

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006 at the Eccleston Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor W.Ashcroft  
Councillor Mrs.M.P.Fraser  
Councillor K.D.Roughley  
Councillor Mrs.E.Uren  
Councillor Mrs.B.Walsh

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

113. Prayers

Cllr.Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft,in the absence of the Chairman Cllr.Mrs.Sheila Barton chaired the meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting,which she opened with prayers for the work of the Council.

112. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs.K.S. and R.W.Barton- on holiday – and Cllr.Mrs.McNulty (indisposed).

114. Declarations of Interest

Cllr.K.D.Roughley informed Council that,as he is a member of St.Helens Council Planning Committee, he would absent himself from the room when planning matters were discussed.  
No other declarations were made.

115. Parish Matters

a) After discussion it was :

Resolved that a Pre-Christmas Reception would be held at the close of the next meeting of the Council on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>.Cllr.Mrs.M.P.Fraser had agreed to arrange the catering for approximately 35 to 40 people.

b) Cllr.W.Ashcroft gave a report on the recent Community Meeting held at Bleak Hill School when the following items had been raised:

- Need to clean up the perennial “grot spot” behind the shops on Lynton Way.
- Replace or modification to the “clanging gate “ leading to the Play Area on Lynton Way.
- Traffic calming measures to combat the “rat run” use of St.George`s Avenue.

- Suggestion of a Community Notice Board ,to be sited at the Kiln Lane/Coronation Road Shops.

Other problems raised included:

- Surface drainage problems at the top of Stuart Way and outside Bleak Hill Close on Bleak Hill Road.

- Request for an up-date on the unoccupied land adjoining the Tesco Site on Rainford Road.

- Request to examine the parking problems outside the Kiln Lane Shops.

c) Councillors and P.C.Morrison then engaged in a productive discussion of local problems of nuisance behaviour etc.---

There had been recent incidents of stone throwing at doors and windows ,plus general aggression by youngsters in Fair Way and Regal Drive.

A recent attempt had been made to break into Bleak Hill School.

A resident had complained of some disturbance in the Queens Drive Area by neighbours holding an outdoor “hot-tub party” which persisted late at night.

P.C. Morrison was thanked for her valuable input to the meeting by the Chairman ,Cllr.Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft, and then retired from the meeting.

#### 116. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting,held on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2006,which had been circulated previously.  
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting ,held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006,be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

#### 117. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 118. Planning Applications

At this juncture Cllr.K.D.Roughley left the meeting whilst planning matters were being discussed.

The Clerk submitted :

(a) Invitation to comment in respect of:

1. ) P/A/ 2006/1281 – Mr.&Mrs.Bruce,2 MossLane – Conservatory to rear.

- 2.) P/A/2006 / 1298 – A.R.Burns – 52 Crantock Grove – Prefabricated detached garage at side of house.
- 3) P/2006/1304 – Mr.Wright, 57 Coronation Road – Single stry.side & rear extn.incorporating an extended kitchen.
- 4.) P/A/2006/1308 – Mr.C.Chessell of Capita Symonds House – ref. junction of Blindfoot Road & East Lancs.Road- Installation of 8m. camera pole for vehicle monitoring system.
- 5.) P/A/2006/1324 – Mr.M.S.Melia, 10 Sackville Road – 1<sup>st</sup> Flr. Rear Extn.
- 6.) P/A/2006/ 1388 – Mr.D.Bottell, 10 Padstow Drive – Single stry.side extn.

(b). Approvals in respect of :

- 1) P/2006/1047 – Mr.&Mrs.Pickering – 64 Coronation Rd.- Single Stry.Extn.
- 2 ) P/2006/ 1096 – Mr.& Mrs.D.Neil – 9 The Grove – 1<sup>st</sup> Flr.Extn.
- 3 ) P/2006/1180 – Mr.A.Bradley – 20 Coronation Rd. – Single stry.pitched roof extn. to side , plus demolition of existing store and erection of new detached garage .

Resolved that the approvals in (b) be noted and that no comments be made concerning the applications listed in (a) except for P/A/2006/1298, where a request be made to ensure that the appearance of the proposed garage should conform with the original and surrounding houses.

#### 119. Other Correspondence

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

1) Notice of the next meeting of the Merseytravel Safe Board to be held on 1/12/06 at 10.30 a.m. at Merseytravel Offices, Hatton Garden, Liverpool.

Received

2) Minutes of Development Services/Parish Council Meeting held recently at St.Helens Town Hall.

Received and Noted

3) Invitation from Eccleston Parish Council to their TreeLighting Ceremony, To be held at Eccleston Library-11 a.m. Thursday 7/12/06.

Noted

#### 120. Quality Parish Councils

The Government White Paper had now been published and comments received from NALC .- see later.

121. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Nil report.

122. LAPTC/NALC Report

Initial comment received regarding the White Paper on Quality Parish Councils seems to indicate that there will be benefits and preferential consideration given to Councils ,which achieve Certification.  
A closer study of this comment and the White Paper needs to be made.

123. Parish Newsletter

The latest edition had been delivered.Copies would now be sent out to the advertisers,together with their bills.

124. Lynton Way Play Area

Nil report.

125. Jim Malone Garden

Nil report.

126. Christmas Tree Lighting

Peter Houlton (A1 Minibus Services) had been approached and had ,once again ,kindly agreed to lay on transport for the visiting pupils and staff from St.Thomas of Canterbury C.P. School.

Alan Hull had been briefed as to his role as M.C.

Father Christmas was currently on a cruise in the West Indies, but was expected home in time to fulfil his role – let `s hope that the costume will still fit him on his return.

Rachel Wilson – a young person in wheel-chair (plus her carer)- will be accompanying Cllr.Teresa Sims,the Mayor, on this occasion.

Replies ,in the affirmative,had been received from the Chairs of Eccleston and Rainford Parish Councils and also from Canon Geoff Almond- Chairman of the Bleak Hill School Governors.

The quotation from Paragon Building Services(St.Helens)Ltd.to carry out the necessary electrical work, had been received and it was Resolved that it be accepted – Clerk to write to confirm.

127. Reports

Police Report P.C.Morrison had given her report to the Council, during the discussion on Parish Matters – see ante min.115.

Bleak Hill School Governors

The School had undergone a recent OFSTED Inspection and had emerged with flying colours being given an “Outstanding Report”.

128. Website Report

All in order. It had proved necessary to replace the computer wireless mouse just recently.

129. Finance(a) Balances

The Council noted that the balances at the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2006 were :

	£	
Current Account -		309.77
Capital Reserve Account-		12555.00

(b) Payment of Accounts

St Helens District CVS	Annual Subscription	50.00
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire	18.00
L.J.Kilshaw	Salary, Expenses Purchases	305.45
PC PRINT LTD.	Newsletter Printing	494.00

(c) Expenditure Against Budget Review

The Clerk gave a brief summary indicating that the expenditure was broadly in line with the budget, but promised a more detailed report, when the consideration of the Parish Precept would be undertaken over the next two months.

The opportunity was taken to present the written copy of the Internal Auditor's Report to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006.

Resolved that this document be approved by the Council, and signed by the Chairman.

130. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 7.00 p.m., to be followed by the Pre-Christmas Reception at 8.30 p.m. The Council was reminded that the Tree Lighting was on Friday 1/12/06 – Assemble 1.45. for 2.15 p.m. start. The meeting close at 8.46 p.m.

Signed------(Chairman)------(Date)