

THE MINUTES OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

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

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for public participation prior to commencement of the formal meeting

A local farmer advised that he is hoping to meet with the S.Y. Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss fly-gazing horses at various sites in Blaxton and Auckley, and will ask whether there is any funding available to deal with this problem. He reports the horses are often chained on or adjacent to footpaths and can be a risk to the public when in that position. When the horses die they are left in ditches for the Local Authority to remove, and it is difficult to trace the owners because the animals are not chipped. Council was advised that new laws are now in place to enable the horses to be removed within 4 days or immediately if found on the road.

Members of Council expressed their support for resident's plan to speak with the Commissioner.

1. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Mr. I. Butterfield.

2. **To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments**

None declared.

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 9th November 2016**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **To Receive Community Police Report**

There were no comments from the Police.

5. **Report from District Councillors/Community Officers**

Ward Member, Steve Cox and Community Officer, Stephen Racjan both sent their apologies.

6. **Matters Arising from the October Meeting**

- a) **Speeding Vehicles, Main Street** - DMBC Highways Officer advises that despite the generally good long term road safety record in Auckley, DMBC has implemented extensive treatments over the years to try to address residents' concerns. In view of the current situation and previous works undertaken in the village it is not possible for the L.A. to consider further works on a priority basis as it must focus on targeting those areas with a more pressing road safety problems. Hopefully the Police who have been copied in to Council's letter will note the concerns.
RESOLVED - It was agreed to write to the Commissioner and local M.P. re. this matter.
- b) **Blocked Gullies** - The Manager of the Hanson Quarry confirms that they are still funding DMBC to sweep the road and clean the gullies. He will contact them to make sure this is happening. In the meantime he asks whether Council would like someone from the quarry to attend a meeting to discuss this matter, or there is the option for any member wishing to visit the site for update.
RESOLVED - Mr. Payne offered to attend the site in the new year. The Clerk to write to DMBC's cleansing team to ask how often the gullies are cleaned out.
- c) **Fall Pipes Draining onto Public Pathway** - It was reported that one of the fall pipes has now been re-located.
- d) **Water Ponding at Rear of Cambrian Estate** - The Clerk is to ask DMBC for an update..
- e) **Overgrown Hedges, Rear of Cambrian Estate** - A reminder to be sent to DMBC's Highways Officer
- f) **Parking Problems, Lancaster Court** - Local Authority Highways Officer reports that double yellow lines should hopefully be painted on the access road at some time in the near future.
- g) **Parking Problems, Spitfire Way** - It was decided to send resident's email to Planning Enforcement.
- h) **Proposals for Hayfield Lane Recreation Ground** - A meeting has been arranged for 9th January at the Civic Centre in order for Council Members and DMBC Officers to discuss what progress has been made concerning the provision of play equipment at this location.

6. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- i) **Land at Fir Tree Avenue** - DMBC's Environmental Officer reports she has met with the Manager of Trinity Estates who manage the property development and land owned by Bridgford Estates. There is some discrepancy between the land owned by Bridgford and the contract for management, as Trinity Estates believes the grassed land to be public land. The Officer is contacting the owners to clarify which is their land, and has spoken with the letting agents to request they remove the letting advertisements from the grassed area.
- j) **Washing of Wheelie Bins** - The Senior Flood Risk Engineer advises that if the operator continues to follow bad practice which is causing issues with regard to the blocking of highways gullies, then the Local Authority would probably first send an advisory letter, followed by a potential notice of Enforcement under the Highways Act if the operator continues with the cleaning.
RESOLVED - Agreed that the Environmental Officer be informed if the operator can be identified.
- k) **Spotlight Dazzling Motorists on Hurst Lane** - The resident writes to apologise for any inconvenience caused and reports that he has adjusted the light.
- l) **Unfinished Footway, Hurst Lane** - Councillor Steve Cox to be asked for an update.
- m) **Removal of Rubbish From Riverside Park** - DMBC staff have removed several black plastic bags of rubbish, plus a wooden palette from outside the pavilion, and they will return later to collect a goal post that is no longer usable.
- n) **Pavilion** - The Handyman has assembled a new flat pack locker for storing his coat, etc. and has fixed brackets to support a new First Aid kit in the pavilion entrance room.
- o) **Site Meeting to Discuss Improvements to Highway Verge at Ellers Lane** - Members of Council and Clerk met with DMBC's Highways Officer to discuss the proposed work, and the Clerk has since been informed that their staff can shortly carry out the kerbing works for an approx. cost of £800. The kerbing work is required prior to laying the hard material for the base on which the recycling banks will be sited.
RESOLVED - It was agreed to accept the quotation in the sum of £800 to undertake the work which is to be funded from a legacy.

7. **To Consider Quotations to Carry Out Riverside Park Grounds Maintenance 2017/2018**

Shed Grounds Maintenance Ltd. quotes the sum of £5,353.00

However, they are unable to remove and store the goal posts.

Glendene Countryside quotes the sum of £2,844.09

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mr. Featherstone proposed that Council accept the lowest quotation from Glendene Countryside, Mrs. Platts seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

8. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Web Site**

Members discussed recent problems with the web site, i.e. material not being updated and agendas being late for meetings. A local computer engineer has been approached and is willing to manage the web site. Each set of changes will be £25 which usually covers unloading of minutes and minor amendments. Details to log onto the control panel will be obtained from current web master /domain

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mr. Warrender proposed that the computer engineer be appointed as Web Master from 1st January 2017. Mr. Payne seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

9. **To Consider Quotation to Install Seat**

A local farmer has provided a quotation in the sum of £70 to install the seat in concrete on more level ground near the river, on his property, and this was agreed.

10. **To Discuss Application for Financial Contribution Towards Renovation of Scout Hut**

Council awaits a letter - probably January.

11. **To Consider Items to be Included in 2017/2018 Budget**

Predicted expenditure up to 31st March 2017 is: £27,285.00

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The following items are to be considered:

Renewed planting of wild flowers and a tree survey of Riverside Park

A letter has been received from a group of young boys who ask whether it would be possible for a skate ramp to be provided. Council to contact Community Officer re. whether there are any S106 funds, and ask local Councils who already have a skate ramp what would be the cost of providing this facility.

12. **To Consider Application for Provision of Additional Pharmacy in the Parish**

Primary Support England has received an application from a pharmacist wishing to base a pharmacy in Auckley in the vicinity of the current retail zone at Hayfield Lane, Hayfield Green, and Council is invited to make written representations on this application.

RESOLVED - Council's comments were as follows:

Council welcomes the new facility which is one step towards increased medical services and will provide vital information, not only for residents of the Hayfield Lane Estates, but also people working in the various offices around the nearby airport. However, the source of the data is unclear, and there is no specific site where the proposed surgery will be based. Furthermore, the applicant has clearly not carried out an in-depth survey of the location or he would be aware that 'Hayfield Green' is merely one small estate of former RAF Officers' married quarters which, together with the other former RAF estates in the Hayfield Lane area, are all situated in Auckley with an Auckley postal address.

13. **Update on Correspondence Relating to Possible Surgery**

Ms. Caroline Flint, M.P. replies that the response Council has received from the Director of Public Health is informative and, whilst not the outcome desired, does explain that if more people register at a practice they will receive more resources to look after them. This is the same information contained in the Clinical Commissioning Group's reply, therefore she does not feel further correspondence will achieve a different outcome in this instance, however, she will continue to monitor the situation.

14. **Patient Participation Group**

A resident reports that the Ellers Lane GP Surgery has set up a Patient Participation Group of local volunteer patients which can bring significant benefits to the practice by enabling GP teams to be proactive in providing services that truly reflect what patients want and need. The practice is considering the purchase of a notice board to be sited on the surgery frontage and the Parish Council would be able to display its Agenda and Minutes on the board.

RESOLVED - Council to respond that it already has 2 notice boards, plus the web site for information.

15. **To Discuss Application for Provision of Pedestrian Crossing**

In response to Council's enquiry, DMBC's Highways Officer advises that it is difficult to give a detailed estimate as many of the costs associated with installation are site specific, but he would expect the installation of a crossing of the type near the McCauley School to normally require an investment of around £30,000. There would be a number of considerations, not least of which would be to identify a suitable and safe location for the provision of a crossing.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to ask Highways for a site meeting to discuss whether there is a suitable site on Hurst Lane and inform them that Council is willing to apply for grants from various organisations in order to fund a crossing.

The Stronger Communities Area Manager advises there is no S106 funding available for 'Highways' works, funds received under this category are usually for specific works stated in the S106 Agreement. There are currently S106 funds available for the creation and/or enhancement of public open space.

16. **To Consider Department of Transport Letter Re. Use of Drones and Lasers**

The letter highlights the danger that drones and lasers can pose to aircraft if they are being operated near to airports. The report was noted.

17. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) **Potholes** - DMBC to be informed of a large pothole on Hurst Lane outside the entrance to the new Sixth Form College, also at Ellers Lane and the Sycamore Drive/Hayfield Lane area.
- b) **Damaged Fencing** - The Clerk to report damaged bird beak's fencing on Hayfield Lane
- c) **Untidy Land at Nisa** - The Environmental Health Officer to be informed that there has been no progress with work to the rear of the store since the Summer, with a pile of soil waiting to go back in the hole and a metal security fence in situ. Council to enquire whether there is any prospect of using a Community Protection Order in an attempt to improve this location.

18. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) **Work Required Near Pavilion** - It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with 'Need A Hand' to ask for a quotation to construct a concreted area in front of the pavilion which becomes very muddy after heavy rainfall. In addition, the concrete manhole cover to the rear of the building is damaged and needs replacing.

19. **Council's Response to Licensing Application**

Since the Yorkshire Wildlife Park's application for a new premises licence was refused in May 2016, new proposed conditions have been submitted which will reduce both the maximum number of people permitted at events and the number of large events, plus there will be no sale of alcohol at functions authorised by the licence. Council was invited to submit its comments:

RESOLVED - Council re-iterated its previous comments that the area was established as a Wildlife Park, not an entertainments venue. The proposed new conditions will improve the situation, but there will still be noise which may have an adverse impact on residents and possibly the animals. Council recommends that appropriate monitoring arrangements are put in place, in the event of the proposals being accepted, to ensure that conditions are adhered to.

20. **To Receive Reports From Meetings Attended by Members**

a) **IGas Exploratory Meeting** - Mrs. Worthington reported that the meeting has been delayed.

b) **Airport Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee**

Mr. Swainston reported that the airport is still receiving complaints regarding noisy flights. It has been a successful Summer, with 'Wizair' increasing its flights.

The airport is currently transporting DHL freight, due to the runway at East Midlands Airport being re-surfaced.

The airport failed to meet its environmental target but has been successful dealing with waste from planes

A Vexations Complaints Policy has been drawn up, and a Master Plan is awaited.

The Police are to have an air support unit with possibly light aircraft.

c) **Public Rights of Way Meeting** - It was reported that the PROW Officer has been contacted regarding re-instatement of Public Footpath No. 7 adjacent to the Charity Land.

21. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the following applications:

a) No. 16/02951/FUL - Proposed erection of single storey extension to rear of existing gable 34A Main Street, Auckley

b) No. 16/02961/ADV - Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs
Co-op Food Units A And B, Anson Grove, Auckley

c) No. 16/02978/FUL - Proposed loft conversion and extension to front of existing dwelling
Norwood Farm, Hurst Lane, Auckley

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

Planning permission was granted to the following applications:

a) No. 16/02315/FUL - Erection of detached dormer bungalow following demolition of existing garage and store (amended plans)
65 Main Street, Auckley

b) No. 16/02480/FUL - Erection of single storey front extension
1 Holly Road, Auckley

c) No. 16/01353/FUL - Erection of wall
116 Main Street, Auckley

d) No. 16/02553/FULM - Erection of single storey classroom extension and foundation stage extension (being Application Under Regulation 3 Town & Country Planning) (Without compliance of Conditions 2,3,4 & 5 of app. granted on 23.90.2016) - Variation to approved plans - deletion of phase 2, revised layout of proposed nursery and hard play area, alteration to car park
Hayfield Lane Primary School, Hayfield Lane, Auckley

23. **To Receive Correspondence**

a) Dependent Carers' Allowance Survey

b) SYPTE - School bus service changes

c) Public Consultation on children's surgery and strokes

d) Information on the Northern Powerhouse

e) Accident and Claims Seminars

24. **To Authorise Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**

BACS no. 78	Mr. C. Humphreys	Purchase outdoor wear	£37.93
BACS no. 79	Sir Thomas Whittaker	Supply/erect Christmas tree	£500.00
BACS no. 80	DMBC	Empty dog waste bins	£318.00
BACS no. 81	Arrow Publications	Items in newsletter	£66.00
BACS no. 82	Staff remuneration		£226.00
BACS no. 83	HMRC	Employee's tax	£5.00
BACS no. 84	Arnthorpe Elmfield Band	Accompany Christmas carols	£200.00
BACS no. 85	N Power	Pavilion electricity supply	£66.56
BACS no. 86	Parish Centre	Hire for December meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 87	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase locker for pavilion	£70.80
BACS no. 88	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase eye wash	£7.85
BACS no. 89	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase First Aid Kit	£24.50
BACS no. 90	Staff remuneration		£2,268.62
BACS no. 91	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	£193.73

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 11th January 2017, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson

Dated