

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (or Assembly) of the Parish of Windle held on Tuesday 18th of March 2008

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft (Chairman)
 Councillor W.Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)
 Councillor Mrs.K.S.Barton
 Councillor R.W.Barton
 Councillor Mrs.A.Bate

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

131. The meeting was chaired by Cllr.Mrs N.J.Ashcoft (Chairman of the Parish Council) who opened the meeting with prayers and a welcome for everyone present..

132. Apologies

Apologies were submitted in respect of Councillors S.A.Bligh (holidays), Mrs. M. McNulty(holidays), Mrs. E. Uren (family illness) , K.D.Roughley.

133. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Assembly held on the 20th March 2007, which had previously been made available to Parish Councillors were offered for confirmation and , upon being accepted as a true and correct record ,were signed by the Chairman.

134. Chairman`s Report

The Chairman gave a detailed report on her year of office to date ,remarking on what a pleasure it was to meet up with the people of Windle whilst performing her official duties :

- Notable events included attending the Scouts Open Day in June 2007 at the Scout Den in Dartmouth Drive which was celebrating the 100 years of the Scouting Movement.
- Presenting the prizes at the Bleak Hill School Awards Ceremony in July was , as always , a privilege and a pleasure .
- Judging the Garden Competition in July and presenting the prizes to the excellent winners in September. Cllr.Marie McNulty was praised for successfully taking over as the Competition Organiser in succession to retired Councillor- Mrs.Pat Fraser,who had performed this duty for eighteen years.

- Remembrance Sunday in November when she had laid a wreath, on behalf of Windle P.C. and residents ,at the Cenotaph in Victoria Square.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting had once again proved successful and the display had been improved by the provision of additional tree-lights this year.
- Those guests attending the Parish Council Pre-Christmas Reception in December had enjoyed it and the presentation made to young James Pout for his outstanding swimming and athletic achievements .Thanks were due to the Catering Committee(Councillors McNulty ,Barton ,Bate and Uren) for providing such a delicious buffet.
- Looking to the near future it is hoped to be able to present Bleak Hill School with a sun-dial for use in their garden.

The Chairman concluded her report by thanking all her fellow councillors for their help and support ,and also the Clerk to Parish Council, Mr. Len Kilshaw ,for his hard work and guidance during this year of office. She made especial mention of and expressed thanks to Councillor Ken Roughley for his efforts as Editor, in producing such an excellent Parish Newsletter .

135. Financial Statement

The Clerk submitted a financial report summarised as follows:

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Balance at 1.4.07	9852
Plus projected income at 31.03.08	<u>12338</u>
	22390
Less projected expenditure at 31.03.08	<u>14322</u>
<u>Projected Balance at 31.03 .08</u>	<u>8068</u>

136. Reports

A) Parochial Charities

Nil report –next meeting of Windle United Charities is due on 16th April 2008.

B) School Governors Report

Councillor Mrs.Sheila Barton reported that Bleak Hill C.P.School continues to thrive both academically and also in sporting achievements . As one visitor to the School remarked “It is a happy school “
Credit is due to Mr.Ian Wellens and his excellent Teaching Staff.

C. District Councillors Report

Councillor W.Ashcroft reported on District Council matters and events :

He expressed thanks to all those residents who had lent their support in opposing the planning application for the change of use of a residential property in Kiln Lane to that of a coffee shop. Permission had thus been refused for this application.

The former sun-bed shop in Kiln Lane was still empty and still proving to be a source of trouble to local residents. There appeared to be legal complications involved here but it was hoped to be able to progress the matter in due course .

The Ward Committee Meetings were now proving to be more effective as a vehicle to get things done.

St Helens Sports Council has regular meetings ,at the World of Glass ,with various organisations seeking funding and grants.

An additional Windle Parish Council and Community Notice Board was to be sited at the Kiln Lane / Coronation Road Shops.

St Helens Council were to drop all School Bus Charges from September 2008.

The Town Hall and Victoria Square were to be utilised to greater effect e.g concerts by the Sinfonieta Orchestra, the “Lancashire Hotpots” , Twenty plus marching bands, concerts by school choirs etc..

He wished to place on record his thanks to his two fellow Ward Councillors viz. Councillors K.D.Roughley and Mrs.N.J.Ashcroft, for their continuous help and support in carrying out the work of the Windle Ward Councillors .

D. LAPTC / NALC /SLCC

The Clerk stressed the importance these organizations in providing assistance and guidance on important issues.

From the 1st April 2008 LAPTC i.e. the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils will be named LALC - Lancashire Association Of Local Councils.

E. Voluntary Organisations

St Helens CVS – Cllr. Mrs. N. J. Ashcroft reported that the CVS continues to operate in a much more professional manner than previously ..

137. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Signed----- Date-----

(Chairman)