

Windle Parish Council

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

Present Councillor Dockerty (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Donnelly
Councillor Lloyd

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

68 Prayers: Cllr Dockerty opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

69 Apologies: Councillors Ashcroft, Baines, Greatorex and Uddin.

70 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

71 Councillor Co-option: It was agreed Mr Richard Barton be co-opted as Parish Councillor.

72 Parish Matters:

(a) A message had been received from a resident of Windlebrook Crescent asking if anything could be done about Windlebrook which had become overgrown – especially with Himalayan balsam. Cllr Dockerty had been in touch with the Environment Agency who had reported that they were responsible for the brook but not the Himalayan balsam. Cllr Dockerty explained that at Stanley Bank Wood, the Rangers Service and residents were working together to control the plant. He would speak to the Rangers for advice.

(b) Cllr Lloyd had received an email from the Traffic Department, St Helens Council with an update on progress to resolve parking problems at the junction of Kiln Lane and Coronation Road. Paula Feeney reported the engineer would be looking at costings and would be in touch.

(c) Cllr Lloyd reported overgrown trees blocking the light in Stuart Way. The Clerk was asked to report it to St Helens Council for action.

(d) Cllr Dockerty had been asked by residents whether it would be possible to put floral displays in the Parish. Councillors thought the grassed area at Bleak Hill Road would be suitable to have flower beds or containers. The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council.

73 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2022 and

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

74 Matters Arising: Cllr Donnelly apologised for not submitting his article for the Parish newsletter but would complete an article shortly.

- 75 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
- (a) Applications:**
- 32 Hamilton Road** Single storey rear infill extension and a single storey side extension
10 Malt House Court Works to 2no lime trees (T1 & T2) covered by TPO
- Resolved: no objections be raised concerning these applications.
- (b) Decisions:**
- 46 Sackville Road**
Two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension.
Granted 9/8/22
- 38 Regal Drive**
Resubmission of P/2022/0221/HHFP for a single storey side and front porch wraparound extension.
Refused 12/8/22
- 88 St Georges Avenue**
Erection of a single storey side extension
Granted 22/8/22
- Noted**
- 76 Other Correspondence:
- (a) Email from St Helens MBC – invitation to Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday 13 November 2022 at St Helens Town Hall. **Clerk would confirm Councillors Dockerty and Donnelly would be attending.**
- (b) Letter from Bleak Hill School thanking the Parish Council for the donation towards books for the school.
- (c) Email from St Helens MBC – St Helens Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan consultation open until 24 November 2022.
- (d) Email from St Helens MBC – Community Governance Review consultation 3 October to 30 December 2022.
- 77 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: 6 September 2022 at 7pm in Eccleston Village Hall – Cllr Greatorex attended along with the Secretary. Report as follows:
- WPC's turn to appointment a Chair. The item was deferred until the December meeting to allow WPC to discuss further.
 - Caretaker had reported that the changing rooms were open to players. He had carried out minor repairs. He reported there had been further vandalism to the storage container which the Secretary had reported to St Helens Council.
 - BHR reported a pitch that had been marked incorrectly. The Secretary would contact St Helens Council. BHR had 400 youngsters signed up this season and would be willing to pay Ecclesfield Management Cttee for any loss of income to not allow other teams to hire the pitches. Councillors felt it was important that all children should be given opportunities to access the amenity for whatever sport and not restricted to one club.
- 78 Website: It was agreed to change from the basic package to the standard package in order to increase the disk space for the website.
- 79 Newsletter: No report.

- 80 Remembrance Day: The wreath had been received. Cllr Dockerty would place at the Cenotaph at the Remembrance Sunday service.
- 81 Christmas Tree Lighting: Bleak Hill School had confirmed the date as Friday 2 December and would look at the format. They had asked the Parish Council to provide a Father Christmas and compere for the event. They also requested a smaller tree. The Clerk would order a 10-12 foot tree.
- 82 SLCC: Nothing to report
- 83 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 84 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report.
- 85 Reports from Other Bodies: None received.

86 Finance: (a) The Clerk advised that:
The balances at 31 July 2022 were:
Current Account £22,706.79
Business Reserve Account £ 6,171.19
TOTAL £28,877.98

The balances at 31 August 2022 were:
Current Account £21,918.63
Business Reserve Account £6,171.19
TOTAL £28,089.82

The balances at 30 September 2022 were:
Current Account £21,360.89
Business Reserve Account £6,173.36
TOTAL £27,534.25

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

		Chq
Eccleston Parish Council – phone July and copier service agreement	31.06	2642
J Anderson – August + postage	299.44	2643
St Helens Council – election charges	337.66	2644
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 2 visits	64.00	2645
Eccleston Parish Council – phone Aug	11.06	2646
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 2 visits	64.00	2647
J Anderson – Sept + poppy wreath and domain name	354.28	2648
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE July-Sept	218.40	2649
Ecclesfield Project – second half contribution	713.06	2650
Eccleston Parish Council – room, phone and copier lease	58.72	2651
J Anderson – October	295.33	2652
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 4 visits	126.00	2653

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

Interest – July 0.49, Aug 0.56 and Sept 1.12	2.17	BACS
NatWest – compensation for delays with online banking application	250.00	BACS

(c) Internal Audit – no issues raised for the first quarter

(d) HMRC Statement – the Clerk presented the HMRC statement dated 17 October showing nothing owing

87 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 15 November 2022

Eccleston Village Hall

7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: