

## Windle Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor Dockerty (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Baines  
Councillor Donnelly  
Councillor Greatorex  
Councillor Lloyd

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 30 Prayers: The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 31 Apologies: Councillor Dickinson and Councillor Uddin
- 32 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Baines declared an interest in item 40 – Bleak Hill School Awards.
- 33 Councillor Co-option: It was unanimously agreed that Mrs N Ashcroft be co-opted as Councillor to Windle Parish Council.
- 34 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Lloyd had spoken to the owner of the hairdressing salon on Kiln Lane to address the issue of their rubbish bin being kept on the front forecourt. The owner explained that it could not be kept at the rear as the land belonged to another shop owner. The owner of the hairdressers would ask the other shop owner if they could store the bin at the rear of the properties.  
(b) Cllr Lloyd also discussed other issues with the salon owner. Cllr Lloyd suggested a larger litter bin could be put on the pavement and moved further along between the post box and bollard to prevent cars mounting the kerb to park. Cllr Lloyd also requested the bin be emptied more regularly. Cllr Baines asked to be informed when the bin was overflowing. Cllr Baines suggested Parish Council could employ the services of someone to empty the bin regularly. The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Borough Council contact centre to request a larger bin and for it to be repositioned between the bollard and the post box.  
(c) Cllr Lloyd thought it would be good idea to have a community garden area in front of the shops where the pond used to be, to be maintained by Parish Council. He had made enquiries as to who owned the land and had spoken to the manager of business that owned it. He had put his suggestion in writing to the company but had had no response to report to the meeting.  
(d) Cllr Lloyd made the suggestion of creating diagonal parking in front of the shops by reducing the pavement area and creating angled parking spaces. Cllr Baines added that he had previously asked for the bus stop to be moved but a suitable safe alternative location could not be found. Cllr Baines also explained that vehicles could not reverse on to the main road. Cllr Lloyd explained that vehicles could drive in and reverse out of the space, possibly making the service road a one way road. The Clerk was asked to contact the Traffic Department of St Helens Borough Council to arrange a site visit for Cllrs Lloyd, Dockerty and Greatorex. Cllr Greatorex stated that he did not feel all the Parish Council resources should be spent on car parking. Cllr Lloyd agreed but felt an assessment of the area would be worthwhile.

(e) Cllr Greatorex reported brambles growing at the bridge on Kiln Lane were causing a hazard on to the pavement. The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Borough Council to report the issue.

(f) Cllr Greatorex reminded the meeting that when Windle Island was upgraded the Growth and Projects Department of St Helens Borough Council included in the work a fence to prevent pedestrians wandering on to the East Lancashire Road. This had not been done. Cllr Baines asked Cllr Greatorex to email him the details.

35 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17 May 2022 and

36 Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held the same date.

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

37 Matters Arising: None

38 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:

**a) Applications:**

**Greenacres**

Creation of a traditional lawn burial area, including soft landscaping

**18 Windle Grove**

Part two storey, part single storey side extension with front porch

**Resolved**: that no objections be raised concerning the applications

**b) Decisions:**

**20 Sackville Road**

Single storey side and rear extension

**Granted 16/5/22**

**38 Regal Drive**

Single storey side and front porch wraparound extension

**Refused 24/5/22**

**1 Porthreath Way**

Single storey front and side extensions following the removal of the existing garage

**Granted 24/5/22**

**Applications and Decisions were noted**

39 Other Correspondence: None

40 Bleak Hill School Awards: It was agreed to send a cheque for the value of £120 to Bleak Hill School, instead of book vouchers. Cllr Baines and Dockerty, and possibly Cllr Donnelly, would attend the awards assembly on Friday 15 July at 9.15am. The Clerk would inform the school.

41 Newsletter: Cllr Dockerty handed out an outline of previous newsletters for discussion. It was agreed that the newsletter be produced for September or October and the following articles be submitted:

Cllr Donnelly would contact Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club

Cllr Lloyd would contact St Andrews Scouts

Cllr Dockerty would contact Bleak Hill School

The Clerk would contact Bleak Hill Rovers

Cllr Lloyd would map out a possible bike ride route and would also submit a recipe

Cllr Greatorex would contact Mr J Glover to get information on the history of Windle

The Clerk would provide the financial statement  
Cllr Dockerty would provide a quiz  
More information regarding the library may be available to include

Cllr Donnelly suggested that a free business directory be included and any business that wished to advertise could pay for an advert. Costs would be determined once quotes had been received regarding the cost of producing the newsletter.

It was agreed that Cllr Dickinson be asked to compile the newsletter with Councillors sending articles for inclusion.

42 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: 7 June 2022, 7pm, Eccleston Village Hall. Cllrs Greatorex and Lloyd attended along with the Clerk.

- The Caretaker reported the damage to the tarmac when a wheelie bin had been set on fire.
- Bleak Hill Rovers reported a successful season with 400 youngsters playing – 80 girls and 320 boys.
- Councillors agreed to the adult team changing to pitch 3 for the forthcoming season and that a 9v9 be marked over pitch 4 which was not used. The Secretary was asked to contact St Helens Council to request the 9v9 be marked.
- The sign had been installed on the changing rooms.
- Finances were reported.

43 SLCC: Nothing to report.

44 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

45 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report.

Cllr Donnelly left the meeting.

46 Financial Projects: Councillors felt it was important to mark the Parish of Winde and had some suggestions for consideration to recognise the area.

- Cllr Lloyd suggested some sort of sculpture placed at a suitable location at Windle Island.
- Cllr Baines suggested new sign posts to mark the Parish; possibly one on Bleak Hill Road and replacing and moving the Rainford Road sign to near Windle brook on Kiln Lane. Cllr Lloyd suggested a 'History of Windle Island' sign possible on the Rainford by-pass. Cllr Baines would enquire whether St Helens Borough Council could help with the purchase of signs.

47 Reports from Other Bodies: None.

48 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 31 May 2022 were:

Current Account	£19,219.44
Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,069.72</u>
TOTAL	£25,289.16

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

Eccleston PC – room (June), phone (May)	36.01	Chq 2634
J Anderson – June	299.33	Chq 2635
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE April-June	218.40	Chq 2636
St Helens Council – Lynton Way play area – security services 21/22	1724.40	Chq 2637

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

HMRC – VAT 2021-22

211.28 BACS

St Helens Council – second half precept

6125.40 BACS

49 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 19 July 2022    7.00 pm    Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:  
Chair

Date: