

## Windle Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 7pm at Eccleston Village Hall, Kiln Lane

Present Councillor Barton (Chair)  
Councillor Almond  
Councillor Barnes  
Councillor Donnelly  
Councillor Riley

Also in Attendance J Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

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

54 Apologies: Councillor Greatorex

55 Declarations of Interest: None

56 Parish Matters: (a) Cllr Barnes reported the overgrown weeds in the pathway through from Windle Grove. He said it appeared that St Helens Council had put weed killer down recently but the pathway was filled with rubbish. Cllr Donnelly said the next litter pick could include the pathway.

(b) Cllr Riley reported a message from a resident through Facebook Messenger complaining about the lack of sufficient bins around Coronation Road and Bleak Hill School. The Clerk would report this to Windle Ward Councillors.

(c) The message also mentioned that only a list of dates of meetings had been published on the noticeboard with agenda posted on the website. The Parish Council had checked with the Society of Local Council Clerks that this was adequate. It had been confirmed that as long as the date, time and venue were published this met legal requirements.

(d) Cllr Barton reported the overgrown bushes on the bridge at Kiln Lane, they were now blocking the pavement. The Clerk would report to St Helens Council. He also added that vehicles were still parking at the bus stop on Kiln Lane blocking the view from the junction. The police had previously said they would look at this junction.

(e) Several residents had contacted Councillors with regard to telegraph poles being installed. The Clerk had provided information that stated broadband companies did not require planning permission or need to consult residents in order to install a pole. They must notify the local authority. Cllr Riley would put a note on Facebook to inform residents.

57 Minutes of Meeting held 18 June 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.**

58 Matters Arising: Cllr Riley had contacted Rainford Parish Council regarding planters on the pavement. He reported that low level would be best. It was suggested that there could possibly be community involvement and even sponsorship.

59 Planning Matters: a) **Applications**:

**10 Lynton Way**

Front extension to form porch, cloakroom and wet room

**100 St Georges Avenue**

Part two storey, part single storey side extension and single storey rear extension

**Liverpool St Helens Rugby Club**

Demolition of existing changing rooms and gyn, erection of new changing rooms

**No objections raised to the applications**

**b) Decisions:**

**Greenacres Woodland Burials**

Internal vehicular access roadway to facilitate current use

**Granted 17/6/24**

**5 Prince Andrews Grove**

Single storey side and rear wraparound extension

**Granted 9/7/24**

**11 Windle Grove**

Single storey side extension and replacement of flat roof to the existing single storey rear outrigger with a dual pitched roof

**Granted 11/7/24**

**Noted**

60 Other Correspondence:

(a) A reminder that Bleak Hill School awards assembly was Friday 19 July starting at 9.30am – Councillors to arrive 9.15am. Cllrs Barton, Dockerty and Riley would be attending.

(b) An email from someone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Clerk had replied with information but had not heard anything back.

61 Police Report: Councillors were given copies of the recent crime figures which compared favourably to the previous year.

62 Public Footpath and Windle Brook: Cllr Riley had met with the farmer to look at the footpath that has been created on his land. This had been raised with the Parish Council in the past. The farmer had put up notices but they had been pulled down. They also looked at the damming of a ditch that drains into the brook. This then causes flooding on the field. The brook was also being dammed. The farmer reported that the brook had not been cleared for many years and was willing to clear it himself. Cllr Donnelly suggested that Cllrs Barton, Riley and himself make a site visit to work out what would need doing, then contact United Utilities who were offering funds for equipment to enhance waterways. It may be that work on the brook could protect from trespassing and enhance the waterway. Cllr Donnelly would speak to someone from United Utilities.

63 Website and Email Addresses: The Clerk reported that mandatory measures for Councils, from the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG), stated that every authority should have an email account that belonged to the council. This ideally would be a .gov.uk or .org.uk address. The website should also be a .gov.uk address. Netwise, who provide the website, offer a Premium Plus package which would be £440pa for 10 email accounts (£500 was in the budget for this). It was advised that Councillors used an email account for Parish Council rather than a personal account. It was agreed to go ahead with the changes and use windleparish.gov.uk.

64 Garden Competition: The Clerk had received the results from Cllrs Almond and Dockerty. The trophies would be engraved. The National Garden gift vouchers had been purchased. It was agreed the Clerk would produce Certificates for all entrants. It was agreed that a presentation would take place at 6.30pm on 17 September 2024 before the Parish Council meeting. The Clerk would send a letter of invitation to each entrant. Refreshments would be purchased.

- 65 80<sup>th</sup> D-Day Silent Soldier Statue: A quote for £257.40 + VAT for installing the 80<sup>th</sup> D-Day soldier statue in the garden at Windle Island had been received. The quote was agreed. The Clerk would arrange for the statue to be installed.
- 66 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Riley had met with Sara Manson, St Helens Council to discuss the next steps after receiving comments from residents. She had been happy that there had been full engagement with all residents using the Newsletter and suggested possibly putting a questionnaire on the website as Rainford Parish Council had done. Cllr Donnelly would look at Rainford's website.
- 67 Ecclesfield Sports Facility: A meeting would be arranged to discuss the FA's Service Level Agreement that had been sent to Bleak Hill Rovers who had issues with it along with the Conditions of Hire document for hiring the pitches.
- 68 SLCC: Advice had been taken regarding publishing the agenda. SLCC confirmed that it was adequate to put a list of meetings stating date, time and venue and publish the agenda on the website.
- 69 Lynton Way Play Area: Cllr Riley had reported overflowing bins to St Helens Council who had since emptied them.
- 70 J Malone Garden: Nothing to report.
- 71 Reports from Other Bodies: None.
- 72 Finance: a) The Clerk advised that the balances at 30 June 2024 were:
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| Current Account          | £ 20,907.87       |  |
| Business Reserve Account | <u>£ 5,978.06</u> |  |
| TOTAL                    | £26,885.93        |  |
- b) **Resolved** that the following payments be made:
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| Ransons Gardening and Landscaping – 2 visits Malone Garden | 64.00  | Chq 2717 |
| Eccleston Parish Council – room (July), phone (June)       | 32.78  | Chq 2718 |
| J Anderson – July + garden comp vouchers, stamps           | 385.67 | BACS     |
- Resolved** that the following receipt(s) be noted:
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| St Helens Council – second half precept | 6119.17 | BACS |
| Nat West interest – June                | 6.64    | BACS |
- No payment has been received from Clarke's Golf for their advert in the Parish Newsletter. The Clerk would contact Cllr Dockerty who arranged the advert.
- (c) HMRC statement – no overdue payments dated 16 July 2024
- 73 Date of Next Meeting:
- Tuesday 17 September 2024  
Garden Competition Presentation at 6.30pm followed by Parish Council meeting at Eccleston Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed:  
Chair

Date: