

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 July 2023 at 7pm in Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present

Councillor Dockerty (Chair)
Councillor Barnes
Councillor Barton
Councillor Donnelly
Councillor Greatorex
Councillor Riley

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

52 Prayers: The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.

53 Apologies: Councillor Almond

54 Declarations of Interest: None

55 Parish Matters: a) Cllr Barnes had taken a call from a resident distraught that his daughter, whilst walking a neighbour's dog, had been attacked by 2 XL pit bull terriers on Coronation Road. The police had been informed.
b) Cllr Greatorex, as well as the Clerk, had received a telephone call from a resident of Bleak Hill Road complaining that a sycamore tree had seeded on Lynton Way play area between the substation and the hedge at the back of a neighbour's house. Cllr Riley would check who the substation belonged to and then the Clerk would contact St Helens Council for them to inspect as part of the maintenance of the leased land.
c) Cllr Dockerty reported that the wall around the Lynton Way shops area had crumbled but had been cleared away.

56 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2023 and
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

57 Matters Arising: a) A contact for police for the Windle area had been received. The Clerk was asked to invite PCSO Lesley Anslow to the September Parish Council meeting.
b) Cllr Riley had attended a workshop with DAC Planning providing support to local communities to produce a neighbourhood plan. Cllr Riley reported that the plan must take into account St Helens Council's Local Plan. It was agreed that Windle Parish Council would make an initial application to be a neighbourhood plan area. St Helens Council would be holding an information stand in the Hardshaw Centre on Friday 4 August. Cllr Riley would attend to express an interest on behalf of Windle Parish Council and report back to the September meeting.

Cllr Donnelly joined the meeting.

- 58 Planning Matters: The Clerk gave an opportunity for comment on the following:
a) Applications:
49 Coronation Road
Single storey side extension
100 St Georges Avenue
Proposed two storey side extension, bi-folding doors to ground floor rear elevation and new window to first floor rear elevation
Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning the applications
- b) Decisions:**
Peace Woodland, Dartmouth Drive
Works to various trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order
Granted 29/6/23
Applications and Decisions were noted
- 59 Other Correspondence:
a) Email from Cllr M Uddin resigning from Parish Council.
b) Community Governance Review – draft recommendations that went to full Council on 12 July. Second stage of the consultation would be from 17 July to 9 October.
c) An email from St Helens Council inviting Parish Councillors to a drop-in session on 19 July from 4-6pm at the Town Hall, explaining recycling changes.
d) An email from a resident of Rainhill regarding the maintenance of leased land.
e) Confirmation that Bleak Hill School awards assembly Wednesday 19 July at 10am.
Noted
- 60 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Nothing to report.
- 61 SLCC: Nothing to report.
- 62 Lynton Way Play Area: Cllr Riley commented that some of the bushes were getting overgrown. Usually, the bushes were not cut back during nesting season which ended around October time. The Clerk would contact St Helens Council to check the maintenance agreement for the leased land. Cllr Greateorex reported that the grass was well kept. Cllr Riley added that the telephone numbers on the sign were correct.
- 63 J Malone Garden: The gardener had said that the best time to put plants in would be September as they would not get watered regularly enough at the moment. He could not estimate the cost, as at the moment prices were fluctuating. He would provide an estimate closer to the time of planting.
On 21 June, the Clerk contacted St Helens Council to check who owned the metal, blue and white sign in the garden. There had been no reply as yet.
- 64 Newsletter: Nothing to report.
- 65 Bleak Hill Road/Calderhurst Drive Junction - Parking: Cllr Riley had contact Longton Lane Primary School who used 'little people/children' bollards at school drop off and collection time. They were put on the pavement to prevent vehicles parking. Councillors would speak to Bleak Hill School to discuss the possibility of the same being used at the junction of Bleak Hill Road and Calderhurst Drive.

- 66 Litter Picking: Cllr Donnelly had been in touch with an officer at St Helens Council asking for advice and support to get the litter picking group started. He had had no reply at the time of the meeting.
- 67 Social Media: Cllr Riley had arranged a meeting with the assistant Clerk at Rainford Parish Council.
- 68 Public Footpaths: A reply had been received from St Helens Council regarding public footpaths being upgraded to bridleways. The process was in the early stages of Definitive Map Modification Order. The applicant had used historic evidence to show that paths should have been bridleways on the Council's map. Notices would be going up along various routes that the applicant had applied for. There would then be 12 months for the Council to look at the information and responses, and make a decision. The applicant could then appeal if they were not happy.
- 69 Reports from Other Bodies: None
- 70 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 June 2023 were:
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| Current Account | £24,836.23 |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£ 5,893.15</u> |
| TOTAL | £30,729.38 |
- b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| Eccleston Parish Council – room (July), phone (June) | 31.50 | 2680 |
| J Anderson – July | 319.68 | BACS |
| Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 3 visits Malone Garden | 96.00 | 2681 |
- Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:
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| Interest – April | 4.59 |
| Interest – May | 5.71 |
| Interest – June | 5.57 |
- (c) The Clerk presented the HMRC statement showing nothing owing at 18 July 2023.
- 71 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 19 September 2023 7.00 pm Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: