

Windle Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st December 2010
at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

PRESENT: Cllr. K.D. Roughley (Chairman)
Cllr. S. A. Bligh (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft
Cllr. W. Ashcroft
Cllr. Mrs. K.S. Barton
Cllr. R. W. Barton
Cllr. Mrs. A. Bate
Cllr. Mrs. M. McNulty

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

121. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. E. Uren – away on holiday.

122. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. W. Ashcroft declared that, being a member of the St Helens Council Planning Committee, he would not take part in any discussion of Planning Matters.

123. Parish Matters

a) Complaint from residents that the side roads, and in particular, Hamilton Road, which is heavily used by School traffic, had not been gritted during the recent bad weather conditions- Cllr. W. Ashcroft had taken the matter up with St Helens Council but it still had not been gritted. The policy is to grit all roads serving as bus routes as a priority.

b) The December 2010 edition of the Parish Newsletter had now been distributed.

124. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday, 16th November 2010, which had previously been circulated.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th November 2010, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

125. Matters Arising

a) Ref.min109- It was not known if the re- examination of the drains at Hamilton Road etc. by camera, had been carried out yet or not.

Resolved that Cllr. S. Bligh would contact the residents to ascertain this.

126. Planning Matters

There were no planning applications or approvals to be considered.

However a letter had been received from Stuart Barnes (Development Control Manager Town Planning< St Helens Council) informing that it was intended that, as from 1st Jan. 2011, all further consultations and weekly lists would be sent out via email, with the necessary link to look up any application you may be interested in.

Should a paper copy of an application be required, telephone (01744) 676219
Technical Support team or email planning@stheiens.gov.uk to obtain one.

127. Other Correspondence

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

1. St Helens & Halton CVS bulletin –Received.
2. Invitation from the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral to the Chairman to attend the Lancashire Civic County Carol Service on Sunday 30th January 2011.
Cllr. Roughley unable to attend and it was therefore-
Resolved that the Clerk would write to inform the Dean and thank him for the kind invitation

128. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

No report.

129 LALC /MAPTC /NALC/ SLCC

Letter giving details of the planned workshops and courses in 2011 for councillors and clerks plus the annual report from LALC. Received and Noted.

130. Lynton Way P.A.

The Clerk confirmed that the gates would be left unlocked until Sat.26/03/11

131. J. Malone Garden

No report.

132. Tree Lighting- Report

This had taken place on Friday 4th December 2010 and had proved a very successful event despite the extreme weather conditions at the time.

St Helens Council Lighting Dept. had arranged for the necessary work to be done to install the underground chamber to house the electrical connections for the lights etc. after much delay and frustration due to the weather etc.

A 14ft Spruce tree had been purchased from Rainford's, and comments received, had for the most part, been favourable.

133. Pre- Christmas Reception

All arrangements were in place for this reception to be held later this evening. Some invited guests, who had previously replied accepting the invitation, had since cried off because of the bad weather and subsequent difficult conditions, both on the roads and underfoot. The Clerk made a request for any outstanding bills to be submitted for payment.

134. Meeting of St Helens Parish Clerks- Report

The main focus of the meeting had been a presentation by NatWest Bank to illustrate new ways of operating the bank accounts. Cheques are to be withdrawn in 2018, and so the methods illustrated obviated the need for them.

The Clerk gave a brief insight into these and indicated he would go into more detail at a later date, as no changes would be made to the bank mandate etc. until after the elections due in May 2011.

135. Reports from Other Bodies

No reports were made.

136. Finance

a) Balances- The Clerk reported that the bank balances at 21/12/2010 were:
Current A/c £5714.20 Business Reserve A/c £7825.68

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

		£
R & D Rainford	Christmas Tree - 14ft. Spruce	95.00
W. Ashcroft	Tree Lights purchased from Staxx C & C	15.24
Peecee Printing Ltd.	Printing Newsletter	494.00
Eccleston P.C.	Room Hire 21/12/10	20.00
L. J. Kilshaw	Postage & Stationery (20.78)	
	Salary (301.54)	
	Hospitality purchases ;	
	Tree Lighting (67.08)	
	Christmas Reception (76.25)	
		<u>= 465.65</u>
Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft	Catering –Christmas Reception	36.35
Mrs. M. McNulty	“ “ “	26.49
Mrs. K. S. Barton	“ “ “	38.74
Mrs. E. Roughley	“ “ “	8.60
Mrs .H. Bligh	“ “ “	15.41

C) Budget -Report - Current year most items on budget , but enforced extra items ,e.g. provision of Christmas Tree etc and extremely low bank interest being earned were having their effect. It was hoped to look at the 2011/12 budget in January and to set the precept required.

d) Finance Committee Meeting-

Resolved that a meeting be held on Tuesday 11th Jan 2011, commencing at 7.30pm, At 13, Rainford Road , Dentons Green .

137. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was to be held on Tuesday 18th January 2011 at 7pm, at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____