

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Windle held on Tuesday 17 March 2020 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor K Roughley (Chairman)
Councillor R Barton (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor A Bate
Councillor Greatorex

- 211 Opening of the Meeting: Cllr Roughley welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 212 Apologies for Absence: Councillor N Ashcroft, Councillor S Bate, Councillor A Dockerty and J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)
- 213 Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 19 March 2019 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
- 214 Chairman's Report: The Chairman, Cllr Ken Roughley, reported:

"My third term of office as Parish Chairman draws to an end very soon and I would just like to take the time to reflect on events and occasions that have made my term so enjoyable and memorable, but before I do I would like to wish Parish Councillor Richard Barton all the best as he takes over from me as Chairman, I know he will do a first class job.

The early part of my term of office was a most sad time with the passing of my good friend and Parish Council colleague Wally Ashcroft. He worked so hard as a Ward Councillor and a Parish Councillor for Windle, but we also welcomed Nancy his wife onto the Parish Council.

Throughout my time as Chairman I have met some very nice and interesting people of the Parish, and hopefully have been able to help some groups of residents who have had problems in their locality. I particularly enjoyed the Bleak Hill School Awards Ceremony which this year was quite special to me because one of my granddaughters won an award. Thanks must go to Mr Wellens and his team of teachers and helpers in maintaining such a high standard of education at the school which is reflected in the academic results.

My thanks must go to Cllr Ann Bate and her team of judges for the success of the Parish Garden Competition and thanks also to the residents who entered their gardens and to the hard work that they do to make the Parish more attractive, it would be nice to see more entries.

In November I should have had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of the Windle Parish Council and the residents of Windle, at the Cenotaph in Victoria Square but due to illness I was unable to attend, thanks to Cllr A Bate for standing in for me at the last moment.

The Christmas tree lighting, attended by the Mayor and Consort, had to be held indoors this year due to the weather conditions but it did not dampen the excitement of the children when Father Christmas made a special appearance, and of course I had to take on the role of Master of Ceremonies which was very enjoyable.

In January Cllrs A Bate and S Bate attended St Helens Council's Holocaust Memorial Service on my behalf at the Town Hall.

I would like to conclude my report with a few words of thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors who have supported me during my term of office. Thank you to our Clerk, Janet Anderson, for her guidance and support and also for the production of the Windle Parish Newsletter.

I look forward to continuing to serve you as your Parish Councillor."

CLLR KEN ROUGHLEY

215 Financial Statement: The Clerk submitted a financial report, summarised as follows:

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Balance at 1 April 2019	10,295
Plus projected receipts to 31 March 2020	12,735
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Less projected payments to 31 March 2020	10,357
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Projected Balance at 31 March 2020	12,673

216 Reports:

(a) Parochial Charities – none

(b) School Governors – none

(c) District Councillors – none

(d) SLCC – provides valuable guidance, information and training on changes occurring in local government.

(e) Voluntary Organisations – none

217 Public Comment: no public comments made.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: