

## Windle Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 October 2018 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane at 7pm

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 84 Prayers: Cllr Bate opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council and for Cllr Uren.
- 85 Apologies: Councillor E Uren
- 86 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 87 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barton informed the meeting that he had attended a consultation meeting at Bleak Hill School regarding the proposed expansion of the school. Two council officers had been present with diagrams of the proposal and information leaflets. The proposed expansion would be in 2 phases – one before 2019 and classrooms added before 2020. There would be a second consultation meeting on Wednesday 17 October 2018 between 6pm and 8pm. Cllrs Bate and Roughley would attend.  
(b) Cllr Greatorex was concerned at the loss of vegetation, plants, trees and bulbs during the work at Windle Island. He also enquired whether there would be a yellow box road marking would be put at the top of the cul-de-sac at Rainford Road for residents to get out safely. **The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council.**  
(c) Cllr Dockerty had been approached by residents who could not see how the road works at Windle Island would benefit residents.  
(c) Cllr Ashcroft enquired whether the soldier silhouette had been installed. Cllr Bate informed the meeting that she had contacted St Helens Council and it had been put in the grounds of Bleak Hill School. Cllr Roughley informed everyone that it he had read in St Helens First that the Royal British Legion had said that anyone sponsoring a silent soldier could keep it.
- 88 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2018 and  
**Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**  
Cllr Cunliffe reported that he had sent apologies for the previous meeting. The Clerk had not received them.
- 89 Matters Arising: a) Ref 68 (a) Cllr Bate had monitored the new crossing signals at Bleak Hill Road and informed the meeting that it was a Puffin crossing which had sensors on it to detect when pedestrians were waiting to cross. The length of time for crossing depended on the number of people crossing. The traffic lights would only change when the sensors picked up that all pedestrians had finished crossing  
b) Ref 68 (e) The Clerk had received a reply from St Helens Council, Grounds Maintenance on 26 September to say that the hedgerow in Lynton Way would be cut back within 2-3 weeks

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

**a) Applications:**

**48 Sackville Road** Single storey side and rear extension

Resolved: that no objection be raised concerning this application.

**(b) Decisions:**

**Cockleshell Cottage** Fell 1no beech tree under TPO – **granted 11/10/18**

**4 Prince Andrews Gr** Single storey side extn – **granted 11/10/18**

**Noted**

91 Other Correspondence: (a) Invitation from the Mayor of St Helens to the Remembrance Sunday service on 11 November 2018. Arrival – 10.20am. **Clerk would confirm 14 people to attend.**

92 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: (a) A letter from the Highways Department at St Helens Council had been hand delivered to the shops in Walmesley Road offering a car parking scheme to shop keepers/staff. Each business would be issued a key to enable them to open Ecclesfield car park, park their car then lock the chain to secure the car park. Each business would give the registration details of one vehicle.

(b) The Clerk along with Cllr Sims (Eccleston) had met with consultants researching the football facilities in St Helens on behalf of the Football Association to produce a Local Football Facility Plan. They gave details of Ecclesfield both the pitches and changing rooms.

93 SLCC: Nothing to report

94 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report

95 J Malone Garden: The bench would be stored by M Fitzpatrick, the joiner, until it is felt that it could be returned to Windle Island. **The Clerk was asked to contact Balfour Beatty to explain to them that they had placed signs on the plinth where the bench should go and ask for their comments and/or any contribution towards storage of the bench.**

96 Parish Newsletter: The delivery schedule was confirmed to ensure all addresses were distributed between Councillors available to deliver. The Clerk reported that the newsletter would be ready for delivery to residents mid-November.

97 Christmas Tree Lighting/Christmas Reception: The Mayor and Mayoress had confirmed their attendance at the tree lighting event on Friday 7 December 2018 at Bleak Hill School. Ms D Ross had confirmed she would compere the event and Cllr W Ashcroft had offered to take part as Father Christmas. The usual size of tree had been ordered. Cllr Roughley had purchased a new Father Christmas outfit that was handed over to Cllr Ashcroft.

98 Reports from Other Bodies: None received.

99 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 1 October 2018 were:

Current Account	£9,496.74
Business Reserve Account	<u>£6,048.46</u>
TOTAL	£15,545.20

b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:

		Chq
B Walsh – web site	35.00	2476
Eccleston PC – room – Oct, phone – Sept, copies	31.63	2477
J Anderson – October + exp	327.42	2478

M Fitzpatrick Joinery – bench + storage	150.00	2479
Ecclesfield Project – second half contribution	1213.06	2480

**Receipts** – interest July, August and Sept £0.75

- c) HMRC statement showing nothing owing at 12 October 2018
- d) external audit – certificate of exemption sent and file now closed

100 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20 November 2018                      Eccleston Village Hall                      7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: