

Windle Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 December 2021 at 7pm
at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane**

Present Councillor Uddin (Chair)
 Councillor Baines
 Councillor Dickinson
 Councillor Dockerty
 Councillor Donnelly
 Councillor Lloyd

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

71 **Prayers:** The Clerk opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

72 **Apologies:** Councillor Ashcroft and Councillor Greatorex

73 **Declarations of Interest:** No declarations were made.

74 **Parish Matters:** None reported.

75 **Minutes of Meeting held 15 June 2021:** The council had previously received the minutes of the meeting and Cllr Ashcroft, who had been unable to attend the December meeting, had verbally approved the minutes to the Clerk.

Resolved the minutes of the June meeting be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

76 **Minutes of Meeting held 16 November 2021:** The council received the minutes of the meeting.

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

77 **Matters Arising:** None

78 **Planning Matters:** (a) Applications
 None

(b) Decisions

100 Bleak Hill Rd

Extension to the existing dropped kerb

Granted 15/11/21

47 Coronation Road

Single storey side extension

Granted 17/11/21

Windle Farm – Telecommunications Mast

Removal of the existing 20.0m mast and its replacement with a new 25m high mast and supporting equipment, along with ancillary development thereto

Granted 26/11/21

90 St Georges Avenue

Demolition of existing conservatory with the erection of single storey side and rear extension

Granted 9/12/21

Applications and decisions were noted

- 79 Other Correspondence: **Resolved to note:**
(a) letter from St Helens Council confirming precept payment dates as 14 April 2022 and 16 June 2022.
(b) a Christmas card from the Mayor of St Helens Council, Cllr Sue Murphy.
- 80 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: The Clerk read out the following report of the meeting on Monday 6 December 2021 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall – Cllr Lloyd along with the Clerk attended. The following items were discussed:
- New members had joined the Management Committee – Cllrs Baines, Lloyd and Uddin from WPC and Cllr C Pearl from EPC.
 - The Caretaker had reported no problems with the changing rooms except for fires that had been lit on the recently tarmacked area near the doors. No serious damage had been done.
 - The container had been put on the field on 25 November. A Conditions of Use document had been agreed along with a charge of £100 per month for the use of the storage facility.
 - Proposed budget for 2022/23 was presented to Councillors – in summary: no increase in hire fees; no increase in Parish Council’s contribution; a 2% increase in caretaker’s salary and £50 increase of the secretary’s honorarium.

Cllr Lloyd added that a discussion had taken place at the meeting regarding the 3-year planning permission for the container and what would happen after the 3 years. He had spoken to a contact who recommended contacting Sports England to apply for grants offered to sports clubs and teams.

Cllr Baines disagreed with the charge being made for the use of the container. He felt that as St Helens Council had paid for the container, Ecclesfield Management Committee should not be making money from this facility. He would have voted against the proposal to charge for its use if the date for the meeting had not been changed with less than a week’s notice. Cllr Baines was unable to attend the rescheduled meeting.

Cllr Lloyd explained that the charge had been agreed to cover any expenses in connection with the maintenance of the container or any possible vandalism. He explained that after 3 years the container would have to be removed at a cost to Ecclesfield Management Committee.

Cllr Baines requested a copy of the minutes of Ecclesfield Management Committee meeting where the decision was made. The Clerk would email the minutes to Cllr Baines.

81 Society of Local Council Clerks: Nothing to report

82 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report

83 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report

84 Parish Newsletter: The content of the newsletter needed to be decided. The item would be on the January agenda for further discussion.

85 Christmas Tree Lighting: The tree had been installed at Bleak Hill School and lights put on. The School sent their thanks to the Parish Council for purchasing the tree.

86 Reports from Other Bodies: None received

87 Finance:

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

Current Account £ 19,010.52

Business Reserve Account £ 6,069.42

TOTAL £25,079.94

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

None

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

88 Dates of Next Meetings:

A Finance Sub Committee meeting would take place via Zoom on Thursday 13 January 2022 at 3pm. Cllr Uddin as Chair, Cllr Dockerty as Deputy Chair and Cllr Dickinson would attend.

Tuesday 18 January 2022

7.00pm

Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: