

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

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

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk)

- 11 Welcome: Prayers had already been said at the AGM, which had preceded the meeting.
- 12 Apologies: Cllrs Barnes and Donnelly
- 13 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 14 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Riley raised the issue of vehicles parking on the corner of Calderhurst Drive on the pavement. The Clerk was asked to contact the school to report the problems and ask for their ideas or suggestions.
(b) Cllr Riley suggested the Parish Council use social media to engage with residents. He would be happy to look into this. The Clerk would find a draft social media policy.
(c) an email had been received from a resident of Swinburne Road regarding road safety crossing Kiln Lane. The last correspondence Parish Council had had with Traffic Dept, St Helens BC, reported that the officer had met with Windle Ward Councillors to discuss the safety issues. It was reported that the high volume of driveways and other obstacles made it unlikely to find a suitable location for a pedestrian crossing. The Clerk would reply and refer the resident to Traffic Department, St Helens BC.
- 15 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023.
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.
- 16 Matters Arising: None
- 17 Planning Matters:
a) Applications:
Peace Woodland, Dartmouth Drive
Works to various treed covered by TPO
No objections raised

b) Decisions:
38 Regal Drive
Single storey side and front porch wraparound extension (re -submission of application P/2022/0401/HHFP)
Granted 2/5/23

18 Other Correspondence: Noted:

- (a) Email from Mr Geoff Almond expressing an interest in the vacancy for Parish Councillor.
- (b) Invitation from Bleak Hill School to the Awards Assembly on Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 10am. Will be on June's agenda.
- (c) Email from Zurich Insurance confirming that as long as any litter picking activity was risk assessed and not on roads over 30mph, then Public Liability cover would be in place.

19 Library Consultation: – St Helens Council, Library Strategy Consultation from 1 May-31 July. Drop-in sessions at libraries with surveys available to complete. Cllr Dockerty handed out surveys to the meeting. The Clerk had also put the library's notice in the Coronation Road noticeboard.

20 Newsletter: All newsletters had been delivered and invoices sent to advertisers. It was agreed the newsletter would be produced and sent out at the same time next year.

21 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: It was agreed to recommend to Ecclesfield Cttee an increase to pitch fees of 10%. Open age from £460 to £506; juniors from £100 to £110 and under 10s from £40 to £44. The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 7pm.

When Cllr Dockerty recently visited Eccleston Library, staff had complained about the football equipment being stored at the rear of the library by the football team using Ecclesfield. It was agreed that library staff would have to report it to St Helens Council.

22 SLCC: Nothing to report.

23 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.

24 J Malone Garden: Maintenance work had started on 6 April 2023. Cllr Greatorex reported that some bushes had disappeared possibly when recent work had been carried out to install some pipework. Cllr Barton suggested meeting with the gardener to seek advice as to any plants/bushes that need planting.

25 Reports from Other Bodies: None

26 Finance:

a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 26 April 2023 were:

Current Account	20,420.29
Business Reserve Account	<u>5,877.28</u>
TOTAL	£26,297.57

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

PC Print – newsletters	387.00	Chq 2673
Eccleston Parish Council – room (May), phone (Apr), copier lease	54.86	Chq 2674
J Anderson – production of newsletter	182.00	Chq 2675
J Anderson – May, travel + expenditure	345.58	BACS

Resolved that the following receipt(s) be noted:

HMRC – VAT return	562.63	BACS
Hedges Funeral Services	20.00	PI101

- (c) Internal audit – Amanda Roberts had carried out the quarterly audit with 2 notes –
 - (i) J Anderson's March salary came out of reserve account and (ii) insurance renewal was due (insurance had been renewed).She completed and signed the Annual Internal Audit Report for the External Audit.

- 27 Approval of Annual Governance Statement: **Resolved** that the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 (Section 1) be agreed and signed by the Chair.
- 28 Approval of Accounting Statements: **Resolved** that the Accounting Statements 2022/2023 (Section 2) be approved and signed.
- 29 Certificate of Exemption: **Resolved** that the Certificate be agreed and signed.
- 30 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20 June 2023

7.00 pm

Eccleston Village Hall

Cllr Barton requested that the item 'Public Footpaths' be put on June's agenda to discuss the public footpaths in the area.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: