

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 October 2019 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane at 7pm

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

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

83 Prayers: Cllr Roughley opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

84 Apologies: None

85 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

86 Parish Matters: (a) Mrs Scott, a resident from Stuart Road, attended the meeting to complain about the amount of dog dirt left on the pavements particularly on the corners of Rutherford Road and Hamilton Road and also Hamilton Road and Lawrence Road. Mrs Scott had previously contacted the dog warden and was told that the Environmental Health Department dealt with the problem. They said they would remove the excrement but up to date they had not cleared it. Mrs Scott had also contacted Cllr Baines, Windle Ward Councillor, who explained that dog bins would be put near Bleak Hill School and in Stuart Way. Cllr Roughley suggested that if the resident saw anyone not clearing up after their dog to either take a photograph or a description of the dog. The owner should be reported to the dog warden. **The Clerk would contact St Helens Council, Environmental Health Department to ask for the dog dirt to be removed and would also contact Windle Ward Councillors to check when the bins would be put in place.** Mrs Scott thanked the Parish Council for their support.

(b) Mr Clucas attended the meeting to voice his opinion of the recent road works at Windle Island. He was under the impression that the Parish Council's view was that the work had brought about vast improvements which he vehemently disagreed with. The Parish Council insisted that this was not the opinion of Councillors as they had, on numerous occasions, had meetings with St Helens Council regarding the project. Mr Clucas explained that this was the largest investment St Helens Council had made and his opinion was that the problems with the new junction were down to bad design and the planning process. He said there had been no review of the junction by an independent party. Cllr Ashcroft suggested that Mr Clucas inform St Helens Council that he would like to speak at the next full Council meeting. Mr Clucas would like a local group to look at the junction and would like to invite a representative from the Parish Council. **The Parish Council agreed to support this.** Mr Clucas thanked the Parish Council for their support.

(c) Cllr Roughley explained there had recently been a serious accident at the top of Dentons Green Lane which although was not part of the Parish was a major road for residents of Windle. Cllr Roughley emailed Windle Ward Councillors explaining that something needed doing to improve the junction. Cllr Neal contact Cllr Roughley and met with him to discuss the issue. He had suggested the possibility of either traffic lights or an island. Cllr Neal explained that St Helens Council would look at improving a junction if there were 3 fatalities in 3 years.

(d) Cllr Barton reported cars parking on the grass verge at Bleak Hill Road outside the school. **The Clerk would report it to St Helens Council.**

(e) Cllr A Bate reported that small trees had been planted at the railings of Bleak Hill School that may obscure the Silent Soldier as they grow. This would be monitored.

- 87 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2019 and
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 88 Matters Arising: Ref 68a – the Clerk had received a reply from Cllr Uddin regarding parking at the junction of Coronation Road and Kiln Lane, asking the resident to contact Ward Councillors directly
Ref 68b – there had been no reply from St Helens Council regarding the uneven road surface at St Helens Road and farm road off the Rainford bypass
Ref 68c – the Clerk had received a reply from Traffic Department regarding speeding along Rainford Road. It had already been included within the list for ‘journey time monitoring’ which calculates the speed of traffic on the road. This was requested by Windle Ward Councillors.
Ref 68f – residents, Mr and Mrs Myatt, of Lynton Way attended the meeting to report that bushes around Lynton Way play area had still not been cut. The bushes on the path had been cut back but the tops had not been trimmed down. **The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council to ask for the bushes to be reduced in height.** The residents thanked Cllr A Bate and the Parish Council for their help with the matter.
- 89 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
a) Applications:
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| 16 Hamilton Road | Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension |
| 8 Malt House Court | Works to various trees covered by a TPO |
| 7 Fairway | Single storey side and single storey rear extension |
| 9 Malt House Court | Works to 2no trees covered by a TPO |
| 5 Windle Grove | Two storey side extension, including garage conversion |
| 8 Portreath Way | Demolition of existing detached garage along with part two storey, part single storey side extension |
- Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications.
- (b) Decisions:**
None reported
Noted
- 90 Other Correspondence: (a) An invitation from the Mayor of St Helens Council to Remembrance Sunday Service at the town hall on Sunday 10 November 2019. Arrive 10.20am. **Clerk would confirm 14 people to attend.**
(b) A thank you card from Mrs J Smith for her prize for the garden competition.
(c) A receipt from RBL Poppy Appeal for the contribution for the wreath.
- 91 Junction of Coronation Road/Kiln Lane: Nothing to report other than the parking problems reported by email to Windle Ward Councillors after last month’s meeting.
- 92 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Cllr Sims was awaiting costings for work to apply for CIF funding. Cllr S Bate reported that although St Helens Council’s pitches were closed on 2 weekends (28 and 29 Sept and 12 and 13 October), Ecclesfield pitches were still playable and all games went ahead as planned on both weekends.
- 93 SLCC: Nothing to report

94 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report other than the problem with the bushes reported earlier (Ref 88).

95 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report.

96 Christmas Tree Lighting: The Mayor and Consort had confirmed their attendance at the tree lighting event on Friday 6 December 2019 at 2.15pm, Bleak Hill School. The usual size of tree had been ordered at a cost of £150 plus VAT. **The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Ross to ask if she would kindly compere the event again this year and also to contact Bleak Hill School to enquire if there was anyone that would like to take part as Father Christmas.**

97 Reports from Other Bodies: None received.

98 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 September 2019 were:

Current Account	£10,131.54
Business Reserve Account	<u>£6,059.53</u>
TOTAL	£16,191.07

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

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HM Revenue & Customs PAYE July-Sept	196.20	2536
Eccleston PC – room Oct and phone Sept	33.31	2537
J Anderson – October	268.67	2538
Ecclesfield Project – second half contribution	713.06	2539
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 6 visits	192.00	2540

Receipts noted

Interest July and August	2.09	
Advert – Pets Emporium	15.00	PI56
Advert – PC Print	15.00	PI57
Advert – Best One	30.00	PI58

c) HMRC statement showing nothing owing at 15 October 2019 was presented to the Chairman

d) external audit – the Certificate of Exemption had been submitted. All the documents were displayed on the Parish Council website as required.

99 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 19 November 2019	Eccleston Village Hall	7pm
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The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: