

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 May 2021 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson, Clerk

- 12 Welcome: Prayers had already been said at the AGM, which had preceded the meeting. The Chairman, Cllr Barton, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 13 Apologies: None
- 14 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 15 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Dockerty raised concerns over increased speeding traffic on the Rainford by-pass. He was not aware of any speeding cameras along the road. Cllr Greatorex added that there had been a mobile police speed/camera vehicle recently on the by-pass. (b) Cllr Ashcroft added that she had received some complaints about traffic speeding on Bleak Hill Road.
The points were noted.
(c) Cllr A Bate suggested an email be sent to the newly elected Councillor for Windle Ward and invite her to the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed an email be sent.
(d) Cllr Barton informed the meeting that Bleak Hill School were trying to work out the best way to approach the school's prize giving.
- 16 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2021. **Resolved** the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 17 Matters Arising: Cllr Greatorex had been trying to contact St Helens Council by telephone but found it to be a lengthy process. The Clerk advised that emailing the Contact Centre was a more efficient way to contact officers.
- 18 Planning Matters:
a) Applications:
27 Windle Grove
Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a new single storey rear extension along with a new detached garden room **N/O**
20 Sackville Road
Single storey side and rear extension
N/O
8 Rutherford Road
Single storey side extension with front porch, and single storey rear extension linking into existing detached garage
N/O

7 Prince Andrews Grove

Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two-storey side extension and a single storey rear extension

N/O

16 Lawrence Road

Single storey rear extension

N/O

28 Rutherford Road

Single storey extension to side and rear elevation

N/O

For information –

14 Moss Lane

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

Before Planning Committee on 25 May 2021

Noted

b) Decisions: noted

Greenacres Woodland Burials

Installation of external condenser

Granted 27/4/21

19 Other Correspondence: **Noted:**

(a) Zurich Insurance renewal – same as last year £321.12.

(b) Email from Highways, St Helens Council regarding traffic issues in Kiln Lane. The Highways Dept had met with Ward Councillors after a post on Facebook. The email stated that it would be unlikely that a crossing could be installed because of driveways. A crossing had to be 25m from a junction. St Helens Council would send a letter to all residents in the area for comments.

Zig zag lines at Bleak Hill Road were also being extended which may help with the parking on the grass verge.

(c) Email from dog warden asking for the resident that had recently complained about dog waste, to contact him directly. Clerk passed on details to the resident.

(d) Email from Highways regarding the complaint of speeding vehicles on Stuart Road. It stated that because of limited funding, traffic calming measures could only be installed at places with a poor accident record. According to Highways Dept, there had been no injury accidents in last 10 years up to July 2020 in Stuart Road and the surrounding areas. There were already traffic calming measures on Hamilton Road and there were no plans to instigate further measures.

(e) Email from Director of Place, St Helens Council asking for more information regarding the issue of parking on grass verges raised at the last Parish Council meeting. – Clerk replied.

20 Garden Competition/Newsletter: It was agreed that the garden competition would not take place this year. It was also agreed that the newsletter would not be produced this year either.

21 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: No report. The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 7pm. Councillors enquired if there had been any further information regarding the storage for Bleak Hill Rovers. Cllr Greatorex explained that a meeting had taken place on the field to look at other possibilities other than a container. He explained that St Helens Council were assessing the site and would make recommendations. Cllr S Bate was concerned that if an alternative to a container was not the size of a 20ft container he doubted that all the equipment would be able to fit as the current garage was full to capacity.

The Clerk enquired about the payment of the first instalment towards Ecclesfield. Councillors voted 4 to 3 in favour of holding the payment back until the storage was resolved.

22 SLCC: Nothing to report.

23 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

24 J Malone Garden: The bench would be stained as soon as the weather improved.

25 Reports from Other Bodies: None

26 Finance:

a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 April 2021 were:

Current Account	17,475.14
Business Reserve Account	<u>6069.11</u>
TOTAL	£23,544.25

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

Eccleston Parish Council – room (May), phone (Apr)	32.63	Chq 2602
St Helens Council – Lynton Way place area security (2021/21)	1148.88	Chq 2603
J Anderson – May, travel	288.67	Chq 2604
Zurich Municipal – annual insurance	321.12	Chq 2605
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 3 visits	96.00	Chq 2605

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

(c) Internal audit – nothing to report.

27 Approval of Annual Governance Statement: **Resolved** that the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 (Section 1) be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

28 Approval of Accounting Statements: **Resolved** that the Accounting Statements 2020/2021 (Section 2) be approved and signed.

The internal audit report had already been completed by Mr P Taylor as internal auditor.

29 Certificate of Exemption: **Resolved** that the Certificate be agreed and signed.

30 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 15 June 2021 7.00 pm Eccleston Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: