

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 7pm
in Eccleston Village Hall

Present Councillor Uddin (Chair)
Councillor Ashcroft
Councillor Baines
Councillor Dockerty
Councillor Donnelly
Councillor Lloyd
Councillor Greatorex

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

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

147 Apologies: None

148 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

149 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Dockerty had obtained a quote for staining the bench at the Malone Garden. The quote for £120 included cleaning, oiling and treating as well as staining the bench on-site. It was agreed to have the work carried out. The Clerk would make arrangements.

(b) Cllr Dockerty felt that it was important that Windle Parish Council publish a newsletter to all residents. It was agreed that one would be published after elections in May.

(c) Cllr Dockerty had spoken to residents whilst at Eccleston Library. They had been unhappy about the potential library takeover. Cllr Dockerty explained that there was no further information at the present time.

(d) Cllr Dockerty had also spoken to residents who had complained about the car park at Ecclesfield changing rooms being closed. He explained the problems that had been encountered over the years trying to open and close the car park for people using the shops. The Clerk also added that the police had recommended that the car park must be secured when teams were not using the field, to prevent any unauthorised vehicles accessing the playing field.

(e) Cllr Lloyd enquired whether anything further had been done about the land at Lynton Way that he had reported at the last meeting as looking untidy. The Clerk had emailed Henderson Homes to ask whether they owned the land but had not had a reply. Cllr Baines had contacted St Helens Council to report the wall that looked to be in a dangerous condition. He had received a reply from Building Control, who had been out to the site and deemed the wall to be safe. The Clerk was asked to contact Henderson Homes again to ask who the land belonged to.

(f) Cllr Lloyd informed the meeting that the convenience store on Kiln Lane still had the large rubbish bin at the front of the shop. The Clerk was asked to contact the shop to ask them to store the bin in the alleyway at the rear of the shop.

- 150 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2022.
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.
- 151 Matters Arising: None
- 152 Planning Matters:
- a) Applications:
- 20 Sackville Road**
Single storey side and rear extension
- 38 Regal Drive**
Single storey side and front porch wraparound extension
- 1 Portreath Way**
Single storey front and side extensions following the removal of the existing garage
Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning these applications
- b) Decisions:
- 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.
Withdrawn 8/3/22
- Greenacres Woodlands Burials**
An extension to the existing ceremonial hall building; including office space, 2 no. family rooms, reception area, exterior pergola and soil bund for visual screening from the chapel.
Granted 8/4/22
Noted
- 153 Other Correspondence: (a) An email from Amanda Roberts with background information regarding her application for internal auditor. Councillors asked the Clerk to invite Mrs Roberts to the next Parish Council meeting in May.
- 154 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: The Clerk reported that St Helens Council had confirmed that the agreement for the use of the storage container had to be between the land owner and the tenant. Therefore, it would be between St Helens Council and Eccleston Parish Council, as they leased the land.
- The Clerk informed the meeting that over the weekend of 9 and 10 April, the Caretaker reported a wheelie bin, that had been left outside the rear of One-Stop shop, had been set on fire at the doors of the changing rooms causing substantial damage to the tarmacked area. The storage container, which belonged to St Helens Council, had been vandalised. The Clerk reported the fire to the police and the damage to the container to St Helens Council.
- 155 Society of Local Council Clerks: The annual subscription of £215 was due. It was resolved that one third would be paid by Windle Parish Council - £71.67.
- 156 Lynton Way Play Area: Cllr Baines reported new trees had been planted at the play area.

157 J Malone Garden: Garden maintenance had started on Thursday 31 March 2022.

It had been agreed earlier in the meeting to have the bench stained (149a).

158 Reports from Other Bodies: None.

159 Finance:

a) Balances: the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 March 2022 were:

Current Account £15,402.43

Business Reserve Account £6,069.72

TOTAL £21,472.15

b) Payments:

Resolved that the following payments be made:

		Chq
Eccleston Parish Council – phone (Mar), copier service and room hire	52.09	2622
NetWise UK – website support and maintenance	180.00	2623
HMRC – PAYE Jan-Mar	214.20	2624
Society of Local Council Clerks – 1/3 rd membership	71.67	2625
J Anderson – April	301.39	2626
A Scott – internal audit	150.00	2627
Ecclesfield Project – first half contribution	713.06	2628

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

NatWest – interest Jan 0.05, Feb 0.05 and Mar 0.05 0.15

New Scientist – refund of fraudulent payment 10.00

St Helens Council – first half precept 6125.40

c) HMRC statement: The Clerk presented the HMRC statement showing an upcoming payment due 22 April but no overdue payments at 19 April. Payment of £214.20 had been made 19 April 2022 (see above).

d) Signing off the Receipts and Payments Book/VAT Return: resolved that the Receipts and Payments be signed off for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 by the Chair and Clerk.

e) External Audit: Would be carried out 1 July 2022 by PKF Littlejohn, London.

160 Date of Next Meeting: To be held on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: