle Ward Committee

The next meeting would be held on Mon. next, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.00pm at the Deaf Centre near the Lingholme.

Cllr. W. Ashcroft informed that there was to be Ward Boundary Signs provided for the for the Windle Ward .

The fencing has now been installed at the Scout H.Q. AT Dartmouth Drive.

105. Finance

a ) Balances :

The Council noted that the balances at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 were :

	£
Current Account	6394.12
Capital Deposit Account	7573.47

b ) External Audit Report 2007-08

The Clerk presented the Annual Return and the Audit report ,which had been completed on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 .viz, - “ on the basis of our review ,in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission` s requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met ”

Resolved that this annual return be approved and accepted by the Windle Parish Council , and also that the annual return and notice of conclusion of audit be displayed on the Council Notice Board for 14 days .

c ) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
The Post Office	BT tel a/c –dedicated line incl broadband	102.24
Eccleston P.C.	Room Hire 21/10/08	20.00
Ecclesfield Project Rev A/C	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qrtly Payment	250.00
B.Walsh	Website / Computer	30.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary	290.56
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	External Audit Fee 2007/08	158.63

105. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 , commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman )

Date \_\_\_\_\_