

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

- Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), Mr. I. Butterfield,
- Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- District Councillor Mr. S. Cox
- Stronger Communities Officer Stephen Racjan
- One member of the public
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

Before the start of the formal meeting a period of 15 minutes was allowed for public participation

A resident reported on the following:

- a) **Dual Bin at Bell Butts Lane** - A resident expressed concerns following the installation of a new green bin at Bell Butts Lane to the rear of his garden without any consultation, and he worries there may be problems associated with the bin regarding smells and flies if the contents are not emptied regularly. He was informed that the bin has been provided, following complaints that the public footpath is being fouled by dogs, and the dual bin will be a receptacle for both litter and dog waste. The situation will be monitored and the Clerk will enquire whether the bin is to be emptied on a weekly basis.
 - b) **Path at Insley Plantation** - The resident regularly runs round the wood and as a result has created a circular path which lends itself to this location. He invited members of Council to take a look.
1. **To Receive Apologies** - None received.
 2. **To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and any Amendments** - None received.
 3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 11th November 2015**
Item numbered 6 (k) to be amended to read that information on Fir Tree Avenue can be obtained from Councillor Mr. G. Payne, and item no. 10 (c) also to be amended to read that correspondence regarding the School Crossing Officer had been sent to Mr. G. Payne. The minutes were then accepted and signed as a true record.
 4. **To Receive Community Police Report**
No Police Officer was able to attend the meeting.
Replies From Police - Council had written to the Police regarding 3 matters and received replies as follows:
 - a) **Speed Cameras** - The cameras have to be calibrated every year and Police are not allowed to use them when they are out of date. The cost is £150 per camera, and there are currently 10 in Doncaster. The cameras are still waiting to go in because the funding is still being sorted out, and they all go in together otherwise the cost would be more per camera.
 - b) **Tractors Driven Without Lights or Licence Plates** - The Police advise that there are all kinds of loopholes in legislation regarding agricultural vehicles, depending on length of time on the highway and distance travelled.
 - c) **Vandalised Bus Shelter, Hayfield Lane** - The duty PCSO's will give the shelter passing attention when they are in the vicinity.
 - d) **Police & Crime Commissioner** - The Commissioner will be attending Council's meeting in February and his office will be contacting Council to confirm arrangements and to ascertain any issues that Members would like to discuss with the Commissioner.
 5. **To Receive Report From District Councillor and DMBC Officer**
District Councillor Steve Cox reported:
 - a) **Severn Trent** - Staff have recently been putting cameras down drains in Auckley to inspect for any blockages, and have also contacted residents who were previously flooded.
Auckley is now considered to be a 'Red Triangle Area' and hopefully will receive more attention re. flooding.
 - b) **Ponding at Hayfield Lane/First Avenue Junction** - Peel is obtaining quotations for soakaways, and contractors will be on site during the following week. Peel has arranged for water to be pumped out at this location on two recent occasions.
 - c) **Monitoring of Traffic** - Mr. Cox has been trying to arrange for speed camera vans to be operated in the local area whilst the speed cameras are out of action.**Community Officer, Steve Racjan reported:**
 - a) **Public Footpath No. 1** - Mr. Racjan will monitor the footpath for dog fouling and speak with dog owners.
 - b) **Strong Support For Families** - The Community Officers continue to give support to those families in the local area who need moral and financial assistance.
 - c) **Tractors Spilling Mud on Highway** - Mr. Racjan recommends that Council encourages residents who see mud being spilled to report this directly to DMBC which will result in the enquiry being dealt with more efficiently. He is aware that farmers do have a responsibility to clean up excessive mud etc., and this would be a matter for Highways to deal with as they have the Enforcement Powers.

6. **Matters Arising From the November Meeting**

- a) **Yorkshire Wildlife Park Application for Licence** - The Wildlife Park was granted a licence at a hearing held on 17th November with the following specified conditions:
Large events with over 500 people attending, all licensable activities to cease by 11.00 p.m. and restricted to no more than 20 events per year, and a maximum attendance at each event of no more than 2,000 people.
Small events less than 500 people inside premises, to cease all licensable activities no later than 2.00 a.m.
Council was informed that the applicant will appeal.
- b) **Untidy Land Near Nisa** - Members reported that the site is now a great deal tidier. It was agreed to write to the Environmental Officer to ask for an update on this matter.
- c) **Damaged Dog Waste Bin, Spey Drive Play Area** - It was reported that a new dual bin has been installed at the park, and although the bin is for dog waste and litter disposal, there is no notice to indicate this fact. It was therefore agreed to ask DMBC if a sticker could be applied to the bin, plus the one on Bell Butts Lane.
- d) **Dogs Fouling Link Road Footway** - Peel to be informed that the footway has again been fouled by dogs.
- e) **Request for Speed Humps** - The resident who contacted Council to ask for speed humps, additional signage in the village and a reduction in speed limit on Hurst Lane has written to the Ward Members re. this matter.
- f) **Public Footpath No. 7** - Footpaths Officer reports that the path has been cut as scheduled and the path through the wood is clear. The crossfield still has last year's stubble in the field and the path is very clearly defined.
- g) **Proposed New Sixth Form at Hayfield School** - Awaiting a reply from the local Member of Parliament.
- h) **Damaged Grass Verge, Hayfield Lane** - DMBC will repair or remove fencing and fill in holes on verge.
- i) **Potholes on Gatehouse Lane** - DMBC has now repaired the holes.
- j) **Possible Water Supply for Village Green** - A reminder to be sent to DMBC.

7. **To Appoint an Internal Auditor To Undertake 2015/1016 Audit Accounts**

It was agreed to appoint Mr. Phillip Denis to undertake the internal audit.

8. **To Discuss Council's Responsibilities Regarding Pensions for Employees**

The Parish Handyman has been provided with the relevant information required in order for him to make a decision as to whether he wishes to join a pension scheme, and a reply is awaited.

9. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) **Details of Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on Hurst Lane** - Highways Officer advises that DMBC proposes to reduce the speed limit on Hurst Lane from 40 mph to 30 mph on the stretch of road from the railway bridge to just south of the Hayfield Lane signalised junction, a distance of approx. 580 metres. Arrangements have been made to commence the legal process required to introduce the Traffic Regulation Order and, provided there are no objections to the proposal, it is envisaged that the scheme can be introduced during the current financial year.
- b) **Dog Fouling** - It was reported that dog fouling of footways has increased along Hurst Lane between the bridge and Larch Avenue. The Clerk to write and ask the Community Officer to monitor the area and provide stencils
- c) **Deteriorating Highway Surfaces** - It was agreed to write to DMBC Highways to report deteriorating surfaces on roads at Hayfield Lane, Gatehouse Lane and Main Street.
- d) **Overhanging Hedge, Hayfield Lane Sports Field** - Peel to be asked to trim back the hedge.
- e) **Untidy Hedge Bordering Cambrian Development** - DMBC highways to be asked to trim hedges on 2 sides.

10. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) **Riverside Grounds Maintenance Contract** - Three firms to be invited to tender in time for the January meeting, These are: Glenmore Countryside, J.W Gillies and North Notts Landscapes.
- b) **Moles on Recreation Ground** - The mole catcher to be asked to treat moles particularly on the play equipment area and anywhere else where he sees evidence of their presence.
- c) **Soil Filling Ponding Area** - Concerns were expressed that metal strips were found in the soil which have now been removed. In addition, the surface is still uneven.

RESOLVED - Agreed to write to the contractor to make him aware of the metal found. As far as the uneven surface of the soil is concerned - it has not fully settled yet, and is currently too wet. The area to be monitored.

11. **To Receive Report of Meetings and Seminars**

- a) **Airport Noise and Environmental Sub-Committee** - Mr. Swainston reported the airport has received complaints regarding planes not following the prescribed route when taking off and landing. Peel has investigated and found the route being taken to be correct.

Up to October the number of passengers had increased by 15% and freight is now up to 1,400 tonnes.

'Flybe' planes are proposing to fly new routes to Amsterdam, Alicante, Berlin and Jersey. Flights to Paris are also being considered. The Community Fund will be discussed at the next meeting.

Improvements are planned to the infrastructure and a new business lounge is to be provided.

A meeting is to be held in January regarding airport security which Mr. Swainston will attend.

The airport management has concerns regarding the possible withdrawal of bus services to the airport.

11. **To Receive Report of Meetings and Seminars (continued)**

- b) Parish Centre Meeting - Mr. Warrender reported that the Management Committee is now a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee. The Centre is well used by various organisations and has a healthy bank balance. A new lease is required.
- c) 'Fracking' Meeting - Mr. Warrender reported that Hurst Lane might be part of a major route from Doncaster to the site at Misson if permission is given. Sanctions will be imposed if drivers do not keep to whichever prescribed route is decided.
- d) Public Rights of Way Meeting - Mr. Warrender reported that a golf course is planned near the Mount Pleasant Hotel.
The possibility of a railway station at Gatehouse Lane was also discussed.

12. **To Consider Suitable Items To Display on Web Site**

No items suggested.

13. **To Make Comments on Doncaster Local Plan's Site Selection Methodologies**

As part of the new Local Plan for Doncaster, DMBC is now consulting on two site selection methodologies which will be the basis for how it selects housing, employment and minerals sites. The paper sets out the stages of how the Local Authority is proposing to assess all the sites that have been put forward for consideration. A number of sites in Auckley have been put forward including areas off Eastfield Lane, Main Street and Bell Butts Lane which could result in the building of a substantial number of dwellings.

RESOLVED - Parish Council Members made the point that there is a large number of houses currently being built at Auckley near the airport, and it is felt that further development will change the character of the village and have an adverse effect on local services, i.e. highways, schools, surgeries, etc.

14. **To Consider Planning Application**

Application No. 15/02557/ADV - Display of 4no. non-illuminated signs
Hill House School, Sixth Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster.

Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of this application.

15. **To Report Decisions Made by DMBC's Planning Committee:**

The following planning applications were approved by the Planning Committee:

No. 15/02192/FULFT - Erection of ground floor extension to side of house

16 Torne View, Auckley, Doncaster.

No. 15/02313/LB13 - Listed Building Consent for reinstatement of windows and internal fixtures

11 Ellers Lane, Auckley, Doncaster.

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

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| BACS no. 78 | Staff charges | | £195.76 |
| BACS no. 79 | HMRC | (Employee's tax) | £2.20 |
| BACS no. 80 | Parish Centre | (Hire for November meeting) | £24.75 |
| BACS no. 81 | Sir Jack Whittaker | (Provide Christmas tree) | £500.00 |
| BACS no. 82 | Need as Hand | (Renovate pavilion outside) | £1,075.00 |
| BACS no. 83 | Need a Hand | (Paint pavilion inside) | £580.00 |
| BACS no. 84 | Arrow Publications | (Print items in newsletter) | £114.00 |
| BACS no. 85 | Parish Centre | (Hire for December meeting) | £24.75 |
| BACS no. 86 | Glendale Countryside | (Level & seed ponding area) | £870.00 |
| BACS no. 87 | Glendale Countryside | (Grass cut & strimming) | £211.15 |
| BACS no. 88 | N Power | (Christmas lights 2014/15) | £81.39 |
| BACS no. 89 | Mrs. M. Caygill | (Purchase stationery) | £77.70 |

17. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) YLCA's Weekly Bulletin on National Developments and Recent Meetings
- b) November White Rose Update
- c) YLCA - 'Public Contracts 2015 Procurement'

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 13th January 2016, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson

Date

