

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 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, Mr. G. Payne, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston,
- District Councillor Mrs. P. Schofield
- One member of the public
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

1. **Public Participation**

Hurst Lane Quarry - A resident enquired whether Council had been updated on the likelihood of any more work being undertaken on the road areas inside the quarry. He was advised that the Quarry Manager has written to report that more asphaltting of the road areas has been done, plus improvements to the car park. This, together with the concreting of the exit, substantially completes the project.

Public Footpath No. 2 - The resident had earlier raised the issue of boggy land on the area of footpath near the footbridge, making it inaccessible for walkers to access the bridge. He was informed that the PROW Officer had responded by advising that the land at this location is low-lying and becomes wet whenever there is heavy rainfall and unfortunately this is a feature of the path.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write again to point out the problem is due to the river levels being high, and enquire whether it might be possible to build up the path.

2. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts and Mr. G. Warrender.

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

Ms. Staniforth declared an amendment to her Register of Interests. She is no longer a member of the Doncaster Bridge Club Management Committee, and this item is to be deleted from the register.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 14th January 2015**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **Community Police Report**

No Police Officer attended the meeting.

The South SNA Monthly Police Report for January lists the following incidents that have occurred in Auckley during the month:

Crime - 1 x Theft from motor vehicle, 1 x Unauthorised taking of motor vehicle, 1 x Interference with motor vehicle.

Anti-social Behaviour - 1 x Nuisance motorbikes/quads, 1 x Parking, 1 x Nuisance vehicle, 1 x Nuisance youths.

6. **District Councillor's Report**

Mrs. Schofield reported the following matters:

- a) S106 Funds - Mrs. Schofield will send the Clerk a list of all S106 funds relating to Auckley.
- b) Illegal Grazing of Horses - Mrs. Schofield reported she has organised a meeting with Karen Hanson and a local farmer re. this matter, and Karen has subsequently arranged a meeting with Police and DMBC to find a suitable pound for stray horses. Mr. Eric Pickles, M.P. has written to advise that a bill to address this problem is still going through the House of Lords and will not become legislation until after the election.

7. **Matters Arising From the December Meeting**

- a) Ponding at First Avenue - Peel is still considering quotations for a soakaway.
- b) Extension of Gardens, Comet Court - DMBC's Planning Investigation Officer advises that Planning Officers are not supportive of a change of use/land extension, and she will not be encouraging a retrospective application in light of the planning advice. A reminder to be sent.
- c) Request for Path On Verge of Fir Tree Avenue - The developer of the apartments advises that he only owns half way across the grassed area in front of the site and is therefore unable to create a footpath. They have however kept an eye on the situation and, due to the width of the grassed area, it seems to be acceptable to walk on and was a route taken by many people before. The firm was forced to close off the site due to health and safety requirements but are pushing on with the site as quickly as possible, and as soon as the external work has been completed they will re-open the front section.
- d) Land at Nisa Store - Following the felling of a large birch tree to the rear of the store, DMBC's Tree Officer was contacted and advised that the tree was not subject to a TPO and therefore no action could be taken. However there is a landscaping condition attached to the planning consent, and he has been in contact with the agent who dealt with the application to make him aware that there is an outstanding condition which needs to be addressed and proposals need to be submitted as a matter of urgency.

7. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- e) **Banners Advertising 'Slimming World'** - Community Officer to be informed that banners are displayed on railings in front of the Hayfield School and also on the railings of the River Torne road bridge.
- f) **Parking on Double Yellow Lines** - Planning Enforcement Officer has arranged for Officers to visit the area weekly as and when they undertake school enforcement. These days will vary each week, and he cannot specify when that will be because if information is released prior to enforcement visits there tends to be no vehicles parked. As always, penalty charge notice will be issued for contravention of the traffic order.
- g) **Potholes, Sycamore Drive/Hayfield Road** - Peel's Building Manager advises that the potholes had already been added to the list. The reason they have not been repaired as yet is because the weather is cold and the tarmac has to be used at a certain temperature.
- h) **Litter on Sports Field and Path leading to Marr Flatts Plantation** - Peel's Manager has instructed their landscaper to deal with this matter.
- i) **Trimmed Branches on Riverside Park** - The Clerk to ask whether the Community Officer would be able to remove the branches.
- j) **Removal of Litter Bin Near Village Green** - A reminder to be sent to DMBC.
- k) **Overgrown Hedges, Mosham Road/ Hurst Lane** - A reminder to Highways Officer dealing with this matter.
- l) **Proposed Development on Hayfield Lane Sports Field** - A reminder to Ward Member.
- m) **New Village Sign, Hurst Lane** - A reminder to the developer.
- n) **Wentworth Residents' Association - Community Speed watch** - Pending.
- o) **Potholes, Hayfield Lane and Gatehouse Lane** - A reminder to DMBC.

8. **To Consider Quarterly Internal Audit and Budget Summary**

The quarterly internal audit has been checked and signed as correct by the 2 designated Members of Council.
RESOLVED - It was agreed to accept the quarterly internal audit and budget summary

9. **To Consider Quotations to Infill Hole at Riverside Recreation Ground**

DMBC Grounds Maintenance Officer - Reports that the required works will be quite expensive with the material alone to level the area costing in excess of £8,000, and there may be problems transporting material to the site and accessing with a large lorry. A cheaper option may be to look at grading the existing site.
The Quarry Site Manager - Reports that he has consulted with colleagues to find the lowest price per tonne they can give for aggregates. They have some cobbles roughly 20-50 mm which may fill the base and some 4-10mm gravel to provide the finer element.

They could supply these at a cost of: £9.64 per tonne collected, £11.10 delivered to site. Plus VAT.

It is impossible to estimate the cost in absolute terms without any survey information, but as a rough guide the larger size would be 1.4 tonnes per m³ and the 10mm would be 1.5 tonnes per m³.

RESOLVED - Following discussion Mr. Featherstone proposed that the quotation was accepted in principle but to ask whether the quotation includes the material being delivered to the actual hole in the ground, or merely to the entrance to the ground. Mr. Butterfield seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Consider Quotation to Plant Wild Flower Seeds on Riverside Park**

Mr. Mark Forster has visited the site with a local farmer and has submitted a quotation as follows:

- a) Application of fast-acting herbicide
- b) After approx. 10 days the ground to be worked with power harrow and seeded at a rate of 4-6g/m (approx. area 110m x 4m) or approx. 2k of seed.
- c) Application of heavy roller.

The planting would need to be carried out in Spring to achieve any flowering over Summer, and the area would naturally develop over time as different plants establish themselves.

Estimated cost for this is £650 - £700 (allowing for extra seed due to bird predation and loss to weather)

RESOLVED - Following discussion Mr. Featherstone proposed that Council accept the quotation, this was seconded by Mr. Butterfield, and the motion was carried.

It was agreed to write to a local farmer to enquire whether he has any top soil surplus to requirements.

11. **To Consider Quotation to Renovate Zip Wire Platform**

SMP has provided a quotation to re-instate the eroded surface levels as follows:

6m ² top soil 150mm depth	£220.00
6m turf	£58.00
Grassmatts x 6	£241.00
Grassmatts Pegs x 72	£91.84
Total	£610.84

RESOLVED - Mr. Featherstone proposed that the quotation in the sum of £610.84 be accepted, this was seconded by Mr. Payne and the motion was carried. The sum of £85.82 agreed at an earlier meeting, to adjust the Space net and replace missing fixtures to be added making a final total of £697.66 plus VAT.

12. **To Consider Quotation To Undertake Annual Inspection of Playground Equipment**

SMP's Playground Business Manager notes that the 3 annual inspections of the play equipment funded by them have now ended, and she wonders whether Council would like to continue this service in December 2015 at a cost of £150.00.

RESOLVED - Following discussion it was agreed to decline this suggestion and ask DMBC's Playground Inspector to provide Council with an annual report as his dept. undertakes an inspection every 4 months.

13. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) Traffic Survey - It was agreed that members would undertake a traffic survey at the B1396 on Tuesday, 17th March at 7.50 a.m.
- b) Potholes - DMBC to be informed of several potholes on Eilers Lane and Main Street.
- c) Dogs Fouling Footways - Community Officer to be informed of this problem and DMBC to be asked to renew yellow stencils on footways.
- d) Frequency of Buses - A resident has enquired whether more frequent buses could be provided on the Doncaster - Finningley route. It was agreed to write to the 'First' Bus Service to see whether, in view of the increased population in the villages, they intend to increase the frequency of their buses on this route.
- e) Unlit Street Lamps - Mr. Payne has reported several unlit lamps at Hurst Lane to DMBC.

14. **To Discuss Recreation Matters -**

- a) Conifer Trees at Riverside Park - Some conifers have grown quite tall and are blocking light. It is unclear whether the trees are growing in residents' gardens or on the recreation ground. Agreed to write to the 2 residents with gardens closest to the trees and ask them to confirm whether the trees belong to them.
- b) Full Litter Bins - DMBC to be informed that 2 bins on the recreation ground have not been emptied for some time and are overflowing with rubbish. Also the bin opposite the Hayfield School and outside the Hayfield Lane Post Office.
- c) Cleaning of Dyke - It was reported that some work has been carried out on the dyke, but this does not seem to be complete. Members to monitor.
- d) Tree Trunks on Playground - It was reported that pieces of silver birch tree trunks are lying on the playground. The Clerk is to remove these items from the ground.

15. **To Decide Suitable Items for Web Site**

It was agreed to report that Council intends to plant wild flower seeds on land adjacent to the poplar trees.

16. **To Receive Report of Meetings**

None reported.

17. **To Comment on Survey of the 2014/2015 Community Safety Strategy**

Council acknowledges the efforts being made to integrate community based services and develop stronger links with community based groups, and hopes that representatives from these services will be attending Parish Council meetings in order to enable members to have an active role.

18. **Invitation to Submit Questions to the Mayor**

Mayor Ros Jones has agreed to attend the March PCJCC meeting and the first 15 minutes will be devoted to her responses to pre-informed questions, followed by a 20 minute open question session for PCJCC members attending on the day. Parish Councils are invited to either brief their representative or send in their question.

RESOLVED - Members of Council agreed to ask the following:

- a) What are the Mayor's views on Ward Members attending Parish Council meetings?
- b) What is Doncaster Council's policy on Ward Members holding Advice Surgeries? Currently some Members hold Surgeries while others do not.

19. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 14/02999/FUL - Erection of attached dwelling on approx. 0.04ha of land following demolition of existing detached garage to No. 8 (being re-submission of application No. 14/02073/FUL withdrawn on 13/10/14) Adjacent to 8 Beech Avenue, Auckley

Council was opposed to the application for the following reasons:

The proposed new dwelling will not be in keeping with surrounding properties.

With demolition of the existing garage adjacent to No. 8 there will be limited parking space for residents of both the existing house at No. 8 and the proposed new dwelling. This could result in vehicles being parked out on the road which is so narrow that there is barely room for 2 cars to pass each other, leading to the road becoming obstructed.

- b) No. 15/00191/FUL - Erection of single storey pitched roof extensions front and rear of semi-detached house 13 Beech Avenue, Auckley

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

20. **To Report Planning Decisions made by DMBC's Planning Committee**

The following planning application was granted, subject to a number of conditions being implemented :
No. 14/02726/FULM - Construction of a new showroom for agricultural equipment with workshop and storage, training area and ancillary offices, landscaping and other works including new vehicular access, following demolition of existing buildings
Orchard Farm, Hurst Lane, Auckley

21. **To Authorise Cheques and Banking Transactions**

BACS no. 371	Staff payment		£193.36
BACS no. 372	HMRC	(Income tax)	£3.20
BACS no. 373	Arrow Publication	(Items printed in newsletter)	£66.00
BACS no. 374	YLCA	(Clerks' Seminar)	£40.00
BACS no. 375	Auckley Parish Centre	(Hire of room for February meeting)	£24.75
BACS no. 376	RJ Electrical	(Put up, take down & store lights)	£360.00

22. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) White Rose Update.
- b) Introducing a Transport Project 'Volunteer Transport for Older People'

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

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 11th March 2015, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre. This will be followed immediately by the Parish Council Meeting.

Chairperson

