

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson, Clerk to the Council
3 members of Bleak Hill Rovers Football Club

150 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

151 Apologies: Councillor A Bate and Councillor S Bate

152 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

153 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Roughley read out a statement regarding Ecclesfield Changing Facility. He explained that 70% was owned by Eccleston Parish Council and 30% owned by Windle Parish Council. Currently, Bleak Hill Rovers was the only club using the field and did not use the changing rooms. They were interested in working with Ecclesfield Management Committee to utilise the facility by either using the changing rooms for storage or putting containers on the field for storage. The Management Committee had met but had not been able to agree on a way forward. Windle Parish Council had received a letter from Eccleston Parish Council addressed to the Chairman expressing concern protocol had been violated. As a result of the letter all 3 Councillors representing Windle Parish Council resigned from Ecclesfield Management Committee. All other Windle Parish Councillors declined to be on the Management Committee.

Mr C Barratt, Bleak Hill Rovers Football Club, had been invited to speak and read out a statement on behalf of the club explaining that they were the largest community group in the area and the problems they were having with storage of equipment. Parents were carrying posts, nets and ropes from a residential garage in Broadway. He explained that they had approximately 350 members mostly from Eccleston and Windle that play every Saturday and Sunday and felt there was no spare capacity on the field for other teams to play. Bleak Hill Rovers would have to look at alternative options if they could not rent the changing rooms for storage.

Cllr Roughley reiterated that as Councillors were no longer on the Management Committee nothing further could be done.

The 3 members of Bleak Hill Rovers Football Club left the meeting.

(b) Cllr Greatorex reported that a couple of residents of Moss Lane had contacted him regarding work that was being carried out on an empty house. Residents felt the railings around the house were unsightly. Councillors would advise residents to contact St Helens Council if they were concerned. Cllr Greatorex would inform the residents.

(c) Cllr Dockerty had recently experienced having to wait at the Crank junction at Windle Island traffic lights even though there was no traffic exiting from Crank. Councillors felt that it must be part of the timings for all the other signals.

154 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2020.

Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

155 Matters Arising: (a) 137a – Cllr Greatorex had not received a reply from St Helens Council regarding the trip fence or the ‘Keep Clear’ box requested. In recent correspondence from Mr Sheward Cllr Greatorex had been informed that the trip fence was being costed. It was agreed that Cllr Greatorex would contact St Helens Council to follow up the issues as it had been 6 months since he last contacted them. He had been informed that a bench would be installed at the junction on the Tesco side.

156 Planning Matters:

a) Applications:

25 Fairway Two storey side extension

19 Portreath Way Single storey side extension providing assisted living accommodation

Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications

b) Decisions:

Bleak Hill School P/2019/0850 **Granted 12 February 2020**

Applications and decisions were noted

157 Other Correspondence: (a) Cllr S Bate had asked the Clerk to contact St Helens Council to suggest it would be more convenient to close Stuart Way during school holidays and not the week children return to school. Children and families would have to add extra time to walk to school or would even possibly have to travel by car. An email had been received from St Helens Council confirming that work planned for 24 February which would close Stuart Way during term time would now be carried out this week during school holidays. (b) A reply from St Helens Council stating they had cut back the hawthorn that was encroaching the pavement on Bleak Hill Road. (c) Letter from NatWest explaining that a new style of paying-in book would be sent out for immediate use. (d) Reply from St Helens Council explaining that a new litter bin had been ordered to replace the one that was damaged during the road works at Windle Island. The new one would be installed within next few weeks.

158 Bleak Hill Road Grass Verge Parking: A reply had been received from St Helens Council, Traffic Department stating that yellow lines may be the answer to prevent cars parking on the grass verge, although they felt it would displace vehicles to a different location. Signs on the grass verge could not be approved as it would have liability implications. Cllr A Bate had circulated information comparing the length of the white zig-zag lines outside schools in the area. Bleak Hill Road had the shortest length but, after St Thomas of Canterbury, was the busiest road. The Clerk was asked to forward the information to Traffic Department and ask whether the white lines could be extended to prevent parking on the grass verge.

159 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: The next meeting would be 3 March 2020.

160 SLCC: The Clerk had attended training on website accessibility on 28 January 2020 which had been very informative.

161 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

162 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report.

163 Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.

164 Finance:

a) Balances – The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 January 2020 were:

Current Account	£7,350.25
Business Reserve Account	<u>£6,062.55</u>
TOTAL	£13,412.80

b) Resolved that the following payments be made:

		Chq
J Anderson – February inc travel	285.30	2551
Eccleston Parish Council – room (Feb), phone (Jan) and training (half)	52.15	2552

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

c) Internal audit had taken place with nothing to report except to acknowledge the fraudulent payment that had been reported to Parish Council and had been refunded.

165 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17 March 2020 7.00 pm Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: