

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Online Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 March 2021

Via Zoom

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 59 Prayers: Prayers had already been said at the Parish Assembly Meeting. The Chairman opened the meeting.
- 60 Apologies: Councillor N Ashcroft, Councillor S Bate and Councillor R Greatorex. It was agreed that a 6 month leave of absence be given to Cllr Ashcroft from attending virtual meetings due to not having the technology to join online meetings.
- 61 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 62 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barton reported that the Head Teacher at Bleak Hill School would be retiring in August. It was felt that this should be acknowledged by the Parish Council. This would be considered at the next meeting in April.
(b) Cllr Dockerty felt the email reply from St Helens Council regarding the issue of placing small wooden poles on the grass verge outside Bleak Hill School was confusing. It stated that the bollards would displace parking to another location which may cause conflict. Councillors felt that the cars parking there were causing conflict. Cllr Dockerty reported that on the grass verge at Broadway, Eccleston there were signs displaying 'Do not park on the grass verge'. He suggested signs like these could be put on the verge on Bleak Hill Road. Cllr Roughley asked Cllr Dockerty to check who owned the signs on Broadway. If they were owned by St Helens Council, the Clerk was asked to check why they could not be put on the Bleak Hill Road grass verge. Cllr A Bate added that if it was an issue of funding then Parish Council may be able to fund some sort of barrier or preventative measure.
The email from St Helens Council had stated that the white zig-zag lines should have been extended but Cllr A Bate felt they were not being extended far enough.
- 63 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2021.
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 64 Matters Arising: No further matters arising.
- 65 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
(a) Applications
19 Lynton Way
Single storey rear extension linking to garage with part garage conversion **N/O**

Greenacres Woodlands Burials

Re-organisation of burial site facilities to provide a new, single storey reception and administration modular building; infill extension and associated alterations to the existing Ceremony Hall building; creation of 6no additional car parking spaces and creation of an area of traditional burial plots **Please ensure the building is in keeping with any surrounding property and is appropriate and sympathetic for its use**

Greenacres Woodlands Burials

Installation of an external condenser unit to enable cooling of the adjoining cold storage room and coffin fridge **Please ensure it is sympathetically constructed in relation to the surrounding countryside**

14 Moss Lane

Change of Use from C3 (dwellinghouse) to C2 (residential institution) for care of up to 3 young people

Had been due before Planning Committee 16 March 2021 – DEFERRED (date to be arranged)

(b) Decisions

None

- 66 Annual Newsletter/Garden Competition: A discussion took place regarding the newsletter being published and distributed linked to the garden competition. Cllr A Bate felt that the majority of gardens entered were back gardens. She felt this defeated the object of the competition which was to encourage neat and tidy gardens in the Parish. Cllr Bate also reported that in recent years there had not been much enthusiasm for entering. Cllr Roughley added that it had not grown in popularity over the years and it had been the same small number of entrants each year. Cllr Bate suggested a format change this year. She was willing to walk around the Parish and nominate a short list of best kept front gardens. Other Councillors could either walk or drive to look at the gardens. On agreement, possibly 10 small prizes would be given. Cllr Roughley suggested awarding prizes for scarecrows as part of the Willowbrook competition. It was agreed that this may not work if money was given to entries instead of donating to Willowbrook. It was agreed that the front garden suggestion was a good idea and could always be held later in the year. The idea would be discussed further at the next meeting in April. Once a decision had been made on the garden competition the format of the Newsletter would be considered. The Clerk was asked to contact LocalLife to find out what service they could offer along with a price.
- 67 Other Correspondence: None
- 68 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom. Councillors Barton and Greatorex attended along with the Secretary.
- Members that have joined the Management Committee: Cllrs Barton and Greatorex (WPC) and Cllr Cass (EPC).
 - Caretaker reported items were being stored by Bleak Hill Rovers. BHR to remove.
 - C Barratt (BHR) reported that games would resume on 29 March 2021.
 - Pitch fees for 2021/22 would remain the same – seniors £460, juniors £100 and U10s £40.
 - Storage unit – nothing to report.

- CCTV – would possibly be quite expensive to install. It would be considered at a later date.
- Signage – text had been agreed. The Secretary would check whether planning permission would be needed for the size.
- Online booking was discussed and agreed it would be a good idea.
- The budget was accepted.

69 SLCC: Nothing to report.

70 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

71 J Malone Garden: Cllr Barton reported that the garden area looked tidy and the Island had been full of spring flowers. The joiner had recommended that the bench would need staining/painting each year and could be done in place. It would be discussed at the next meeting in April.

72 Reports from Other Bodies: None

73 Finance:

a) Balances – the Clerk had advised that the balances at 28 February 2021 were:

Current Account	£12,418.72
Business Reserve	<u>£6,068.95</u>
TOTAL	£18,487.67

b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following payments be made:

	£	Chq
Eccleston Parish Council – phone (Feb), copier	35.51	2594
J Anderson – March	266.97	2595
NetWise UK – website	150.00	2596

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

(c) The internal audit had taken place with nothing to report.

74 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20 April 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: