

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Online Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7pm
Via Zoom

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 35 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 36 Apologies: Councillor N Ashcroft
- 37 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 38 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Greatorex reported that a beech hedge had been planted by St Helens Council at Windle Island.
- 39 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020.
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 40 Matters Arising: None reported.
- 41 Planning Matters:
a) Applications:
None
- b) Decisions:**
25 Fistral Drive Demolition of existing garage and the erection of single storey side and rear extension
Granted 15/12/20
50 Coronation Rd Two storey front and two storey side extensions
Granted 16/12/20
Applications and Decisions were noted
- 42 Other Correspondence: (a) a letter from St Helens Council confirming the Council Tax base for Windle Parish. 975 band D equivalent properties (down 16 on last year).
- 43 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: It was agreed to move the item to the end of the meeting.
- 44 SLCC: Nothing to report.
- 45 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

46 J Malone Garden: Cllr Greatorex reported that it looked in good condition although the bench may need staining when the weather improves. It had last been stained before it was replaced in November 2019. Cllr Barton asked how long it should last. The Clerk was asked to contact the joiner to check.

47 Reports from Other Bodies: None

48 Finance:

(a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 December 2020 were:

Current Account £13,405.02

Business Reserve £6,068.95

TOTAL £19,473.97

(b) Payments –

Eccleston Parish Council – telephone and copier lease	39.06	Chq 2590
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J Anderson – January	266.97	2591
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Receipts –

NatWest – interest (Oct)	0.05
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NatWest – interest (Nov)	0.05
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NatWest – interest (Dec)	0.05
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(c) HMRC statement showing nothing owing at 18 January 2021 had been emailed to Councillors.

The Clerk had spoken to Mr Anthony Scott regarding taking over the internal audit next year. He had agreed. A formal letter would be sent to Mr Scott.

(d) Finance Committee – Cllrs Roughley, Barton and Bate along with the Clerk met on 11 January 2021 via Zoom to discuss the budget and proposed precept.

(e) Budget/Precept – 975 Band D equivalent properties for 2021-22 (down 16). Finance Sub Cttee met and proposed to request a precept of £12,138.75 for 2021/22 which results in a cost to residents of £12.45 per year – same as last year. All Councillors had been emailed a copy of the budget.

The following broad based budget was accepted for 2021/22:

<u>Payments (Net of VAT)</u>	£
Fees and insurance	560.00
Salary and PAYE, travel, training	4431.00
Election costs provision	1000.00
Post, telephone, copier and stationery	420.00
Website and domain name	575.00
Room hire	231.00
Wreath	70.00
Newsletter	800.00
School awards	120.00
Update of Honour Board	40.00
Ecclesfield	1426.00*
Jim Malone Garden and plants	660.00
Lynton Way Play Area (opening/closing)	1465.00
Garden competition inc engraving	240.00
Christmas tree lighting/tree/lights	460.00
Hospitality	100.00
TOTAL	12598.00

<u>Receipts (estimated)</u>	
Bank interest	2.00
Advertising	100.00
TOTAL	102.00

* The contribution towards Ecclesfield would be held back until the current issue of storage for Bleak Hill Rovers had been resolved.

(f) Risk Assessment – carried out and **resolved to accept and sign the document**

49 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 7.00pm.

43 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Cllr Roughley reported that Eccleston Parish Council were now in total agreement of a storage unit for the use of Bleak Hill Rovers to be placed at Ecclesfield. He said Cllr Sims had contacted him to say that a resident from Eccleston had offered a container free of charge. The resident added that current demand was high, therefore [amended] *if one was purchased* the cost would be high. Cllr Sims also reported that an officer from St Helens Council had made a site visit to Ecclesfield and suggested that it may be more suitable to locate a storage unit on the car park rather than the boggy ground. The email from St Helens Council had also mentioned the lack of space behind the nursery and library. Cllr Sims had contacted Cllr Roughley to ask whether a 10 foot unit would be agreeable.

Cllr Dockerty commented that at the moment half of the car park was underwater. Cllr Barton said that maybe the unit would be raised off the ground. Cllr Roughley said that usually containers were placed on concrete kerb stones or railway sleepers. Cllr Barton was concerned that it may look out of place on the car park but would agree with wherever was suitable.

Cllr S Bate said that the right location needed to be inkeeping with the environment and the site may benefit from CCTV cameras to help reduce anti-social behaviour. He said that a 10 foot storage unit would be too small to fit all the equipment because of the length of the goal posts. He said the equipment consisted of goal uprights and cross bars along with side nets for 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5. There were also 7 or 8 bags of nets and several wheelie containers with ropes and spikes to cordon off the playing areas along with corner flags. He explained that a 20 foot unit would be required to enable easy access.

Cllr Greatorrex added that CCTV would cover the defibrillators that were going to be installed.

Cllr A Bate raised concerns that any CCTV camera may be vandalised at the site, but it was felt that they could be protected by some kind of cage.

Cllr Barton requested that the name of Windle Parish Council be included in new signage that was being arranged for the facility. All Councillors agreed.

Cllr Roughley, as Chairman, asked the Clerk to inform Eccleston Parish Council that Windle Parish Council would suggest a 20 foot container on either the car park or on the field in a suitable location. Also to suggest CCTV cameras to be funded by both parishes.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: