

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 E 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 – the first before 2019 and the second 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 had been concerned at the loss of vegetation, plants, trees and bulbs during the work at Windle Island. He also enquired whether 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 felt the road works at Windle Island would not 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 he had read in St Helens First that the Royal British Legion had said that any sponsored silent soldiers could be kept.
- 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 sign for 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 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 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.**

96 Parish Newsletter: The delivery schedule was confirmed and 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: The Mayor and Mayoress had confirmed their attendance at the tree lighting event on Friday 7 December 2018 at Bleak Hill School. Mrs Ross had confirmed she would comper the event and Cllr 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
K Roughley – printing certificates and Christmas outfit	70.43	2481
Receipts – interest July, August and Sept		£0.75

c) HMRC statement showing nothing owing at 12 October 2018 was presented

d) external audit – certificate of exemption had been sent and the file was now closed

100 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20 November 2018

Eccleston Village Hall

7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: