

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 April 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)

Before the meeting, the Chairman asked for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Her Majesty the Queen with the sad loss of her husband the Duke of Edinburgh.

75 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

76 Apologies: Councillor N Ashcroft and Councillor A Dockerty

77 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

78 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Greatorex said that a resident had contacted him over a grid in the road that was noisy when traffic went over it. He had reported it to St Helens Council. He also had contacted St Helens Council over the planting of trees that had been promised by Balfour Beatty. Unfortunately the officer at the Council was off sick.

79 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021.

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

80 Matters Arising: None

81 Planning Matters:

a) Applications:

30 Lynton Way

Extension to existing boundary wall

11 Lynton Way

Single storey rear extension

161 Bleak Hill Rd

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension; alterations from flat to pitched roof on the existing garage and porch along with a new boundary fence and wall

27 St Georges Ave

Two storey side extension

Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications

b) Decisions:

19 Lynton Way

Single storey rear extension linking to garage with part garage conversion

Granted 22/3/21

- 82 Other Correspondence: (a) A reply had been received from St Helens Council regarding putting up signs to prevent parking on the grass verge outside Bleak Hill School. Signs could not be installed within the Parish. (Eccleston Parish had an ancient bye-law allowing such signs). The Chairman asked the Clerk to request that the issue of parking on grass verges and pavements be included on the agenda of the next meeting with St Helens Council's Chief Executive.
(b) An email had been received from a resident of Stuart Road complaining about the amount of dog foul left on pavements. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council would consider contributing towards the cost of signs and more bins in the area. Cllr Barton did not feel that more signs or bins would make any difference. He felt that most people did clear up after their dog but some people do not even with signs. The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council to report the amount of dog fouling in the area.
(c) The resident's email also raised the issue of speeding traffic along Stuart Road particularly on the bend of Sackville Road. The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council to enquire whether Highways Department had any suggestions such as traffic calming measures similar to those on Hamilton Road and Coronation Road.
- 83 Crossing of Kiln Lane: Cllr Barton had recently seen a post on social media commenting on the dangers of crossing Kiln Lane at the junction of Coronation Road. He explained that the problem had been raised several years ago by Cllr S Bate. The Clerk read out from emails received in April and May 2019 from St Helens Council in reply to the Parish Council contacting them. One email reported that a speed assessment had been carried out in April 2019 with average speeds of 23 and 24 mph and a maximum of 30.8mph. St Helens Council confirmed there were no plans to introduce traffic calming measures. The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council to explain that since then the situation had got worse and could they look at this road again with a view to a pelican crossing being installed.
- 84 Retirement of Bleak Hill School Head Teacher: It was agreed that a letter/card would be sent to the retiring Head Teacher on behalf of the Parish Council wishing him best wishes and thanking him for all his hard work over the years.
- 85 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: – The Management Committee met on 17 March and 30 March.
- It was agreed that the 9v9 pitch would not be moved over the 11v11
 - One 11v11 could be allocated to the adult team that had recently enquired
 - The arrangements for midweek use of the pitches would remain unchanged with teams able to use the open space without booking. If any team wished to book a pitch then they would have to pay to reserve the pitch.
 - The payment of the first half contribution towards Ecclesfield would be discussed at the next meeting.
- Cllr S Bate left the meeting.
- 86 SLCC: The annual subscription of £208 had been received. **It was resolved that one third would be paid by Windle Parish Council - £69.33.**
- 87 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 88 J Malone Garden: Garden maintenance had started on Thursday 15 April 2021. Cllr Barton confirmed that the bench was in need of staining. Cllr Greatorex and Cllr Barton agreed to carry out the job.

- 89 Garden Competition/Newsletter: Prices had been received from Local Life magazine for designing, printing and distribution of the annual newsletter along with prices for advertising/publishing pages in the magazine. Councillors agreed the cost would be too expensive and the distribution did not cover all the houses in the Parish. It was agreed to put the garden competition and newsletter on hold until the next meeting.
- 90 Reports from Other Bodies: On 24 March, the Chairman and Clerk attended an online meeting of the Management Team of St Helens Council and all Parish Councils in the Borough, led by the Chief Executive. The meeting had been to inform all Parishes of the latest position of the Council along with future plans. The next meeting would be 29 July 2021.
- 91 Finance:
- a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 March 2021 were:
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| Current Account | £11,966.24 |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£6,069.11</u> |
| TOTAL | £18,035.35 |
- b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| HMRC – PAYE Jan-Mar | 200.00 | 2597 |
| Society of Local Council Clerks – 1/3 rd membership | 69.33 | 2598 |
| J Anderson + expenditure | 302.37 | 2599 |
| P Taylor – internal audit | 150.00 | 2600 |
| Eccleston Parish Council – phone (Mar), copier service and lease | 58.11 | 2601 |
- Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:
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| NatWest – interest Jan 0.05, Feb 0.05 and Mar 0.06 | 0.16 |
| St Helens Council – first half precept | 6069.38 |
- c) HMRC statement showing an upcoming payment due 22 April but no overdue payments at 15 April. Payment of £200.00 had been made 13 April 2021 (see above).
- d) Signing off the Receipts and Payments Book/VAT Return: **Resolved that the Receipts and Payments be signed off for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 by the Chairman and Clerk.**
- e) External Audit: would be carried out 2 July 2021 by PKF Littlejohn, London
- 92 Date of Next Meeting: To be held on Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: