

WINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also in Attendance: Sgt Paul Phillips (Merseyside Police)
L J Kilshaw (Clerk to the Council)

133. Prayers

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

134. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor A F Rigby and on behalf of Councillor Mrs J Foster, who had been rushed into hospital earlier that day.

135. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

136. Parish Matters

- (a) Further complaints had been received concerning youth disorder, involving drinking, bad language and abuse to residents and shopkeepers in the Kiln Lane, Coronation Road and St Georges Avenue area.

A request had been made that the street ban on alcohol, recently introduced, be extended to include Windle. Sgt P Phillips took a note of the complaints.

- (b) Details were given of a scam operation occurring in St Helens involving an "old lady" asking to use the house telephone, which had later resulted in increased telephone bills^{etc} for the residents.

- (c) Concerns regarding the high incidence of traffic accidents at Blindfoot Road and Catchdale Moss Lane junctions on the East Lanes Road had been expressed to St Helens Council. Mr A Houghton (Highways) had replied informing that there would be a 60 mph speed limit on the A580, introduced in January 2005.

In addition, it was proposed to construct a roundabout at the Blindfoot Road junction, as well as altering the Catchdale Moss Lane junction to prevent vehicles from turning right out of the side road. These measures were intended to make the area safer and less prone to accidents.

- (d) School Travel Plans (STP) had been introduced at Bleak Hill School in an effort to “educate” parents and to reduce car use and congestion, but improve safety, environment and access.

137. Minutes

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 November 2004, which had been circulated previously.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2004 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

138. Matters Arising

~~Minute 116 (c) Dog Fouling Incident – Camera evidence needed to be supported by personal observation. Councillor W Ashcroft would pursue the matter if the resident/witness would let him have the video evidence.~~

139. Planning Applications

The Clerk submitted

- (a) Invitations to comment in respect of
- (i) ~~P/2004/1838 – Liverpool St Helens RUFC, Moss Lane, Windle – change of use of car park to allow siting of mobile test vehicle (skills and employment training) to car park in front of pavilion~~
 - (ii) ~~P/2004/1876 – Mr D Bottell, 14 Lynton Way – single storey ground floor extension and dormer window in loft~~
 - (iii) ~~P/2004/1877 – Mr & Mrs Edwards, 84 St Georges Avenue, Windle – single storey rear conservatory~~

- (iv) P/2004/1902 – Mr M Carey, 29 St Georges Avenue, Windle – first floor extension to rear to form enlarged bedroom and bathroom
- (b) Approvals in respect of
 - (i) P/2004/1584 – G Pennington, 16 Moss Lane, Windle – erection of rear dormer
 - (ii) P/2004/1669 – Mr & Mrs Parton, 6 St Mawes Way, Windle – single storey rear extension to form porch and WC
 - (iii) P/2004/1679 – Mr & Mrs Cunliffe – 33 Regal Drive, Windle – single storey side extension and garage, WC, study and conservatory
 - (iv) P/2004/1705 – Mrs S Collins, 20 Regal Drive, Windle – single storey side and rear extension to form dining room, kitchen and shower room
 - (v) P/2004/1714 – Mr & Mrs J C O'Neill, 95 Windle Grove – extension to kitchen, utility room and additional lounge area, additional bedroom with en-suite toilet and shower

Resolved that no comments be made about the four planning applications listed in (a) and that the five approvals detailed in (b) be noted.

140. Other Correspondence

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

- (a) Letter from St Helens Council and Draft Interim Planning Policy – Housing Development – Received and noted.
- (b) Christmas Card from Ian Betts – Received.
- (c) Contact, December Issue – Received.
- (d) Letter from Simon Bigwood, Acting Head Teacher, Hamblett School, inviting members of the Parish Council to an Open Day on Wednesday, 2 March 2005 – Received and noted.

141. Ecclesfield Sports Facility

Resolved that Councillor Mrs K S Barton would be appointed as a Windle Parish Council representative on the Ecclesfield Management Committee, in place of

Councillor Mrs E Uren. The Chairman thanked her for her contribution to the work of the Ecclesfield Committee. The Clerk was to inform Lynne Scott.

142. LAPTC

Nil report.

143. Windle Parish Website

Mr Brian Walsh had submitted a "dummy example" of a possible website format and this and further developments would be examined in the New Year.

144. Footpath Walks

Councillor Mrs B Walsh had received requests from several residents, who appeared anxious to help maintain the walks in 2005.

145. Parish Newsletter

The Clerk reported that eight of the twelve advertisers had now paid their accounts.

146. Lynton Way Play Area

Nil report.

147. Jim Malone Garden

Nil report.

148. Planting of Trees at Bleak Hill School/Tree Lighting/Pre Christmas Reception

(a) Planting of Trees at Bleak Hill School

The Clerk reported that the trees, which were a gift from Mr Maurice Walsh, had finally been planted in the school grounds.

(b) Tree Lighting, 10.12.04

This event had once again been successful and enjoyed by all present, including the Mayor, Councillor Mrs B Lowe, MBE, and especially the children. Clerk to write to thank Mr Noel Davies for his services as MC over the past three years.

(c) Pre Christmas Reception

All arrangements were in hand for a prompt start at 8.30 pm this evening. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs B Lowe, MBE, would be attending.

149. Reports From Other Bodies

(a) Local Area Forum

The Parish Council was informed that there would be a Local Area Forum Meeting in Rainford on 26 January 2005.

(b) Police Report

Sgt P Phillips (Merseyside Police) gave a report on the latest crime statistics for the Windle Ward as a whole, as opposed to just the Parish. He gave a comprehensive analysis of the 103 crimes reported. Of particular significance to the Parish was the reported 14 drive offs from Windle petrol station, which seemed to be a perennial problem.

Sgt Phillips had taken part in the earlier discussion, under Parish Matters, on youth disorder, etc. He was thanked for his helpful input by the Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council.

150. Finance

(a) Balances

The Council noted the balances at 21 December 2004:

Current Account - £580.42

Capital Reserve Account - £11,911.79

(b) Internal Audit

Mr J Friar had been reappointed as Internal Auditor at the Parish Council meeting on 16 November 2004. The Internal Audit report up to 30 September 2004 was received and comments noted by the Parish Council.

(c) Payment of Accounts

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

		£
*Thresher	Hospitality – Tree Lighting	42.93
Bleak Hill School	Photocopying Services (Sept – Dec)	28.48
Christie's Deli	Hospitality – Buffet for Pre Christmas Reception	200.00
Thresher	Hospitality – Pre Christmas Reception	56.12
Eccleston Parish Council	Room Hire (Dec)	18.00
L J Kilshaw	Salary, Postage & Purchases	292.05

*Cheque already issued 10 December 2004.

151. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 18 January 2005.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

LJK/SAH