

Windle Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 March 2022
At Eccleston Village Hall

Present Councillor Dockerty (Deputy Chair)
 Councillor Donnelly
 Councillor Greateorex

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

131 Prayers: Prayers had already been said at the Parish Assembly Meeting. The Chair opened the meeting.

132 Apologies: Cllrs Baines, Dickinson, Lloyd and Uddin

133 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

134 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Dockerty reported that last year some residents using Eccleston Library were given a questionnaire about the use of the library. Cllr Dockerty felt that the design of the questionnaire had been misleading. Some questions were asking residents what they would think of volunteers running the library as if this was the only alternative to closing completely. He added that he felt that funds would go to deprived areas and not to the most used libraries.

Cllr Donnelly added that the decision to overhaul the library service was purely financially driven and felt the Parish Council should comment further when plans/arrangements had been confirmed. He added that the library service did need to accommodate current trends.

Cllr Greateorex added that some residents needed access to a library as a public service. If Eccleston Library closed, the alternative for residents would be travelling to the St Helens Library at the World of Glass. Cllr Dockerty added this would not be appropriate for school children as they would not be able to get to World of Glass.

Cllr Dockerty concluded that Parish Council would wait for further details to be made available.

135 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2022.

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

136 Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

137 Planning Matters:

(a) Applications
None

(b) Decisions
None

138 Other Correspondence: None

139 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 7.00pm, Eccleston Village Hall. Councillors Baines and Lloyd attended along with the Secretary.

- Caretaker reported the handle on the defib cabinet had been broken. The Clerk had obtained a quote for a new handle. The fire extinguishers had been serviced and everything else was fine.
- A quote had been obtained for a risk assessment of the water system.
- No users had attended. The adult team had requested a change of pitch. The Secretary was asked to contact Bleak Hill Rovers to ask whether they had any objection.
- Pitch fees for 2022/23 would remain the same – seniors £460, juniors £100 and U10s £40.
- Storage unit – Cllr Sims explained that at a recent meeting between herself, Cllr G Pearl and St Helens Council officers, it was confirmed that the container was owned by St Helens Council. A draft agreement from St Helens Council had been received by Ecclesfield Management Committee regarding the use of the container and the responsibilities of the Committee. It was agreed that the Management Committee should have nothing to do with the container as it was not owned by the Management Committee. The Secretary was asked to contact St Helens Council to report the decision of the Management Committee.
- Signage – planning permission had been granted in December 2021. The Secretary was asked to arrange for the sign to be installed.
- The budget was accepted.

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140 SLCC: Nothing to report.

141 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

142 J Malone Garden: It was reported again that the bench needed re-staining. The Clerk was asked to contact the joiner that stained the bench a few years ago to see whether he would quote for taking the bench away and re-staining.

143 Reports from Other Bodies: None

144 Finance:

a) Balances – the Clerk had advised that the balances at 28 February 2022 were:

Current Account	£19,000.52
Business Reserve	<u>£6,069.57</u>
TOTAL	£25,070.09

b) Payment of Accounts

<u>Resolved</u> that the following payments be made:	£	Chq
New Scientist – fraudulent payment reported to NatWest	10.00	DD
Eccleston Parish Council – phone, copier and room (Aug-Mar)	295.70	2618
J Anderson – Nov-March	1767.47	2619
Ecclesfield Project – full contribution 21/22	1426.12	2620
NetWise UK – website upgrade	118.80	2621

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

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

145 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 7.00pm in Ecclestone Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: