

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor A Bate (Chairman)
 Councillor R Barton
 Councillor S Bate
 Councillor J Cunliffe
 Councillor A Dockerty
 Councillor R Greatorex
 Councillor K Roughley

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 184 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 185 Apologies: Councillor W Ashcroft
- 186 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 187 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barton reported that bollards had been installed at the bus stop at Coronation Road which caused a reduction in parking spaces. **Agreed the Clerk would contact St Helens Council to request a site visit to look at parking at the junction with Kiln Lane.**
(b) Cllr Greatorex reported that on 6 April 2019 he and Cllr Bate along with a resident of Rainford Road visited Windle Ward Councillors' surgery and met with Cllr Baines to express concerns for the safe exit of the Rainford Road cul de sac at Windle Island. The residents previously had to cross 2 lanes to turn right towards St Helens. They now had to cross 5 lanes. A meeting had then been arranged with Mr Walsh, St Helens Council's Engineering Department, Cllr Baines and the residents to discuss the issue of crossing 5 lanes towards St Helens. Mr Walsh explained that it may need to go to arbitration to get a box junction/keep clear sign installed. Another issue was that the grass verge had been reduced causing a problem for one resident exiting his driveway. Mr Walsh requested that a letter be sent by residents to St Helens Council, Engineering Department detailing the problems. Cllr Greatorex presented a copy of the letter to Parish Councillors for information.
(c) Cllr Dockerty mentioned a letter that had been published in St Helens Star newspaper reporting that signage painted on the road at Windle Island was incorrect. An incorrect road number was painted on the lane from Rainford to Liverpool.
- 188 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2019.
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 189 Matters Arising: None

- 190 **Planning Matters:**
a) Applications:
Bleak Hill School Single storey extension to existing school hall to west elevation and associated reconfiguration of playground area **The Parish Council objects to the expansion because of the increase in traffic and car parking. What consideration has been given to coping with the increase in traffic?**
The plans are not clear but the Parish Council query the siting of the new playground. If it is being pushed nearer to the road, there are concerns that it is nearer to pollution.
Can there be a guarantee that no trees will be felled without being replaced?
- 81 Rainford Road** Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and conservatory and erection of porch to front and new flat roof single storey rear extension
- 32 Moss Lane** Demolition of existing conservatory to rear and the erection of single storey rear extension
- 26 Moss Lane** Single storey side and rear extension
- Resolved:** that no objections be raised concerning other applications
- b) Decisions:**
10 Windle Grove Single storey extension to front elevation **Granted 25/2/19**
- 191 **Other Correspondence:** (a) Reply from Conor McGinn MP's office in response to email sent regarding compensation for residents at Windle Island for inconvenience due to roadworks. Residents to contact local authority directly and/or MP's office. (b) Reply from Cllr Neal regarding crossing on Kiln Lane. She has passed the information to contact centre. A survey is ongoing of all crossings. (c) Notice of uncontested North and South wards in Parish elections (d) Email from printers – price for printing magazine same as last year £446 (e) Bleak Hill School awards assembly – suggested date of Monday 22 July 2019 at 2.30pm
- 192 **Ecclesfield Sports Facility:** Next meeting on 4 June 2019
- 193 **SLCC:** Annual subscription of £196 due. **It was resolved that one third would be paid by Windle Parish Council.**
- 194 **Lynton Way Play Area:** It had been reported to Cllr Barton that a gang of youths had been causing nuisance on Saturday 30 March 2019 in the afternoon in the play area. No further reports had been received.
- 195 **J Malone Garden:** Garden maintenance had started on Thursday 4 April 2019.
- 196 **Garden Competition:** It was agreed that the closing date would be Friday 28 June 2019. Judging would take place on Friday 5 July 2019. The entry form would be included in the Parish newsletter which would be sent out week commencing 10 June 2019.
- 197 **Reports from Other Bodies:** None
- 198 **Finance:**
a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 March 2019 were:

Current Account	£4,240.33
Business Reserve Account	<u>£6,054.42</u>
TOTAL	£10,294.75

b) Resolved that the following payments be made:		Chq
HMRC – PAYE Jan-Mar	192.40	2498
St Helens Council – Lynton Way play area security	1640.40	2499
Eccleston Parish Council – room (Apr) phone (Mar)	30.97	2500
Society of Local Council Clerks – 1/3 rd membership	65.30	2501
J Anderson – plus LWPA lease	273.20	2502
Ecclesfield Project – first half contribution	713.06	2503

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

NatWest – interest Dec 1.03, Jan 1.03, Feb 0.93 and Mar 0.96	3.95
Gornalls/Dignity – advert	20.00

The Clerk informed the meeting that 2 businesses had not yet paid for their advert placed in the November newsletter. Reminders had been sent out. The Clerk would send a second reminder to both.

- c) HMRC statement showing nothing owing at 16 April 2019 was presented to Councillors
- d) Signing off the Receipts and Payments Book/VAT Return: Resolved that the Receipts and Payments book be signed off for the year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 by the Chairman and Clerk.
Resolved that the completed VAT repayment form be sent to HMRC.
- e) External Audit: would be carried out 1 July 2019 by PKF Littlejohn, London

Cllr John Cunliffe expressed his thanks to Parish Councillors for his time as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Bate and all Councillors thanked Cllr Cunliffe for his work as a Parish Councillor and wished him well in the future.

194 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: