

Windle Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor K Roughley (Chairman)
Councillor R Barton
Councillor S Bate
Councillor A Dockerty
Councillor R Greatorex

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

- 134 Prayers: The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers for the work of the Council.
- 135 Apologies: Councillor N Ashcroft and Councillor A Bate
- 136 Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 137 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Greatorex had sent an email to Mr J Sheward, St Helens Council regarding outstanding issues at Windle Island: the fencing, bushes and bulbs on the grass verge outside houses 115-119 Rainford Road and also either a 'keep clear' or 'give way' refuge at the entrance/exit of the cul-de-sac. No reply had been received. Cllr Greatorex would keep a check on it.
(b) Cllr S Bate reported an overgrown bush on Bleak Hill Road that was obstructing the pavement. The Clerk was asked to report it to St Helens Council and Eccleston Ward Councillors.
- 138 Minutes of Meeting: The council received the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2019.
Resolved the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 139 Matters Arising: None reported.
- 140 Bleak Hill Road Grass Verge: After receiving a reply from Traffic Department at St Helens Council suggesting that parking restrictions would displace the problem elsewhere and that the solution would be to tarmac the grass verge, Councillors requested the Clerk reply asking if there had been any other solutions considered. Also to report concerns that with the grass on the verge being so churned up cars could easily skid into pedestrians on the pavement. Councillors also felt that cars parking on the verge were obscuring the crossing. The Clerk was also requested to ask if the Parish Council would be allowed to put up signs preventing parking on the grass verge.
- 141 Planning Matters:
a) Applications:
Bleak Hill School Letter received notifying of addition information in relation to P/2019/0850
100 Bleak Hill Rd Erection of new front porch
Resolved: that no objections be raised concerning the applications

b) Decisions:

None

Applications and Decisions were noted

- 142 Other Correspondence: (a) letter from St Helens Council confirming the Council Tax base for Windle Parish for 2020-21 would be 991 band D equivalent properties (up 12 on last year)
(b) letter from Pensions Regulator – re-enrolment and re-declaration due 1 May 2020 (every 3 years)
(c) email from Liverpool Airport – 12 week public consultation on proposed airspace change
(d) email from a resident regarding the public footpath beyond the bridge over the East Lancashire Road being churned up by farmers. The Clerk replied to say that it was not in the Parish or Ward but would report it to St Helens Council. The Clerk received a reply from St Helens Council to say that farmers were able to disturb the path surface but had to reinstate it within 14 days of crop sowing or 24 hours in other cases. The Clerk emailed the resident.
- 143 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: Nothing to report.
- 144 SLCC: The Lancashire branch had arranged a day's training on website accessibility on Tuesday 28 January 2020. The cost would be £40 plus travel which would be divided by both Windle and Eccleston Parishes. Agreed the Clerk would attend.
- 145 Lynton Way Play Area: Nothing to report.
- 146 J Malone Garden: The litter bin had still not been replaced. The Clerk would contact St Helens Council.
- 147 Reports from Other Bodies: None
- 148 Finance:
(a) Balances – the Clerk advised that the balances at 31 December 2019 were:
Current Account £7,912.13
Business Reserve £6,062.55
TOTAL £13,974.68
- (b) Payments** –
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| Eccleston Parish Council room hire, telephone, copier service and lease | 80.14 | 2548 |
| J Anderson – January | 265.68 | 2549 |
| NetWise UK – website | 100.00 | 2550 |
- Receipts** –
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| NatWest - interest (Sept) | 1.03 |
| NatWest – interest (Oct) | 1.03 |
| NatWest – interest (Nov) | 0.96 |
| Hearst Magazines – refund of payment taken in error | 6.00 |
- (c) HMRC statement** showing nothing owing at 9 January 2020 was presented to Councillors.
- (d) Finance Committee** – Cllrs Roughley, Barton and Dockerty along with the Clerk met on 13 January 2020 to discuss the budget and proposed precept.
- (e) Budget/Precept** – 991 Band D equivalent properties for 2020-21 (up 12). Finance Sub Cttee met and proposed to request a Precept of £12,337.95 for 2020/21 which results in a cost to residents of £12.45 per year – same as last year. All Councillors were given a copy of the budget.

The following broad based budget was accepted for 2020/21:

<u>Payments (Net of VAT)</u>	£
Fees and insurance	550.00
Salary and PAYE, travel, training	4178.00
Election costs provision	1000.00
Post, telephone, copier and stationery	415.00
Website and domain name	100.00
Room hire	231.00
Wreath	50.00
Newsletter	800.00
School awards	120.00
Update of Honour Board	40.00
Ecclesfield	1426.00*
Jim Malone Garden and plants	640.00
Lynton Way Play Area (opening/closing)	1420.00
Garden competition inc engraving	240.00
Christmas tree lighting/tree/lights	450.00
Hospitality	100.00
TOTAL	11760.00

Receipts (estimated)

Bank interest	12.00
Advertising	115.00
TOTAL	127.00

* The contribution towards Ecclesfield would remain the same for the year 2020/21. If the facility was not utilised or money generated by renting it out for storage the Parish Council would review costs for the following year.

(f) Risk Assessment – carried out and **resolved to accept and sign the document**

149 Date of Next Meeting: to be held on Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 7.00pm at Eccleston Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: