

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**  
**AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE**

- Present: - Mr. S. Featherstone ( Chairman), Mr. I. Butterfield, Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts,
- Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- District Councillors: Mrs. P. Schofield and Mrs. Y. Woodcock
- Two Police Community Support Officers
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

1. **Public Participation** - None.

2. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Mrs. J. Worthington.

3. **Declaration of Other Interests and Any Amendments to Registers of Interest**

None received.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on 11th March 2015**

Item no. 4 of the minutes to be amended to read that the meeting to discuss Phase 2 of the FARRRS Road Scheme was scheduled to be held at the Hatchell Wood School, not the Hungerhill School as recorded.

The minutes were then approved and signed as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising From the Annual Parish Meeting** - None.

6. **To Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 11th March 2015**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

7. **Community Police Report** - PCSO's Gareth Sherratt and Katie Martin attended.

Council reported that motorbikes being driven within Hurst Plantation are creating a nuisance and asked for Police to investigate both this issue and motorists exceeding the speed limit on Hurst Lane and Hayfield Lane.

The South SNA Monthly Police Report for March lists incidents that have occurred in Auckley during the month. and Police activities to tackle crime.

8. **District Councillor's Report**

Mrs. Woodcock expressed disappointment that no progress had been made regarding provision of recreational facilities on the former RAF football field at Hayfield Lane. She understands that Councillor Jones is still looking into this matter.

Mrs. Schofield reported that a private member's bill with reference to fly grazing has now gone through the House of Lords and hopefully legislation will soon be in place to deal with this problem. DMBC is continuing its negotiations to establish a local pound for stray horses.

Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. Woodcock will not be seeking re-election in May, and Members of Council thanked them both for all the help and support they had given during their years in office.

9. **Matters Arising From the Previous Meeting**

a) **Community Speed Watch Scheme** - SY Police Chief Constable advises that SY Police do not support the Community Speed Watch principle (where members of the public carry out overt surveillance themselves) in South Yorkshire. Should members of the public be permitted to undertake such activity there would be numerous procedural, training, and health and safety issues to consider. The collection of registration nos. of alleged speeding motorists may have many implications, not least of which is the safety of the community representatives carrying out the monitoring, and the gathering of evidence against those motorists that may be flawed or indirectly obtained. It is not inconceivable that mistakes are made when someone jots down a registration number. If a letter is then sent by the Police to the registered keeper from information supplied which transpires to be incorrect, this could open up the involved parties to litigation and this, coupled with evidence which may have been incorrectly obtained, would make defending a claim difficult.

**RESOLVED** - The report was noted.

b) **Ponding of Water at First Avenue** - DMBC's Drainage Officer reports that DMBC Highways is considering adopting a section of the highway at this location. However, these are only discussions at the moment which means that the road hasn't as yet been transferred to the Local Authority. He has asked that the ongoing flooding issues are addressed as part of the considerations for adopting.

c) **Land Adjacent to Nisa Store** - DMBC's Planning Officer reports he had a meeting with the proprietor and the Environmental Health Officer and his understanding, following the meeting, was that a timescale had been agreed with the E.H. Officer to make the site secure and tidy to avoid formal action. An inspection later took place and he has subsequently learned that the proprietor has been given until 13th May to sort out the site. **RESOLVED** - It was agreed to review the situation at the May meeting.

9. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- d) Extended Gardens, Gatehouse Lane - DMBC Planning reports that this was not an unexpected issue, given that occupiers round the corner were previously being sold parts of the rear boundary strip and therefore the current occupants on Gatehouse Lane have used this argument to do likewise. The scrubland and trees to the rear of properties are not worth protecting, so the tree removal case is closed. The L P A. cannot undertake any further actions on this case, and therefore it will be closed.
- e) Overgrown Hedges Mosham Road/Hurst Lane - Highways Officer has met with the Grounds Manager to have the hedges trimmed and then try to recover costs from the landowner.
- f) Banners Displayed on Barriers Outside School - Community Officer is to check whether 2 banners are allowed on railings outside The Hayfield School.
- g) Request for Provision of Litter Bins - It was reported that 2 new litter bins have been provided, i.e. one at Common Lane near the grit piles and a second one at Hurst Lane half way between the crossroads and the railway bridge.
- h) Removal of Litter Bin - DMBC Cleansing Team Manager reports that the bin situated on the triangular plot at Riverside Park between Ainsley Close and Sandhill Rise was removed as it was damaged beyond repair. **RESOLVED** - Council agreed to monitor the area to ascertain whether a replacement is required.
- i) Potholes on Highway - Potholes on various roads to be reported to Highways Dept.
- j) Gate Installed Across Bell Butts Lane - Pending.
- k) Fencing Across Public Footpath off Bell Butts Lane - Footpaths Officer advises that the fencing will not be the responsibility of the L.A., but if it is causing obstruction to the path she will arrange to have it removed.
- l) Planting of Wild Flower Seeds - Herbicide has been applied to land at Riverside Park and the soil will be harrowed and seeded after the Easter school holidays.
- m) Section 106 Monies - DMBC advises that Section 106 funds available for Auckley are as follows:  
The sum of £32,000 of S106 funding is due in for the Cambrian Homes development of which £30,400 is for 'the provision/enhancement of public open space elsewhere within the Council's area'.  
The Gatehouse Lane development and that at Lancaster Court were linked to the original airport planning application and there was no additional Section 106 Agreement.  
The developments at Hayfield Court and Hayfield Mews are both fewer than 10 dwellings and therefore do not trigger a requirement for a Section 106 Agreement.  
The development off Hurst Lane has a requirement for a financial contribution towards affordable housing on occupation of the 300th dwelling, and a Highways contribution prior to commencement of the development  
**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to ask for confirmation that the funds from the Cambrian development are to be used in Auckley.
- n) Hedging Between New Development and Charity Land - Pending.

10. **To Approve Quarterly Internal Audit and Budget Summary**

The quarterly audit has been checked and signed as correct by the 2 delegated members of Council.

**RESOLVED** - Council approved the audit and budget summary.

11. **To Consider Application For Financial Support Towards New Scout Building**

A Guide Leader who runs a Guide Unit in Blaxton for girls aged 10-14 has recently moved to the scout hut at Hurst Lane after having an influx in numbers and not enough space. She reports that the scout hut is only just usable, with lack of hot water, cracks on the walls and a leaking roof. So far the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have raised the sum of £22,000 towards the cost of a rebuild, but have been quoted the sum of £200,000 for a full rebuild by building companies, and are trying to hold fund-raising events and look out for donations and grants.  
**RESOLVED** - Council was sympathetic to the application, but agreed that initially it was necessary to establish ownership of the scout hut before they can consider a donation.

12. **To Discuss Recent Traffic Survey**

A traffic survey was undertaken by Parish Councillors on 17th March at the B1396 Lidgett Crossroads for one hour from 8.00a.m. - 9.00a.m. with the survey showing the total number of vehicular movements was 1574, i.e.

Blaxton - Branton - 570 vehicles

Branton - Blaxton - 550 vehicles

From School Lane - 48 vehicles

To Hurst Lane - 406 vehicles

**RESOLVED** - The survey records the two-way traffic flow along the B1396 to be 1120 vehicles which is a significant increase from the last reading carried out by DMBC in 2012 when the figure was 924. It was agreed to send the survey to DMBC Highways and ask whether, in view of the increased traffic and in the interests of road safety, serious consideration could be given to the provision of traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing at this location.

13. **To Discuss Provision of Handyman's Safety Boots**

The Parish Handyman requires new safety boots.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed that safety boots could be purchased up to a maximum sum of £60.

14. **To Consider Application To Use Field For Football Training**

An application has been received for Branton Under 6/7s and Under 11's Junior Football Teams to use the field adjacent to the pitch for football training from now until the end of May, followed by a 6-8 week break, and then to start back mid/end July until schools open again.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed that the teams could use the field for training, but not the pitch because the grass needs to regenerate in time for the next season.

15. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

**Location of New Village Sign at Mosham Road** - DMBC's Highways Officer recommends erecting the sign at Mosham Road on the same side as Lidgett Gardens where there is a wide enough verge.

**RESOLVED** - Council agreed to this location, and the Clerk has applied to highways for the necessary licence.

16. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

a) **Repairs to Play Equipment** - Repairs have been undertaken to 3 items of equipment at Riverside Park, however, two members who subsequently inspected the apparatus queried whether the Activity Net had been tightened and fixings fitted to the multi-play equipment. The Clerk is to ask for a meeting on site with the engineer, and once this is done, and Members approve the work, then payment can be made.

b) **Overhanging Trees, Riverside Park** The trees have now been well cut back, which has improved the general ambience of the area.

c) **Infilling of Large Hole, Riverside Park** - The approximate measurement of the hole is 25metres x 25 metres x 0.7 metres. This equates to 460 cubic metres of material that will be required., i.e. 400 cu. metres of aggregate and 60 cu. metres of top soil.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to ask the Quarry Manager to supply a costing to provide 400 cu metres of aggregate.

d) **Provision of Plants for Village Tubs** - Council was reminded that the previous year 45 x 4 packs of geraniums, plus compost were purchased at a cost of £130. The plants gave a very colourful display and flowered throughout the Summer and into Autumn.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Ms. Staniforth proposed that similar plants and compost up to a limit of £150 are purchased, and this was agreed. Mr. Warrender will make enquiries.

e) **Overhanging Branches** - The Parish Handyman to be asked to trim back branches overhanging the path to rear of Ainsley Close.

17. **To Receive Report of Meetings**

a) **PCJCC Meeting** -

The Assistant Director of Customer Services agreed that relations are not good, but DMBC is working on this aspect, in particular re. telephone enquiries.

The Mayor answered questions previously tabled by the Parishes and, in response to Auckley's question re. Ward Members holding surgeries and attending Parish Council meetings, advised that this is up to Ward Members themselves, and Councils should invite them to attend meetings.

There were questions on various issues such as fracking, recycling and road safety stickers on wheelie bins.

b) **Public Right of Way** - DMBC has arranged for footpaths in the Borough to be cut back, and new 'waymarkers' have been installed on Public Footpath No. 7.

c) **Auckley Parish Centre**

This is now a Company Limited by Guarantee which has been set up on the recommendation of the Charity Commissioners. The web site is being updated to give easy management for bookings.

Trees to the rear of the building are still a problem.

d) **Meeting to Discuss FARRRS Phase 2 Proposals** - It has been decided that the scheme to provide a link road to the Yorkshire Wild Life Park is not feasible.

e) **Airport Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee**

There is a push to develop another airport in Yorkshire.

Complaints have been received from a resident of Wroot regarding noisy training flights.

The Airport does carry out ongoing noise monitoring.

Problems of litter and other issues reported on the section of Old Bawtry Road owned by airport.

There is the possibility of carriers flying at night to Tenerife.

The hedge bordering the Finningley side of the Airport has been the subject of some discussion regarding its ownership, however the Airport now accepts responsibility for the hedge.

Proposals for the FARRRS Phase 2 Scheme were discussed.

18. **To Consider Items for Web Site**

No items were suggested.

19. **To Consider Planning Applications**

None received.

20. **To Report Decisions Made by Planning Committee**

The following applications were approved:

- a) No. 15/00338/FUL - Installation of ATM cash machine to convenience store frontage.  
Co-operative Finningley, Unit A and B, Anson Grove, Auckley
- b) No. 15/00191/FUL - Erection of single storey pitched roof extensions to front, rear of semi-detached house  
13 Beech Avenue, Auckley

21. **To Approve Signing of Cheques and Banking Transactions**

BACS no.	384	N Power	(Pavilion electricity)	£29.88
BACS no.	385	Staff charges		£193.56
BACS no.	386	HMRC	(Employees' tax, Nat. Ins.)	£142.17
BACS no.	387	Yorkshire Water	(Pavilion water rates)	£52.13
BACS no.	1	Yorkshire Water	(Allotments water rates)	£22.11
BACS no.	2	Mat & Mouse	(Computer repairs)	£40.00
BACS no.	3	YLCA	(Annual Subs.)	£672.00
BACS no.	4	J.W. Bichan	(Clean out dyke)	£240.00
BACS no.	5	Arrow Publications	(Print items in newsletter)	£84.00
BACS no.	6	DMBC	(Empty dog bins)	£296.64
BACS no.	7	Auckley Show Committee	(Donation)	£1,000.00
BACS no.	8	Parish Centre	(Use of room for April meeting)	£24.75

22. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) Public Consultation - To be held on 15th April to discuss proposed solar park on land adjacent Partridge Farm, Austerfield.
- b) Doncaster Local Plan - As part of engaging with Parish Councils, a Local Plans Officer wishes to attend a Parish Council meeting to give a briefing, and will attend the June meeting.
- c) Letter From Resident - A parishioner of Hurst Lane reports that some motorists are exceeding the speed limit on Hurst Lane, and he wonders whether Council has asked for a speed gun to be deployed. He is willing to give advice on crime prevention and establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the Parish.  
**RESOLVED** - Agreed to reply and advise on measures Council has undertaken to address the speeding problem.

23. **To Confirm Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting , the Annual Meeting, on Wednesday, 13th May 2015, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson .....