

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 November 2017 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane at 7pm

Present Councillor R Barton (Chairman)  
Councillor W Ashcroft  
Councillor R Greatorex

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

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

The Chairman, with permission, brought item 4 forward.

100 Councillor Co-option: **Resolved that Roger Greatorex be co-opted as Councillor on Windle Parish Council.** Cllr Greatorex had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

101 Apologies: Councillors: A Bate, J Cunliffe, A Dockerty, K Roughley, E Uren

102 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

103 School Crossing Patrol: **Resolved to defer the item to the December meeting for further discussion.**

104 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barton informed the meeting that the Board of Honour would be installed in the reception area of Bleak Hill School on Thursday 23 November 2017. It was hoped that the unveiling could take place at the tree lighting event.

105 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2017.  
**Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**

106 Matters Arising: (a) Cllr Barton would check with Cllr Cunliffe whether a letter had been sent to St Helens Council regarding the dangers at the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road. Cllr Ashcroft requested that the Clerk invite St Helens Council to a Parish Council meeting to update the Councillors and residents of the latest situation with regard to the road works at Windle Island. **Resolved that the Clerk would contact St Helens Council.**  
(b) The Clerk informed Councillors that the St Helens Reporter had published 4 items taken from the Parish Council's October minutes prior to approval, contrary to the Clerk informing the newspaper that the minutes could not be quoted until approved. **Resolved that the minutes would only be sent to the newspapers once approved.**

107 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:

a) **Applications**:

**54 Coronation Rd** Two storey rear extension

**29 Hamilton Rd** Single storey extension to side and rear of property

**Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications**

b) **Decisions**:

**None reported**

**Applications and decisions were noted**

- 108 Other Correspondence: (a) email from Billinge Parish Council suggesting an annual dinner at St Helens Town Hall as an opportunity for networking between Parishes **To be discussed further at the December Parish Council meeting**  
 (b) an invitation from Eccleston Parish Council to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Eccleston Library on Thursday 7 December 2017 at 11am (c) email from St Helens Council with information about Windle Island road closures that had been forwarded to all Councillors **All correspondence noted**
- 109 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: No report. The next meeting would be 5 December 2017.
- 110 SLCC: – the next meeting of Lancashire branch would be 7 December 2017. SLCC were keen to find out members’ training requirements and had issued a questionnaire. SLCC would be holding a Regional Training Conference in Bolton on 27 June 2018.
- 111 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 112 J Malone Garden: The Clerk had received 2 quotes for a replacement noticeboard at Windle Island. **Resolved to replace the board like for like.** The Clerk would contact the joiner to arrange replacement as soon as possible.
- 113 Parish Newsletter: It was reported that all of the deliveries had been made. The Clerk had posted newsletters to the farms. The invoice for producing the newsletter was approved.
- 114 Christmas Tree Lighting – Friday 8 December 2017, 2.15pm: The Clerk reported the Mayor and Mayoress had confirmed their attendance. Master of Ceremonies and Father Christmas had also confirmed. Invitations had gone out and the programme had been approved by the school. The Clerk passed the Chairman’s notes to the Chairman. The tree would be delivered week commencing 20 November 2017 by Rainford’s and St Helens Council would put the lights on. Cllr Barton requested that the unveiling of the new Board of Honour would take place at the end of the event as guests arrived back in to the school reception area. The Clerk would ask the school to cover the board with material ready for the unveiling.
- 115 Reports from Other Bodies: None reported.
- 116 Finance:  
 a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 October 2017 were:
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| Current Account          | £8,227.02        |  |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£6,045.71</u> |  |
| TOTAL                    | £14,272.73       |  |
- b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| Eccleston PC – room – Nov, phone – Oct  | 30.48  | Chq<br>2424 |
| J Anderson – November salary + expenses | 268.20 | 2425        |
- Receipts – none**
- (c) Internal audit – the accounts have been internally audited for the second quarter with nothing to report.
- 117 Date of Next Meeting: To be held on Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: