

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane at 7pm

Present Councillor R Barton (Chairman)
Councillor A Bate (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor W Ashcroft
Councillor J Cunliffe
Councillor A Dockerty
Councillor K D Roughley

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)
R Greatorex

The Chairman welcomed Mr R Greatorex as an observer to the meeting.

82 Prayers: Cllr Barton opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

83 Apologies: Councillor E Uren

Cllr Cunliffe apologised for not attending the previous month's meeting due to work commitments. He had been unable to send apologies on the day.

84 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

85 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Dockerty raised the issue of parking around Bleak Hill School and Fairway in particular and made an appeal that cars parked do not block residents' driveways
(b) Cllr Cunliffe raised concerns about the continuing dangers at the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Rainford Road. He felt that when the roadworks were completed and vehicles would no longer be able to leave Tesco/Starbucks to cross the East Lancashire Road towards Rainford, then more vehicles would be using the exit at Rainford Road attempting to turn right towards Rainford thus making the junction even more dangerous. He stated that there were no speed restrictions on traffic approaching Windle Island junction which added to the dangers of the junction. **It was agreed that Cllr Cunliffe write to St Helens Council and Tesco to seek their views on any possible action that could be taken.**

86 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2017 and
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

87 Matters Arising: a) Ref 71d) – Cllr Ashcroft asked for clarification of the meaning of SLCC. The Clerk informed him that it was the Society of Local Council Clerks of which the Clerk was a member. Cllr Ashcroft did not agree with their advice to Councillors regarding supporting 'save the greenbelt campaign'. Cllr Barton reiterated that it was advice given to all Councillors to ensure that any possible planning application would not be deemed as being pre-determined by the Parish Council.
b) Ref 71b) – Cllr Roughley had spoken to the Scout group regarding a recent email from a resident complaining about litter on and around the car park. The Scout group reported that the car park bollard that was used to prevent vehicles parking had been damaged and not replaced. The Scout group would look into replacing the bollard.

c) Ref 71c) – Cllr Ashcroft asked what the format would be of the notice that Cllr Neal had requested be put in the Parish newsletter regarding dog fouling. The Clerk reported that it was a small notice reminding residents to clean up after their dogs. **Cllrs were in agreement with the notice.**

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

a) Applications:

30 Windle Grove Retrospective application for erection of fence and gates
Resolved: that no objection be raised concerning this application.

(b) Decisions:

Cabin News Creation of 2 parking spaces – refused 12 October 2017

89 Other Correspondence: (a) Invitation from the Mayor of St Helens to the Remembrance Sunday service on 12 November 2017. Arrival – 10.20am. **Clerk confirmed 8 people to attend.**

90 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: At the last meeting, Cllr Dockerty had been voted in as Chairman for the year 2017/2018.

91 SLCC: Nothing to report

92 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report

93 J Malone Garden: a) Cllr Bate informed the meeting that she had inspected the noticeboard along with the Clerk and reported that one of the legs had rotted. Also the door would need replacing. The Clerk had requested a quote but had been informed that it was likely that the noticeboard would need replacing.
b) The Clerk reported that the bushes had been trimmed back.

94 Parish Newsletter: The delivery schedule had been revised to ensure all addresses were distributed between Councillors available to deliver. The Clerk reported that the newsletter would be ready for delivery to residents at the beginning of November.

95 Christmas Tree Lighting/Christmas Reception: The Mayor and Mayoress had confirmed their attendance at the tree lighting event on Friday 8 December 2017 at Bleak Hill School. Mr L Lowe had confirmed his role as compere and Cllr W Ashcroft offered to take part as Father Christmas. The usual size of tree would be ordered. The Clerk gave Councillors a list of invitees to the tree lighting and the Christmas reception for discussion. After much consideration Cllr Bate suggested not holding the Christmas reception with a view to saving money. **A vote was taken which resulted in Councillors voting 5 to 1 not to hold the reception. Therefore the Chairman confirmed that the Christmas reception would not be held this year.**

96 Reports from Other Bodies: None received.

97 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 29 September 2017 were:

Current Account	£9,852.85
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,045.71</u>
TOTAL	£15,898.56

b) Resolved that the following payments be made:		Chq
B Walsh – web site	35.00	2418
Eccleston PC – room – Oct, phone – Sept, copies	45.11	2419
J Anderson – October + exp	262.18	2420
Ecclesfield Project – second half contribution	713.06	2421
Toye, Kenning and Spencer – alteration to Chairman’s chain	177.48	2422
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 4 visits	128.00	2423
Receipts – interest June, July, August and September	0.20	

c) The Clerk presented to the meeting the HMRC statement showing nothing owing at 13 October 2017.

98 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 21 November 2017 Eccleston Village Hall 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: