

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 September 2019 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor K Roughley (Chairman)
Councillor N Ashcroft
Councillor R Barton
Councillor A Bate
Councillor S Bate
Councillor R Greatorex

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 64 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 65 Apologies: Councillor A Dockerty
- 66 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 67 Councillor Co-option: It was unanimously agreed that Mrs Nancy Ashcroft be co-opted to office of Parish Councillor.
- 68 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barton reported that the overgrown shrubbery on Kiln Lane had been cut back. He reported cars parking on the pavement at the junction of Kiln Lane and Coronation Road which were blocking the dropped kerb to enable anyone to get on and off the pavement. The Clerk was asked to report the parking issue to Windle Ward Councillors and Merseytravel.
(b) Cllr Greatorex had been contacted by a resident regarding the poor road surface at the junction of Rainford Road and a farm road off Rainford Road. The uneven surface was causing the resident problems accessing their property. The Clerk was asked to report to St Helens Council, Contact Centre.
(c) Cllr Greatorex reported that cars were increasingly speeding along Rainford Road towards Windle Island. The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council.
(d) Cllr Greatorex along with residents had spoken to Mr Sheward from St Helens Council regarding the hurdle fence that had been installed at Windle Island. Residents had reported that the fence should be replaced with a higher wooden fence and bushes to enhance safety and reduce noise. Mr Sheward would look into it and had reported that November would be when any planting would take place.
(e) Cllr Ashcroft agreed with the minutes of the July meeting, that lane signage approaching Windle Island from Rainford was not clear.
(f) Cllr A Bate reported that she had visited a resident in Lynton Way to look at the overgrown bushes at the rear of their property. Cllr Bate emailed Windle Ward Councillors who reported the cutting of the bushes would not take place until September. Cllr Bate had visited that day. The bushes on the path to the play area had been cut back but not the tops and not around the play area.
- 69 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2019 and Resolved that the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 70 Matters Arising: (a) reply from St Helens Council regarding overgrown shrubbery on Kiln Lane. The landowner had not carried out necessary work therefore Council would be serving a notice under Highways Act to have work carried out. As above, Cllr Barton reported the shrubbery had been cut.

(b) reply from St Helens Council regarding bushes at the rear of Lynton Way. Hedges would be cut within next few weeks as of 17 July. As above, Cllr Bate reported the bushes had been cut back but not the tops.

(c) bushes at corner of Dartmouth had been cut

(d) reply from Cllr Baines' office – bus timetable blocking vision on Kiln Lane should be reported to Merseytravel

(e) Cllr Roughley had received a reply from the office of Conor McGinn MP regarding the resident being unable to access the Ministry of Housing's online appeal system. The resident was asked to contact the MP's office directly.

71 St Helens Council's Request for a Soakaway at Windle Island: It was agreed to give permission for St Helens Council to remove flags and replace as they were in order to install a soakaway at Windle Island.

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

a) Applications:

9 Malt House Court Works to 2no tilia cordata protected by a tree preservation order,
WITHDRAWN 15/8/19 to remove tree (A) and removal of feather growth, branches and
crown thin by 10% tree (B)

157 Bleak Hill Road Conversion of existing garage to a habitable room with a pitched
roof over along with a front porch

Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning the application

(b) Approvals: Noted

27 Sackville Road Demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage and
erection of replacement dwelling along with widening of access
– granted 17/7/19

42 Rutherford Road First floor rear/side extension – granted 15/7/19

73 Other Correspondence: (a) email from Peter Clucas regarding a cycle ride held to review Windle Island junction. The ride highlighted some safety issues which were reported to St Helens Council.
Noted

74 Ecclesfield – 3 September 2019 at 7pm in Eccleston Village Hall Cllrs A Bate, S Bate and Roughley attended along with the Secretary. Report as follows:

- Caretaker had made several minor repairs to the roof, re-painted the outside walls to cover up graffiti, re-pointed the flags and removed weeds
- Eccleston FC no longer playing. Bob had received the keys back from the team
- No other issues reported

75 SLCC: Nothing to report.

76 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report other than as above, bushes had been cut back.

77 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report other than as above, permission given to St Helens Council to install a soakaway.

78 Garden Competition: The prizes had been presented to the winners prior to the Parish meeting. Cllr Ashcroft thanked Cllr A Bate for carrying out a good job of organising the garden competition

79 Christmas Tree Lighting: The tree lighting ceremony had been confirmed as Friday 6 December 2019, at 2.15pm. It was agreed that the Mayor would be invited. The item would be discussed further at the next meeting.

80 Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.

81 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 July 2019 were:

Current Account	£10,918.59
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,057.44</u>
TOTAL	£17,039.03

The balances at 31 August 2019 were:

Current Account	£10,682.36
Business Reserve Account	<u>£6,057.44</u>
TOTAL	£16,739.80

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

		Chq
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 27/6 & 11/7	64.00	2519
Vinylene Ltd – lettering on honours board at Bleak Hill School	36.00	2520
J Anderson – August + travel	265.23	2521
S Bolton – 1 st front garden	25.00	2522
E Forrest – 2 nd front garden	15.00	2523
J Smith – commended	10.00	2524
F Bishop – 1 st rear garden	25.00	2525
C Prior – 2 nd rear garden	15.00	2526
D Barratt – 1 st courtyard	25.00	2527
S Fillingham – 2 nd courtyard	15.00	2528
A Seagreaves – 1 st baskets/pots	25.00	2529
S Gordon – 2 nd baskets/pots	15.00	2530
V Burke – Chairman’s Choice	25.00	2531
Eccleston Parish Council – room Sept, phone July & Aug, copier lease	68.85	2532
RBL Poppy Appeal – poppy wreath	50.00	2533
J Anderson – Sept + expenses inc refreshments	320.97	2534
K Roughley – ink and paper for certificates	27.59	2535

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

Beauty by HF – advert	30.00	BACS
Gornalls and Hedges – adverts	40.00	PI 055

c) Internal Audit – no issues raised

82 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 15 October 2019 7pm Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: