

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Online Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 December 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)

19 Prayers: The Chairman opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

20 Apologies: Councillor N Ashcroft and Councillor R Greatorex

21 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

22 Parish Matters: (a) a letter was sent to Rainford Parish Council regarding the suggestion made in the press by Rainford Ward Councillors that Windle Parish be moved to Rainford Ward. A reply was received to explain that Rainford Parish Council had also been unaware of the press story.

23 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2020.

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

24 Matters Arising: None

25 Planning Matters: (a) Applications

14 Moss Lane

Change of Use from C3 (dwellinghouse) to C2 (residential institution) for care of up to 3no young people

- **the location for a residential institution for children appears unsuitable near to the extremely busy junction of the A580 and the narrow lane to the rugby ground, compounded by the traffic using Moss Lane as a 'rat run' on match days to avoid Windle Island junction**
- **consideration should be given to the suitability of the people/company running the residential institution and for whom, before a decision is made**
- **consideration should also be given to any potential layout changes to the property**

(b) Decisions –

12 Padstow Drive

Retain garage conversion in connection with providing dog grooming services

Granted 17/11/20

47 St Georges Ave

Demolition of existing conservatory, and erection of single storey rear extension

Granted 16/11/20

78 St Georges Ave

Single storey rear infill extension and part garage conversion

Granted 16/11/20

14 Windle Grove

Retrospective consent for a single storey side and rear extension along with alterations to existing garage

Granted 2/12/20

Bleak Hill School

Variation of conditions linked to 2019-0850 went before Planning Cttee on 8 December 2020

Granted subject to conditions 9/12/20

The Gables

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

Granted 9/12/20

Applications and decisions were noted

26 Other Correspondence: **Resolved to note:**

(a) a reply from Planning Department had been received to explain that the application for a certificate of lawfulness had not been sent to Parish Council as it was to check whether planning permission was needed for 14 Moss Lane – proposed use as a children’s home. A planning application had since been submitted to St Helens Council Planning Dept. Parish Council had been consulted.

(b) the Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council Planning Dept to put in a Freedom of Information request for any information from MacDonald Mott regarding the planning application for 12 Padstow Drive. A reply had been received notifying Parish Council that all correspondence was on St Helens Council’s planning website therefore Section 21 exemption had been applied.

(c) an emailed letter from Rainford Parish Council had been received in reply to the letter sent by Windle Parish Council regarding suggested boundary changes made by Rainford Ward Councillors. The letter had explained that Rainford PC had not been aware of the suggested changes.

(d) an email from Rainford Parish Council had been received forwarding the reply they had received from Rainford Ward Councillor Allan Jones regarding the Ward Councillors boundary suggestions.

(e) an email from a resident of Moss Lane had been received regarding a recent planning application, including points they would be submitting to St Helens Council.

(f) an email from a representative of Eccleston and Windle Community Residents Association requesting permission to plant a tree in a suitable location as part of the BBC’s Countryfile project ‘Plant Britain’. The Clerk was asked to reply to establish how many trees would be planted and the size of tree before a site could be identified.

27 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Item moved to the end of the meeting.

28 SLCC: Nothing to report

29 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report

- 30 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report
- 31 Christmas Tree Lighting: the tree had been installed at Bleak Hill School and lights put on. The school did not hold any virtual switching on of the lights as St Helens Council turned them on when they installed them. School send their thanks to the Parish Council for purchasing the tree providing some normality for the children.

32 Reports from Other Bodies: None received

33 Finance:

a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 November 2020 were:

Current Account	£ 13,684.45
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,068.80</u>
TOTAL	£19,753.25

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

Eccleston PC – phone	12.66	Chq 2586
J Anderson – December	266.77	Chq 2587
Rainfords Christmas Tree Ltd – tree for Bleak Hill School	180.00	Chq 2588
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE Oct-Dec	200.20	Chq 2589

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

- 27 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: a letter had been sent to Eccleston Parish Council seeking their view to Bleak Hill Rovers' storage problems. A reply had been received explaining that the views of the Councillors remained the same – the facility should remain as a changing facility.

A discussion took place regarding the use of the changing rooms and Bleak Hill Rovers' request to use the changing rooms as storage. Cllr S Bate felt that Eccleston Parish Council was discouraging sporting activity by putting barriers in the way by not allowing Bleak Hill Rovers to use it for storage. He felt Windle Parish Council was trying to help children and families in their sporting endeavours. He suggested the Management Agreement, that had been quoted in Eccleston Parish Council's letter, could be changed to use half as a changing facility and half for storage, as he felt that only one sport could realistically be played on the field.

Cllr A Bate raised the issue that one point on the Management Agreement had already been amended in a previous year, which was the number of Councillors representing the Parish Council.

Cllr Barton had recently visited Ruskin Drive Sports Ground. He had been impressed by the facilities there and the amount of sports taking place. He was concerned that if Bleak Hill Rovers did not play on Ecclesfield, then no one else would as most seem to play at Ruskin.

Cllr A Bate pointed out that the reply from Eccleston Parish Council had not addressed the suggestion of storage containers.

Cllr Dockerty agreed with the points raised.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Eccleston Parish Council, acknowledging the comments in their letter with regard to the agreement, and suggesting the agreement be amended to include storage. If this was not agreeable then legal advice and arbitration would have to be sought as per the Management Agreement.

Report – Ecclesfield Management Cttee Meeting Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 7pm via Zoom – Cllrs Ashcroft, G Pearl and Sims along with the Clerk attended. The following items were discussed:

- Caretaker reported no problems with the changing rooms. No games had been played for 4 weeks due to lockdown rules.
- The roof had been replaced and the car park re-surfaced. The flagged area at the front doors and around the sides needed to be completed. Cllr Sims had been in contact with St Helens Council and it was reported that the work would be completed within the next few weeks.
- Bleak Hill Rovers had emailed explaining their situation regarding storage. The view of Eccleston Parish Council remained the same. The facility was changing rooms not storage, Cllr Sims quoted from the Management Agreement which was to 'provide an efficient, maintained changing facility'.
- A sign for the exterior wall was discussed. A size had been suggested by sign designers. The Secretary was awaiting a reply from St Helens Council to inform whether planning permission would be required.
- Proposed budget for 2021/22 had been presented to Councillors – in summary: no increase in hire fees; no increase in Parish Councils' contribution; no increase in caretaker's salary and secretary's honorarium.

34 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7.00pm

Cllr Roughley wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: