

**Windle Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7pm  
at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane**

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

**Also in Attendance**    J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

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

90     **Apologies:** Councillor Baines and Councillor Greatorex

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

92     **Parish Matters:** None reported.

93     **Minutes of Meeting held 21 December 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.**

94     **Matters Arising:** None

95     **Planning Matters:** (a) Applications  
         **34 Rutherford Road**

         Two storey side and rear extension

         (b) Decisions

**Abbeyfield House**

         Replacement of existing windows

**Granted 10/1/22**

**The application and decision were noted.**

**It was agreed that, in future, all applications received by the Clerk would be emailed when received, for Councillors' consideration.**

96     **Other Correspondence:** **Resolved to note:**

         (a) letter from St Helens Council confirming precept payment dates as 14 April 2022 and 16 June 2022.

         (b) As a result of the recent Boundary Commission report, Cllr Lloyd enquired whether there would be a re-alignment of the Parish and the Ward of Windle. Cllr Uddin explained that St Helens Council had arranged a meeting on Monday 24 January 2022 with Chairs and Clerks of Parish Councils to discuss the process of a Community Governance Review which would take place after May 2022. Cllr Lloyd asked whether there could be something to recognise the area of Windle.

         A report of the meeting would be given at the February Parish Council meeting.

97 Parish Newsletter: Cllr Dockerty presented a previous newsletter as an example of what is normally included each year. Cllr Dickinson suggested that possibly advertisements could be offered at reduced or no cost. Councillors would consider a newsletter being published after Parish elections in May 2022.

98 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: an email had been received from Bleak Hill Rovers with suggested changes to the agreement for hiring the storage unit on Ecclesfield. The email had been forwarded to Ecclesfield Management Committee. Councillors suggested that the container be the responsibility of Bleak Hill Rovers. Cllr Uddin would look into the current ownership of the container.

99 Society of Local Council Clerks: Nothing to report

100 Lynton Way Play Area: Cllr Lloyd enquired whether the roundabout that had been in the play area would be replaced. The Clerk explained that Windle Parish Council did not own the play equipment. Cllr Uddin would look into the replacement of the roundabout. Cllr Lloyd also raised the issue of litter accumulating around the bushes at the entrance at Lynton Way and whether it could be removed when the bin was emptied.

101 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report

102 Reports from Other Bodies: None received

103 Finance:

a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 December 2021 were:

Current Account	£ 19,010.52
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,069.57</u>
TOTAL	£25,080.09

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

None

**Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:

NatWest – interest (Oct)	0.05
NatWest – interest (Nov)	0.05
NatWest – interest (Dec)	0.05

**(c) HMRC statement** showing nothing owing at 17 January 2022 was reported to the meeting.

**(d) Finance Committee** – Cllrs Dickinson, Dockerty and Uddin along with the Clerk met on 13 January 2022 via Zoom to discuss the budget and proposed precept.

**(e) Budget/Precept** – 984 Band D equivalent properties for 2022-23 (up 9). Finance Sub Cttee met and proposed to request a precept of £12,250.80 for 2022/23 which would result in a cost to residents of £12.45 per year – same as last year. All Councillors had received a copy of the budget.

**The following broad-based budget was accepted for 2022/23:**

<u>Payments (Net of VAT)</u>	£
Fees and insurance	560.00
Salary and PAYE, travel, training	4519.00
Election costs provision	3700.00
Post, telephone, copier and stationery	420.00
Website and domain name	125.00
Room hire	231.00
Wreath	70.00
Newsletter	800.00
School awards	120.00
Update of Honour Board	40.00
Ecclesfield	1426.00
Jim Malone Garden, plants and bench	690.00
Lynton Way Play Area (opening/closing)	1465.00
Garden competition inc engraving	240.00
Christmas tree lighting/tree/lights	465.00
Hospitality	100.00
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TOTAL	14971.00

Receipts (estimated)

Bank interest	1.00
Advertising	100.00
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TOTAL	101.00

**(f) Risk Assessment** – carried out by Councillors and the Clerk. **Resolved to add Business Continuity as a risk. The Clerk would make the amendment and the form would be accepted and signed at the February meeting.**

104 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 15 February 2022                      7.00pm                      Ecclestone Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: