

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Online Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 7pm Via Zoom

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 1 Prayers: The Chairman opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 2 Apologies: Councillor N Ashcroft and Councillor R Greatorex
- 3 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 4 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Dockerty enquired if there were any updates on the work at Bleak Hill School. None had been reported. Cllr Barton mentioned that the path from Fairway had been under water at some points. Cllr Barton also reported that with the staggered start times had improved the parking slightly.
(b) Cllr Roughley commented on the recent article in the St Helens Star Online reporting that the 3 Rainford Ward Councillors had suggested that 'the entire Windle Parish be moved to Rainford'. Cllr Roughley had been disappointed that Windle Parish had not been consulted before the suggestion was made to the Boundary Commission. Cllr Roughley asked that a letter be sent to Rainford Parish Council to seek their views on the suggestion. The Clerk would send.
(c) Cllr Barton proposed that Cllr Roughley remain as Chairman until May 2021. **Agreed by all present.**
(d) Cllr Barton had reported that the waste bin in Regal Drive that had been overflowing had been emptied.
(e) Cllr A Bate explained that the white zig-zag lines on Bleak Hill Road outside the school need to be extended further back, although at the moment parking was not causing a problem there. Cllr Bate enquired whether anything further had been done about the yellow lines that were agreed to be painted at the junction of Coronation Road and Kiln Lane. Nothing further had been heard.
- 5 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2020.
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council: The council received the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17 March 2020.

Resolved the minutes of both meetings be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 6 Approval of Notes from April-October:
Resolved the notes be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 7 Matters Arising: (a) Cllr A Bate suggested more planting in the Jim Malone Garden. This would be discussed again in the spring.

- 8 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following
- a) Applications**
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| The Gables
Blindfoot Road | Single storey front extension and canopy to front, 2no dormers to side elevation with garage conversion, removal of chimney, timber cladding to existing dwelling and erection of detached garage
No objections |
| 25 Fistral Drive | Demolition of existing garage and the erection of single storey side and rear extension
No objections |
| 50 Coronation Rd | Two storey front and two storey side extensions
No objections |
| 2 Halls Cottages | First floor rear extension along with alteration to door openings at rear
No objections |

Cllr Roughley enquired why the Parish Council had not been consulted on a recent application for a certificate of lawfulness for 14 Moss Lane to be used as a children's home. The application had been declined. The Clerk would contact the Planning Officer at St Helens Council.

b) Decisions:

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| 11 Calderhurst Dr | Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension
Granted 20/10/20 |
| 23 Calderhurst Dr | Single storey front extension
Granted 27/10/20 |

The decisions were noted

- 9 Other Correspondence:
- (a) an email had been received from the Internal Auditor tendering his resignation from the role from the end of financial year 2020-21.
 - (b) a card was sent to St Helens Council to forward to former Windle Ward Councillor Gill Neal sending her best wishes for her breast cancer self-check campaign. Mrs Neal emailed a reply thanking the Parish Council for the card.
 - (c) an email from Windle Ward Councillors agreeing to pay for the lighting of the Christmas tree at Bleak Hill School.
 - (d) an email informing that there will be no Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Eccleston Library this year. The tree will be delivered to the library and decorated by staff as usual at the beginning of December
 - (e) a Freedom of Information request was received on 20 October from a resident regarding information held about them by Windle Parish Council. The Clerk replied by email on 27 October (which was within the 20 day limit). The resident had confirmed receipt of the email.
- 10 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: an email had been received from Bleak Hill Rovers asking for suggestions to their storage problems as their current storage facility would not be available to them after summer 2021. All Councillors agreed that their views had not changed and the changing facility, or part of, should be used by Bleak Hill Rovers for their storage requirements under some form of short term agreement with no alternations made to the interior. Another suggestion would be to have a storage container on the field.
- Cllr Barton expressed that it would be sad for Windle Parish Council to have nothing further to do with Ecclesfield Changing Facility.
- Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Eccleston Parish Council seeking their views on the latest development.

- 11 SLCC: the Clerk had been advised that any residents' details must be redacted in documents or emails sent with regard to a Freedom of Information request.
- 12 Lynton Way Play Area: nothing to report.
- 13 J Malone Garden: maintenance had finished for the year but the gardener would look at improving the soil over the winter as requested earlier in the year. Councillors would look at more shrubbery in the spring.
- 14 Remembrance Day: as all Remembrance Day services had been cancelled due to current Covid-19 restrictions, Councillors decided the wreath should be laid at the Silent Soldier in the grounds of Bleak Hill School. Cllr Barton laid the wreath at 11am on 11 November 2020. The House Captains represented the school. Cllr Roughley suggested the same happens next year with a wreath being placed at the Silent Soldier with the school children in attendance as well as at the Cenotaph in St Helens. Councillors agreed. The donation for each wreath would be considered when the budget was prepared.
- 15 Christmas Tree Lighting: the tree had been ordered and St Helens Council would put the lights on. Windle Ward Councillors would kindly contribute the cost of lighting the tree.
- 16 Reports from Other Bodies: none reported.
- 17 Finance:
- a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 October 2020 were:
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| Current Account | £14,131.04 |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£6,068.80</u> |
| TOTAL | £20,199.84 |
- b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| Eccleston PC – phone – Oct, copier/service | 31.81 | 2583 |
| J Anderson – November salary + travel | 280.87 | 2584 |
| Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 3 visits | 96.00 | 2585 |
- Receipts** – none
- (c) **Internal audit** – the accounts had been internally audited for the second quarter with nothing to report.
- 18 Date of Next Meeting:
- Tuesday 15 December 2020 at 7.00pm **VIA ZOOM**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: