

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 December 2022 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane at 7pm

Present Councillor Dockerty (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Barton
Councillor Donnelly
Councillor Greatorex

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 108 Prayers: Councillor Dockerty opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 109 Apologies: Councillor Uddin
Cllr Phil Lloyd had sent an email resigning as Parish Councillor on Windle Parish Council.
- 110 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 111 Parish Matters:
(a) Parish Council could now co-opt for the position of Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy created by Cllr Baines' resignation.
- 112 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2022 and
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.
- 113 Matters Arising:
(a) Cllr Dockerty reported that the brook was now flowing clearly after the Environment Agency had cleared undergrowth.
(b) Cllr Greatorex had spoken to a resident that had supplied an article for the Parish Newsletter. The resident had enquired when the Newsletter would be published. Cllr Greatorex informed him that it would be published in the New Year.
(c) Cllr Donnelly had met with Mr Kelly from St Helens Council regarding landscaping the grass verge on Bleak Hill Road. Mr Kelly would supply ideas and costings to Cllr Donnelly.
(d) Cllr Donnelly had also established that the land at Lynton Way shops was owned by Henderson Homes. They company had already been contacted by the Clerk to report the untidy area, but there had been no response.
- 114 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
(a) Applications:
10 Moss Lane
Demolition of the existing single storey side and rear extensions and replaced with a single storey side and rear extension, two storey rear extension and hipped roof over the existing flat roof extension
Resolved: no objection be raised concerning this application.
- (b) Decisions:**
None

- 115 Other Correspondence:
 (a) an email from a resident expressing an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Clerk had requested more details.
- 116 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall – Cllr Barton along with the Clerk attended. The following items were discussed:
- Cllr Barton representing Windle PC, was appointed Chair for 2022-23 – longer if required.
 - The Caretaker had reported no problems with the changing rooms except for empty gas cannisters being left around the changing rooms and field.
 - No issues from the teams other than dog fouling on pitches.
 - It was proposed Water Plus be paid by direct debit each month instead of a monthly cheque; also the caretaker be paid his salary each month using bank transfer from Eccleston Parish Council’s account. The full amount would then be paid by cheque from Ecclesfield account to Eccleston Parish Council.
 Both suggestions would save postage each month and would guarantee payment on time during postal disruptions.
 - Proposed budget for 2023-24 was presented to Councillors – in summary: a large increase in Parish Council’s contribution would be needed to cover maintenance costs being charged by St Helens Council – possibly from £1426 to £3871; no increase in hire fees; a 5% increase in caretaker’s salary; no change to Secretary’s honorarium.
- 117 Society of Local Council Clerks: Nothing to report.
- 118 Lynton Way Play Area: From April 2023, St Helens Council would be charging for the maintenance of the open space. A quote of £7,051.81 had been received. An in depth discussion took place and it was agreed to invite the Assistant Director of Environment and Operations at St Helens Council to meet to discuss the schedule of work further.
- 119 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report.
- 120 Newsletter: It was agreed that the Clerk would produce the Newsletter. Councillors were asked to forward any articles to the Clerk that had previously been sent to Cllr Dickinson. The Clerk would put a draft Newsletter together for further discussion at the January meeting.
- 121 Christmas Tree Lighting: It was agreed that the event had been a success but had been shorter than previous years with not as many Carols being sung. Councillors agreed that either more Carols be sung or the event should start later. It was agreed to propose a meeting with the school be held in November to discuss arrangements.
- 122 Reports from Other Bodies: None received.
- 123 Finance: (a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 November 2022 were:
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| Current Account | £19,247.21 |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£6,173.36</u> |
| TOTAL | £25,420.57 |

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

J Anderson – laptop and MS Office	498.99	BACS
Eccleston PC – room Dec and phone Nov	33.57	Chq 2658
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE Oct-Dec	273.00	Chq 2659
Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 2 visits	64.00	Chq 2660
J Anderson – salary, expenditure and travel	511.79	BACS

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

None

124 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 17 January 2023

Eccleston Village Hall

7pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: