

## Windle Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)  
8 residents

- 65 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 66 Apologies: Councillor E Uren
- 67 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 68 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barton felt the new crossing signals were not on red for long enough for people to cross. A resident explained she had seen them on red for a long period of time. **It was agreed to monitor the lights until the next meeting**  
(b) Cllr Roughley enquired about the silent soldier silhouette that had been paid for by Windle Parish Council but had not been installed in the grounds of Bleak Hill School as planned. **It was agreed that the Clerk would contact St Helens Council**  
(c) Cllr Greatorex enquired about the whereabouts of the bench at J Malone Garden as roadwork signs had been placed on the plinth where the bench normally sits. The Clerk informed the meeting that the bench had been taken away to be sanded and re-stained. (Further discussion to take place under item 77 – J Malone Garden)  
(d) Cllr Bate informed the meeting that the overgrown grass along the footpath of the East Lancs Road was clear  
(e) a resident raised the issue of the overgrown bushes along Lynton Way. The width was causing problems for vehicles passing. **Clerk asked to report to St Helens Council**  
(f) a resident mentioned the rubbish that is on Ecclesfield. **At the next Ecclesfield Management Cttee meeting teams would be reminded to remove rubbish from the field after playing**
- 69 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2018 and **Resolved that the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**
- 70 Matters Arising: No matters arising.
- 71 Councillor Leave of Absence: **It was agreed that a 6 months' leave of absence be granted to Cllr Uren due to illness.**

- 72 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:  
**a) Applications:**  
**4 Prince Andrews Gr** Erection of single storey side extension  
**Cockleshell Cottages** Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to fell  
1no beech  
**Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications**
- (b) Approvals: Noted**  
**81 Rainford Road** Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and  
conservatory along with the erection of a porch to the front –  
**withdrawn 23/7/18**  
**37 Calderhurst Dr** Demolition of existing detached garage, partial demolition of  
existing rear extension and erection of a single storey side and  
rear extension – **granted 31/8/18**
- 73 Other Correspondence: **None**
- 74 Ecclesfield – 4 September 2018 at 7pm in Eccleston Village Hall Cllrs Bate and Roughley attended  
along with the Secretary. Report as follows:
- Cllr Pearl elected as Chairman for 2018-2020
  - No problems with changing rooms – roof had been repaired
  - BHR requested a site visit to look at how best they could use the pitches
  - After discussion a request to use a pitch was turned down as the facility was considered to be  
at full capacity currently but a review would be carried out
  - Cllr Roughley reported that Cllr Sims had met with Highways Department, St Helens Council  
regarding the parking issues at Walmesley Road. It had been agreed St Helens Council  
would send a letter to all businesses offering the opportunity for staff to use Ecclesfield car park by  
signing for a key and agreeing to open and close the chain whilst cars are parked and also after  
use
- 75 SLCC: Nothing to report.
- 76 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 77 J Malone Garden: The Clerk confirmed the bench had been removed and re-stained and was  
ready to be replaced. It had been noticed that Balfour Beatty had placed roadwork signs on the  
plinth. A discussion took place whether to get the roadwork signs removed or whether to put  
the bench back when the area was clear of roadworks. **It was agreed the Clerk would check  
how long the joiner could store the bench.**
- 78 Parish Newsletter: The Clerk and Chairman requested articles for the newsletter. The deadline  
for articles to be sent to the Clerk would be Friday 19 October 2018.
- 79 Garden Competition: The prizes had been presented to the winners prior to the Parish meeting.
- 80 Christmas Tree Lighting: Tree lighting had been confirmed as Friday 7 December 2018, at  
2.15pm. **It was agreed that the Mayor would be invited. It was also agreed to purchase a new  
Father Christmas outfit and Cllr Ashcroft had again kindly agreed to carry out the role. The  
Clerk was asked to contact Ms D Ross to act as compere.**
- 81 Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.

82 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 July 2018 were:

Current Account	£10,819.28
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,047.71</u>
TOTAL	£16,866.99

The balances at 31 August 2018 were:

Current Account	£10,473.28
Business Reserve Account	<u>£6,047.71</u>
TOTAL	£16,520.99

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

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Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 3 visits June/July	96.00	2460
RBL Poppy Appeal – Silent soldier silhouette	250.00	2461
J Anderson – August +expenses	277.23	2462
F Bishop – 1 <sup>st</sup> front	25.00	2463
S Bolton – 2 <sup>nd</sup> front	15.00	2464
I Jackson – 1 <sup>st</sup> rear	25.00	2465
C Prior – 2 <sup>nd</sup> rear	15.00	2466
S Gordon – 1 <sup>st</sup> baskets/pots	25.00	2467
A Seagreaves – 2 <sup>nd</sup> baskets/pots	15.00	2468
D Barratt – 1 <sup>st</sup> courtyard	25.00	2469
S Fillingham – 2 <sup>nd</sup> courtyard	15.00	2470
Eccleston Parish Council – room Sept, phone July & Aug, copier lease	69.64	2471
J Anderson – Sept + expenses inc refreshments	302.27	2472
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 3 visits Aug	96.00	2473
RBL Poppy Appeal – poppy wreath	50.00	2474
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE July-Sept	192.40	2475

c) Internal Audit – no issues raised

d) External Audit – external auditors had emailed to report that as Parish Council income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000 this meets the criteria to be exempt from the external auditor's review. If the Parish Council wished to be exempt from the review an exemption certificate needed to be agreed and signed. **It was agreed and the Exemption Certificate was signed.**

83 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 16 October 2018      7pm      Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: