

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 7pm
at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present: Councillor Dockerty (Chair)
Councillor Almond
Councillor Barnes
Councillor Barton
Councillor Donnelly
Councillor Greatorex
Councillor Riley

Also in Attendance: J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 181 Prayers: The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 182 Apologies: None
- 183 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 184 Parish Matters: a) Cllr Greatorex reported that St Helens Council had planted some whips at Windle Island. He also reported the police had visited residents regarding parking on the grass verges. They left contact details to attend future meetings. Cllr Greatorex reported that a small advertising van had been parked in the layby on Rainford Road for several months. It was agreed to report it to St Helens Council.
b) Cllr Dockerty would speak to Bleak Hill School regarding the moving of the Soldier Statue.
- 185 Minutes of Meeting held 16 January 2024: The council received the minutes of the meeting.
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.
- 186 Matters Arising: None
- 187 Planning Matters:
(a) Applications
44 Queens Drive
Single storey rear extension, single storey side extension along with a new front porch
No objections

(b) Decisions
None
Noted
- 188 Other Correspondence: **Resolved to note:**
a) An email from St Helens Council confirming the outcome of the Community Governance Review. Amending boundaries at: Windlebrook Crescent, following natural line of the brook; Hartington Road, straightening the boundary and Rainford Road, straightening the boundary to follow the road.
- 189 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Nothing to report.
- 190 Litter Picking: The next litter pick would be Saturday 24 February at 10.30am at the bus stop at Windle Island.

- 191 Neighbourhood Planning: A meeting had been held prior to the Parish Council meeting.
- 192 Garden Competition: It was agreed that the competition would go ahead this year judging just front gardens. An entry form would be included in the Newsletter. Cllr Almond agreed to coordinate the competition and Cllr Dockerty would help to judge. It was agreed there would be a winner of the Marie McNulty Rose Bowl – Chair’s choice and a winner of the Sheila Barton Shield. National Garden vouchers would be given as prizes. The date of the competition to be confirmed.
- 193 Parish Newsletter: Draft copies were passed around and the Newsletter approved. The Clerk was waiting for a couple of articles to complete the Newsletter. The printing cost of £422 was agreed. It was also agreed to include information about the Neighbourhood Plan as a separate flyer in the Newsletter. Cllr Riley would produce the flyer/questionnaire.
- 194 Kiln Lane Crossing: A parent had reported to Cllr Riley an incident involving her child whilst crossing Kiln Lane. Cllr Riley had passed on the details to the Road Safety team at St Helens Council. He had not received a date for St Helens Council carrying out the traffic survey.
- 195 Society of Local Council Clerks: Nothing to report
- 196 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 197 J Malone Garden: Cllr Almond reported the area was well kept and tidy.
- 198 Reports from Other Bodies: None.
- 199 Finance:
- a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 26 January 2024 were:
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| Current Account | £17,161.01 | |
| Business Reserve | <u>£5,935.02</u> | |
| TOTAL | £23,096.03 | |
- b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| NetWise UK – annual website maintenance | 330.00 | 2699 |
| Eccleston Parish Council – room, copier and phone | 54.76 | 2700 |
| St Helens Council – LW grounds maintenance | 308.67 | 2701 |
| J Anderson – salary + expenditure | 378.58 | BACS |
- Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:
- None
- c) Internal audit had been carried out with nothing to report.
- 200 Date of Next Meeting:
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| Tuesday 19 March 2024 | Parish Council Meeting | 7.00pm | Eccleston Village Hall |
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- The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: