

## Windle Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 March 2020 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance Paula Feeney, St Helens Council, Traffic Department

166 Prayers: Prayers had already been said at the Parish Assembly Meeting. The Chairman opened the meeting.

167 Apologies: Councillor N Ashcroft, Councillor S Bate, Councillor A Dockerty and J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

168 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

169 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barton reported that a farmer had contacted him to explain that dog walkers were letting their dogs off their leads near his farm. Two of his geese had been killed recently. The farmer also reported that people had created a path on a conservation area. It was requested that the Clerk contact St Helens Council, Rights of Way department to report the problems.

170 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2020.

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

171 Matters Arising: (a) Ref 155 – Cllr Greatorex reported that St Helens Council had replaced the hurdle fence at Windle Island  
(b) Ref 157(d) – Cllr Roughley informed the meeting that the litter bin had still not been installed  
(c) Ref 157(g) – Cllr A Bate reported that the work in Stuart Way had been completed during the school holidays

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

(a) Applications

**Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club** Single storey front extension and installation of disabled access ramp to clubhouse

**Best One Stanley Wines, Kiln Lane** Retrospective application for the installation of 3no air condensing units

**Resolved**: that no objection be raised concerning the Rugby Club application but the Parish Council objects to air conditioning units on the shop front. Could they be relocated?

(b) Decisions  
None

173 Parking Bleak Hill Road: Parking on the grass verge was discussed with Paula Feeney from St Helens Council's Traffic Department. It was reported that there had been no accidents yet as a result of parking on the grass verge. It was probable that the white zig-zag lines could be extended. Another suggestion was 'Child Buddies' that the Caretaker could put onto the grass and take them in. There would be the possibility that the Parish Council would fund.

It was reported that the Rights of Way Officer would investigate the state of the verge and would contact contractors to remedy/replace the grass when work had been completed.

**Councillors agreed that zig-zag lines should be extended.**

Coronation Road/Kiln Lane: The parking problems at the junction were discussed. Double yellow lines would be put down one side of Coronation Road near Kiln Lane opposite the shops.

174 Annual Newsletter: The item was deferred until the next meeting.

175 Other Correspondence:

(a) an email from a resident complaining about dog fouling on Stuart Road and also speeding cars. The email was forwarded to Ward Councillors. Cllr David Baines replied that the situation would be assessed – NOTED

(b) St Helens Council – consultation on proposed changes to the electoral cycle of electing St Helens' councillors. Option 1 was the current system where election was by 'thirds' – one third of councillors elected to office in three years out of four. Option 2 'all-out' where all councillors would be elected to office once every four years. Public consultation from 28 February to 23 March 2020. Further information could be found at St Helens Council's website [www.sthelens.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/consultations) **Option 1 preferred**

(c) email from C Barratt, Bleak Hill Rovers thanking Councillors for allowing him to speak at the last meeting

176 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 7.00 pm in Eccleston Village Hall.

As no Windle Parish Councillors attended the meeting, it had not been quorate therefore the agenda items were NOTED and would be reported to each Parish Council:

- Caretaker reported some items were being stored by Bleak Hill Rovers
- On 1 February Bob arrived to lock up and found the door propped open and the lights left on. No teams or managers were around. Bob reported it to Chairman of Bleak Hill Rovers
- Bob had met with contractors to carry out an asbestos survey ahead of the work to the roof and car park
- There had been no activity on the field over the past 2 weekends due to bad weather. Bob had used the time to clear drains on the car park
- No Users' Report as Bleak Hill Rovers did not attend
- Pitch fees for 2020/21 would remain the same – seniors £460, juniors £100 and U10s £40
- Payments and receipts were NOTED

The Secretary had prepared the budget which was given out and NOTED

177 SLCC: It was requested that the Clerk contact SLCC regarding whether Parish Councils would be continuing to meet because of the increasing coronavirus restrictions.

178 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

179 J Malone Garden: It was requested that the Clerk contact the gardener to enquire whether the quality of the soil could be improved with manure or compost.

180 Reports from Other Bodies: None

181 Finance:

**a) Balances** – the Clerk had advised that the balances at 28 February 2020 were:

Current Account	£6,932.66
Business Reserve	<u>£6,062.55</u>
TOTAL	£12,995.21

**b) Payment of Accounts**

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

	£	Chq
Eccleston Parish Council – room (Mar), phone (Feb), copier	57.20	2553
J Anderson – March plus travel and stationery	270.53	2554

**Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

182 Date of Next Meeting:

to be held on Tuesday 21 April 2020 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: