

## Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Online Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 7pm

Via Zoom

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson, Clerk to the Council  
C Barratt – Bleak Hill Rovers

- 44 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 45 Apologies: Councillor N Ashcroft and Councillor A Dockerty
- 46 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 47 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barton had been contacted by a resident of Regal Drive with concerns over the level of the brook at the bottom of the resident's garden. Cllr Barton referred the resident to St Helens Council.  
(b) Cllr A Bate added that parts of Ecclesfield and the farmer's field beyond had been flooded.  
(c) Mr Barratt thanked Councillors for their support in the past 12-18 months whilst trying to resolve their storage problems. Bleak Hill Rovers had informed people that Windle PC had fully supported Bleak Hill Rovers and had helped achieve an outcome. Bleak Hill Rovers would welcome being able to meet with both Parish Councils for the benefit of Bleak Hill Rovers and the wider community. The Chairman, Cllr Roughley, acknowledged the comments.  
(d) The suggested boundaries for St Helens were discussed and Cllr Roughley concluded that it would mean no change to Windle Parish Council.  
(e) Cllr A Bate reported that Windle PC had previously been told that small wooden posts could not be put on the grass verge on Bleak Hill Road outside the school to prevent vehicles parking, as they would be a trip hazard. She had recently seen similar posts in the grounds of St Helens Cemetery to stop parking on the grass. Also Cllr Roughley had seen posts at Clock Face on the cycle track. The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council to ask why posts could not be erected outside Bleak Hill School.  
**Cllr Greatorex joined the meeting.**  
(f) Cllr Greatorex informed the meeting that Balfour Beatty had put in whips behind the fence at Windle Island. He had contacted St Helens Council but the person he had previously dealt with was on sick leave. Cllr Greatorex felt progress was being made even though it was 2 years on. He mentioned that the bench needed painting. The Clerk was asked to contact the joiner to check how long the paint/stain should last.

- 48 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2021.  
An amendment was agreed under item 43 to add '*if one was purchased*'. It was then **resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**
- 49 Matters Arising: None
- 50 Planning Matters:  
**a) Applications:**  
None
- b) Decisions:**  
None
- 51 Other Correspondence: a) letter from Mr A Scott accepting the offer of role of internal auditor for year 2021/22.  
b) email from St Helens Council's Chief Executive suggesting meetings for all Parish Council Chairs and Clerks. Clerk replied agreeing to the suggestion.  
c) email from LocalLife offering publishing and delivery of any Parish Council information.  
**Noted**
- 52 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Cllr Barton volunteered to represent Windle Parish Council on Ecclesfield Management Committee. Cllrs A Bate and S Bate explained they were not happy to re-join the Committee. Cllr Roughley also did not wish to re-join. Cllr Greatorex offered to be on the Committee with Cllr Barton. The next meeting would be 2 March 2021.  
It was reported that a defibrillation machine had been installed on the outside wall of the changing rooms on Thursday 11 February 2021.
- 53 SLCC: Nothing to report.
- 54 Lynton Way Play Area: In January, Cllr A Bate contacted the Clerk to report that residents were commenting that the play area had not been opened. The Clerk contacted St Helens Council and received a reply to confirm that, because of staff shortages due to covid-19 absences, they were unable to open and close the play area each day. It would be opened again as soon as all staff were back to work. Cllr A Bate reported that it had been opened week beginning Monday 8 February 2021.
- 55 J Malone Garden: Nothing further had been heard regarding the request from Save the Greenbelt group to plant trees.
- 56 Reports from Other Bodies: Nothing to report.
- 57 Finance:  
a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 January 2021 were:
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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Current Account          | £12,718.79       |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£6,068.95</u> |
| TOTAL                    | £18,787.74       |

b) <u>Resolved</u> that the following payments be made:		Chq
Eccleston Parish Council – phone (Jan)	16.23	2592
J Anderson – February inc travel	283.84	2593

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:  
None

c) The internal audit had not taken place as the auditor had been unwell. It would be carried out as soon as possible.

58 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16 March 2021    7.00 pm    Via Zoom

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: