

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH JANUARY 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, Mr. I. Swainston
  - District Councillor Mrs. P. Schofield
  - In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)
1. **Public Participation** - None.
  2. **To Receive Apologies**  
Received and accepted from Ms. J. Staniforth and Mr. G. Warrender.
  3. **Declaration of Other Interests and Any Amendments to Registers of Interest**  
None received.
  4. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 12th December 2015**  
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
  5. **Community Police Report**  
No Police Officer was able to attend.  
The South SNA Monthly Police Report for December lists the following incidents that occurred in Auckley during the month:  
Crime - 1 x Burglary Other, 1 x Theft from Motor Vehicle.  
Anti-social Behaviour - 2 x Nuisance Motorbikes/Quads, 2 x Snowball incidents.  
Council expressed concerns that 2 accidents have occurred on Main Street during the past 2 months, and it was agreed to write and ask the Police to monitor traffic speeds on Main Street.
  6. **District Councillor's Report**  
Mrs. Schofield reported the following matters:  
DMBC's Budget - Discussions will take place on the budget and the reorganisation of Day Centres.  
Care Homes - Next week the Mayor and Cabinet will meet to decide the future of the Local Authority's care homes  
Section 106 Funds - The 3 Ward Members will meet with the 106 Team to discuss this item.  
Fly Grazing - Proposed legislation to address illegal fly grazing is currently going through the House of Lords but will not be in force until after the next election. Mrs. Schofield has written to Mr. Eric Pickles to express her concerns regarding this issue, in the light of local problems.
  7. **Matters Arising From the December Meeting**
    - a) Ponding at First Avenue - It was reported that ponding of water is still occurring after heavy rainfall.
    - b) Extension of Gardens, Comet Court - A reminder to be sent to Planning Enforcement.
    - c) Overgrown Hedges, Hurst Lane/Mosham Road - Highways Officer has asked his colleague to visit the site and assess and photograph how bad the overgrown vegetation is and whether it is a danger. If unacceptable they will need to draw up a legal notice and serve it on the land owner, and also check the land owner with the Land Registry. If no action is taken DMBC will arrange a cut back and try to recover costs.
    - d) Hurst Lane Quarry - The Site Manager advises that more asphaltting has been carried out in the road areas, plus improvements to the car park surface. This, together with concreting the exit, has made the project substantially complete. They have some barriers arriving which, with some signs, will enable the one-way system to be better defined. The Site Manager reports that staff will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the project in case any further modifications are needed.
    - e) Request For Developer to Provide Temporary Path - No reply has been received from the builder who is constructing apartments at Fir Tree Avenue which has led to closure of part of the road.  
**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to mention this matter in the next newsletter.
    - f) Non-Functioning Street Lamps - The 3 lamps which were unlit in November/December have now been repaired. The Clerk has since reported 2 unlit lamps at Sandhill Rise and 1 at Hurst Lane.
    - g) Request for Renovation of Gatehouse Lane Verges - Neighbourhood Officer has reported the poor state of highway verges near level crossing to the Highways Officer as he was involved with Network Rail prior to the improvement works and is aware of what assurances were given regarding re-instatement.
    - h) Pothole, School Lane - This has been reported to DMBC.
    - i) Main Street Traffic Problems - Members of Council will discuss the details of undertaking a traffic survey at the February meeting.
    - j) Removal of Litter Bin Near Village Green - Pending.
    - k) New Village Sign - Pending.

7. **Matters Arising (continued)**

l) **Land at Nisa Store** - Council is advised that, after waiting so long for planning permission, a team has now started the ground work for the storerooms. Hopefully with the store-rooms completed in early 2015, the units will finally take shape and hopefully let out asap. At the moment the yard adjacent to the existing store will be used for storage and once the units are completed this yard will be cleared and tidied up. The final phase will depend totally on demand but hopefully someone will take it on. Council is asked whether a new litter bin could be sited at the front of store to replace the one that was recently removed.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to write and ask for clarification on what exactly is proposed for the plot of land adjacent to the store once the current building phase is complete. DMBC has advised that the litter bin had become dislodged but was also being abused with commercial and domestic waste. In addition, the Local Authority understands that the bin was situated on private land and therefore should not have had a DMBC maintained and serviced bin without external funding. To replace and service is normally at the expense of the landowner.

m) **DMBC's Monitoring Audit Committee** - DMBC's Senior Governance Officer advises that when the functions of the former Standards Committee were transferred over to the Audit Committee and its Hearings Sub-Committee in June 2014, it was decided that the membership of the Audit Committee's Hearings Sub-Committee would include the former Standards Committee co-optees, (2 independent representatives and 2 Parish Council representatives) to remain consistent with the previous arrangements for dealing with complaints. As the terms of office of the 2 Councillors are not due to end until July 2015, there was no need for any consultation with Parish Councils in relation to these arrangements, as they were not considered new appointments, but more a case of moving the current P. C. representatives across to the body which now has responsibility for ethical governance matters. DMBC will be reviewing these appointments at the Council's AGM in May 2015, and at that time Parish Councils will be consulted as part of the re-appointment process.

8. **To Discuss Council's Budget Summary for 2014/2015 Financial Year**

The Clerk reported that cash in hand on 31st December 2014 was	£30,135.62
Predicted expenditure for financial year ending 31st March 2015	£27,702.00
Predicted income for financial year ending 31st March 2015	£32,685.00

It was agreed to ask Mr. Philip Dennis, Clerk to Blaxton, whether he would be willing to carry out Council's yearly Internal Audit of Accounts.

9. **To Decide Council's Precept for 2015/2016 Financial Year**

The funding requirement for the 2014/2015 financial year was £29,100, comprising a precept in the sum of £27,024, plus a Council grant of £2,076, making an overall increased sum of £540 from the previous year. The Council grant for 2015/2016 has been reduced to £1,868, and it was decided that a higher precept would be required, within limits, due to several projects that will need to be funded during the forthcoming financial year, i.e. to infill the enormous hole that has appeared on the recreation ground, plus repairs that are needed to several items of play equipment. The cost of this work is unknown as quotes are awaited. In addition, there needs to be a contingency fund for the Clerk's gratuity.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Mr. Swainston proposed that Council precept for £30,000. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Featherstone, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Consider Application from Auckley Show Committee for a Financial Contribution**

The Committee asks whether Council would consider making a donation towards the hire of the marquee which is the Show's largest expense, and also consider the loss incurred in the 2014 Show. A summary of income and expenditure for the previous Show has been provided.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Mr. Payne proposed that a donation in the sum of £1,000 be granted towards the Show costs, this was seconded by Mr. Featherstone, and the motion was carried.

11. **To Consider Quotation to Infill Large Hole on Recreation Ground**

DMBC's Grounds Maintenance Officer is still awaiting quotes from suppliers before he can provide Council with an overall estimate.

**RESOLVED** - It was decided to write and ask the Manager of the local quarry to provide a quote to infill the hole with large rubble/gravel, followed by smaller gravel pebbles, topped with decent top soil and seeded.

12. **To Decide Items for Newsletter**

It was agreed to feature the following items:

- Christmas carol singing
- Request for temporary footpath at Fir Tree Avenue
- Request for dog owners to clean up after their pets
- Parking outside Ellers Lane shops

13. **To Discuss Items For the Web Site**

It was agreed to feature the newsletter items on the web site.

14. **To Report Annual Inspection of Play Equipment**

The Play Inspection Company has carried out its third and final inspection funded by SMP and has reported on several items that need attention. SMP has provided quotations to repair certain items of equipment, i.e:

Space Net - Adjust position of space net to remove crush point £80.00

Multi-Play Equipment - Replace missing fixings £6.82

Cable Runway - Re-instate eroded surface levels with soil and mats (measurements required).

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to accept quotations for the space net and multi-play equipment to be repaired, and await a quotation to re-instate the cable runway surface levels after supplying measurements.

The suggestions from The Play Inspection Company relating to other items of play equipment were not considered necessary, these were:

Logs - Algae growth making them slippery and evidence of timber rot - No action but monitor.

Basket swing - Consider providing secondary safety mechanism - Why was this not provided when installed?

Cable runway seat - Repair by removing the loop to lower seat - No action.

Cable runway chains - To be monitored.

Rust on the rotor play can be rubbed down and re-painted.

Eroded uneven surfaces can be levelled, once the moles have been removed.

15. **To Discuss Highway Matters** - The following issues were raised by Members of Council:

a) Potholes on Hayfield and Gatehouse Lane - To be reported to DMBC

b) Potholes Between Sycamore Drive and Hayfield Lane - Peel to be informed.

c) Litter on Hayfield Lane Field and Path Leading to Marr Flatts Plantation - Peel to be informed.

d) Parking on Double Yellow Lines Outside Eilers Lane Shops - Parking Enforcement Officers to be asked if they can attend on a regular basis.

e) Banners advertising 'Weight Watchers' - Neighbourhood Officer to be made aware of 2 banners displayed on railings outside the Hayfield School. It was reported that the banner recently seen on the Torne road bridge railings has now been removed.

f) Damaged Illuminated Bollard - Neighbourhood Officer has already reported the bollard situated at the Mosham Road/Gatehouse Lane Junction.

16. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

a) Planting of Wild Flowers - The Clerk is to ask for information and, possibly a quotation, from a resident who is familiar with landscaping schemes.

b) Trimmed Branches at Riverside Park - It was agreed to ask the Neighbourhood Officer whether the unpaid workers might be able to clear up trimmed branches strewn on the grassed area.

c) Conifers at Riverside Park - Members to inspect tall conifer trees at Riverside Park.

17. **To Make Comments on Consultation of Communities Area Team Service Review**

Council's comments area as follows:

What is identified as the community, and which groups are to be consulted? Is Auckley perceived to be the whole Parish or is the Hayfield Estate regarded as a separate entity?

What level of cuts will be seen in this area because these will have implications for the Parish Council?

18. **To Discuss Section 106 Funds Relating to Development in Auckley**

It was agreed to wait and see whether any information will be forthcoming following a meeting the Ward Members are to attend to discuss this matter.

19. **To Consider a New Voluntary Community and Faith Strategy for the Borough**

This was noted.

20. **To Receive Report of Meetings**

None reported.

21. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

No. 14/02580/FUL - Formation of additional 12 parking spaces

Hayfield Social Education Centre, Hayfield Lane, Auckley

Council had no objections to make, providing there is adequate drainage of surface water.

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

No. 14/022898/FUL - Erection of detached house and detached garage on approx. 0.06ha of land

Land Adjacent 17 Riverside Gardens, Auckley

The application was refused for the following reasons:

The development would be harmful to the character of the area, in particular relating to the siting of the proposed garage on the frontage forward of the informal building line.

The site is located in an area with a high probability of flooding.

Insufficient information provided to assess the direct and long term impact on the river corridor.

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

Council agreed to continue its membership of CPRE for the forthcoming year.

BACS no. 363	Staff charges		£230.29
BACS no. 364	HMRC	(Employee's tax)	£12.60
BACS no. 365	Yorkshire Water	(Allotments water rates)	£90.48
BACS no. 366	Yorkshire Water	(Pavilion water rates)	£9.56
BACS no. 367	Mrs. M. Caygill	(Stationery items)	£99.22
BACS no. 368	Auckley Parish Centre	(Hire for January meeting)	£24.75
BACS no. 369	DMBC	(Empty dog waste bins)	£259.56
BACS no. 270	CPRE	(Annual membership)	£36.00

24. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) Community Safety Strategy Consultation - To be discussed at the February meeting.
- b) Information from YLCA that agendas for Council meetings can now be sent electronically w.e.f. 30th January 2015. Members of Council expressed their preference for paper copies.
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter.

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 11th February 2015, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre

Chairperson .....