

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE 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, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- Planning Officer Mr. J. Johnson
- District Councillor, Mrs. A. Cox
- Mrs. Y. Woodcock
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

Before the start of the formal meeting a period of 15 minutes was allowed for public participation, but no issues were raised.

1. **To Receive Information From DMBC Officer Re. the Doncaster Local Plan**

Planning Officer Mr. Johnson reported that the Local Plan will replace the current Unitary Development Plan and Core Strategy and will address critical issues in the Borough for the next 20 years, particularly in respect of employment, and will give certainty to the Planning Authority, developers, residents, and other organisations including Town and Parish Councils, etc. A consultation will run from July 17 to September 17 2015 and a draft will be produced by 2016. If the Inspector gives approval the plan could be adopted by 2017.

Parish Councils will be sent further information electronically before the consultation begins.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for his attendance and the information provided.

2. **To Receive Apologies** - Received and accepted from Mrs. D. Fiddler.

3. **To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments** - None received.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 13th May 2015**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

5. **To Receive Community Police Report**

The South SNA Monthly Police Report lists the following incidents that occurred during May as follows:

Crime - Burglary Other 1
Burglary Dwelling 1
Criminal Damage 1

Anti-Social Behaviour - 3 x nuisance quad bikes/motorbikes, 2 x parking

Speed Camera Work Carried out by Police

Main Street - 50 vehicles checked - 1 vehicle driving at 36 mph

Hurst Lane - 100 vehicles checked - 1 vehicle driving at 46 mph, 1 vehicle driving at 48 mph

Vehicles Parked at Gatehouse Lane - Police to be asked to monitor vehicles parked on footway and verges.

6. **District Councillors' Report**

Mrs. Woodcock introduced Mr. Steve Fox, who was elected in May as a new Member for the Finningley Ward.

Council was informed that Ward Member Allan Jones is currently looking into the question of Section 106 funds for this area.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write and ask Councillor Jones whether he has made any progress regarding proposed recreational facilities at Hayfield Lane.

7. **Matters Arising From May Meeting**

a) **Ponding at Hayfield Lane/First Avenue Junction** - Peel's spokesman advises that historically the airport did own the estate roads but these were transferred to another division of Peel, except for a small section of land at this junction, pending completion of works regarding the junction control lights, prior to its complete adoption by the Highways Authority a number of years ago. In 2014 he was advised that responsibility for this section was now wholly under the control and responsibility of Highways as an adopted section of road (including the drainage in this section). He therefore agrees that this section immediately adjacent to the junction is not land vested in the other division of Peel and also understands that DMBC does not currently own the main estate roads off this junction. However, he would ask the Parish Council to refer back to DMBC regarding responsibility for this area, immediately adjoining and effectively forming part of the junction, which he believes is theirs.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write to both Peel and DMBC to ask if they can please clarify who is responsible for the ponding at this junction. The Parish Council has been reporting this problem since 2011 and unfortunately it has still not been resolved.

b) **Advertising Banners on Railings** - It was reported that 2 banners advertising a forthcoming event at the Hayfield Lakes have been attached to highway railings at the Hurst Lane/Hayfield Lane Junction.

This matter to be reported to the Community Officer.

c) **New Village Sign, Mosham Rd.** - LMN Contractors will commence the work on week commencing 27th July.

d) **Parking Outside Ellers Lane Shops** - Council is to ask whether more patrols could be deployed in the village.

7. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- e) **Provision of Plants for Village Containers** - Mr. Warrender was thanked for sourcing and planting a colourful display of flowers in containers situated on the village green, pinfold and Eastfield Lane triangle.
- f) **Report of Accident Outside School** - Council has received an acknowledgement from Caroline Flint, M.P. but no response as yet from Ward Members or the Mayor.
RESOLVED - It was agreed to write again and enquire whether DMBC has a list of priorities when deciding to implement a 30 mph speed limit and, if so, where does Auckley feature in the timescale.
- g) **Untidy Land Adjacent to Nisa Store** - It was reported that a large amount of debris has already been removed, but a large pile of wood remains, plus the electricity box in the middle of the site. The Clerk is to write to Environmental Services regarding this matter.
- h) **Highway Verges, Gatehouse Lane and Hayfield Lane** - Highways Dept. to be reminded that verges are in need of attention.
- i) **Application To Allow Second Team to Use Pitch** - The resident who applied and was refused use of the pitch for a second team writes of his disappointment and questions whether 2 teams have ever shared the pitch at Riverside Park at the same time. He maintains that the Hayfield School pitch is not feasible and Cantley Park not a viable option as he wants to play in his own village.
This matter was discussed and it was confirmed historically that two teams have shared the pitch in the past, but it was subsequently decided that only 1 team should be allowed to use it in order to allow the ground time to regenerate between matches.
RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mr. Warrender proposed that Council reiterates its earlier decision that only 1 team is allowed to use the pitch, this was seconded by Mr. Swainston and the motion was carried.
- j) **Report on Double Taxation** - Mr. Leask thanks Council for comments it has made on the subject of double taxation. These have been forwarded to colleagues within DMBC's Planning Team who have and continue to consider the implications, opportunities and risks for implementing the Community Infrastructure Levy. There should be an update on Section 106 Agreements at the next PCJCC meeting in July.
- k) **Provision of Hedging and Fencing, Rear of Charity Land** - Pending.

8. **To Receive Internal Auditor's Report**

Council was advised that the Internal Auditor has not managed to complete the audit and therefore a report will be made at the July meeting.

9. **To Ratify Decision Made Prior to Meeting to Accept Quotation for Work on Recreation Ground**

Council had previously written to the Managing Director of the supermarket development currently being built at the corner of Hurst/Hayfield Lane to ask whether he could supply soil from the excavations to fill in a large ponding area on the Riverside Park recreation ground. The contractor had generously offered to supply and transport the soil free of charge, but advised the operation would also need the hire of machinery to compact the soil on site, security fencing, plus an operator and banks man. The cost of these additional measures would be £1,989.75. After consulting with Members of Council, a decision was made to accept the quote of £1,989.75, otherwise the soil was due to be transported elsewhere.

RESOLVED - Council endorsed the decision made before the meeting to accept the quoted sum on the grounds of health and safety.

10. **To Decide Football Fees for 2015/2016 Season**

The Auckley Football Team's fees were raised to £250 in July 2014 for the 2014/2015 season.

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mr. Featherstone proposed that the fees remain at £250 and this was seconded by Mr. Swainston.

Ms. Staniforth proposed an amendment that the fees are raised to £260, this was seconded by Mr. Payne. Voting took place on the amendment and the motion was carried to raise the fees to £260 for the 2015/2016 season.

11. **To Discuss Payment for Repairs to Playground Equipment**

The full payment for repairs is £837.19 inc. VAT, however, members who met with the HAGS SMP maintenance engineer are convinced that the anchor point on the pyramid climber has never been adjusted, and the crush point still remains.

RESOLVED - Following discussion it was agreed that, in view of repairs not being carried out to the pyramid climber, the sum of £90 quoted to repair the climber (£75 + £15 VAT) should be deducted from the total amount, and the remaining sum of £747.19 is to be paid.

12. **To Discuss New Rules for Employees' Pension Scheme**

Council was informed that the law on workplace pensions has changed and, under the Pensions Act 2008, every employer with staff in the UK must automatically enrol those employees who meet certain criteria into a workplace pension scheme. The Clerk has enrolled with the Pensions Regulator, and has been appointed a staging date of 1st June 2016. If an employee's weekly gross earnings are £112 or below he/she has a right to join a scheme and, if they ask, the employer must provide one. However, an employer does not have to pay contributions for employees paid less than £112 per week. Further information is awaited.

13. **To Discuss Date and Venue for Christmas Carol Singing Event**

The Armthorpe Elmfield Band leader has advised the Clerk that Tuesday, 15th December would be the most suitable date for the band to play, the charge this year being £250. This date is also acceptable for the event to be held in the car park of the Eagle and Child public house.

RESOLVED - Following discussion it was agreed to accept the Armthorpe Elmfield Band's fee in the sum of £250, and the date and venue of this event. It was suggested that members monitor the number of people who attend the carol singing to see whether this event is considered a worthwhile venture to continue for future years.

14. **To Consider Training Sessions For Councillors and Clerks**

a) **YLCA's 'Developing Your Skills as a Councillor' Course at Ecclesfield on 24th June**

Mrs. Worthington had asked whether Council would fund half the £45 fee and she would pay the rest.

RESOLVED - Mr. Payne proposed that Council pay the full amount, and this was agreed by Council.

b) **LCAS Seminar - Confidence in Risk Assessments, Business Continuity Planning, Defect Identification**

No one was able to attend the seminar.

c) **YLCA/DMBC - 'Councillor Skills and Development' Training Session at Civic Centre on 18th June**

It was agreed to contribute half the fee (£15) for Mrs. Worthington, and Cantley with Branton Parish Council will fund the remainder.

15. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) **Airport Travellers Parking at New Development** - A resident of Fairlands Grove, part of the new development off the link road, writes expressing concerns that some motorists visiting the airport are parking their vehicles on the street - sometimes leaving them for a week. The Area Manager has been copied into this correspondence and has contacted Highways and the Police. Highways have advised the resident that the land is currently not adopted and there is very little they can do by way of enforcement. Their suggestion is to contact the developer. Highways advises the Parish Council there are no future plans to implement a Traffic Regulation Order, but have asked to be informed of any further incidents of this nature.

b) **Fir Tree Avenue - Road Closure** - A resident has expressed concerns regarding rumours that there are plans to block pave the temporarily closed road in front of the apartments at Fir Tree Avenue and install bollards in order to prevent vehicular access, even though residents' Deeds state that access must be kept open.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write to the developer and ask him to clarify the situation.

c) **Spillages From Quarry** - It was reported that spillages of material have been observed on a number of occasions during the present and previous week. The Quarry to be made aware of this matter.

d) **Junction of A638/Hurst Lane** - Council has heard from several residents who have experienced "near misses" at this junction and, on occasions, broken glass has been observed nearby. The Clerk to contact Highways and ask for information regarding the number of accidents that have occurred at the junction in recent years.

e) **Deteriorating Highway Surfaces** - Highways to be informed of worn surfaces on Hurst Lane, Mosham Road and B1396 near Bell Butts Lane.

f) **Access to Pembridge Park** - Planning Dept. to be asked to clarify whether the new access being constructed close to Hurst Lane is an emergency access only.

g) **Trees Overhanging Footway** - The Clerk to report to DMBC that trees in the front garden of Stirling House, on the Hayfield Green Estate, are overhanging the footway and need to be trimmed back.

h) **Closure of Public Footpath No. 7** - An Order has been raised to close part of the footpath whilst development takes place.

i) **Check of Sewers** - In view of past flooding and sewerage problems in the village, it was agreed to contact Severn Trent to enquire whether they carry out regular CCTV checks of the sewers.

16. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

a) **Application for Branton Under 12's to Use Field for Training** - Members of Council had no objections to another boys' team using the field for training, providing the Under 8's and 11's find this acceptable. The Clerk reported she has consulted with the Manager of the Under 8's/11's and he doesn't have a problem if they keep to different parts of the field. It was therefore agreed to allow the Under 12's to use the ground.

b) **Inspection of Play Parks** - DMBC Community Officer advises that the East Area Team has been asked to check with their respective Parish Councils to see if they wish to undertake a free weekly visual inspection of the play parks in their villages. Any defects will be reported to DMBC play parks team, who will continue to do their scheduled in-depth inspections throughout the year.

RESOLVED - Members of Council welcomed this offer which will be an additional health and safety check of the area.

c) **Steps on Riverside Park** - The steps leading from River Way have been filled with bark chippings, but over time these have been dispersed. It was agreed to contact DMBC to see whether they supply chippings.

17. **To Consider Suitable Items for Web Site** - No items suggested.

18. **To Consider Information From DMBC Regarding Assets of Community Value** - Noted.

19. **Report of Meetings** - None.

20. **To Consider Planning Applications**

No planning applications have been received.

Swedish Houses, Ellers Lane - Council has noted that PVC windows have been installed in these properties which are listed buildings, and it was agreed to ask DMBC's Planning Dept. whether this type of window is acceptable in a listed building.

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

No decisions have been made.

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

Cheque no. 002357	Mr. G. Warrender	(Purchase of weedkiller for flower tubs)	£9.00
BACS no. 20	Gardens & Allotments	(Supply plants/compost)	£102.70
BACS no. 21	YLCA Seminar	(YLCA Seminar at Ecclesfield)	£45.00
BACS no. 22	Auckley Parish Centre	(Hire for June meeting)	£24.76
BACS no. 23	Arrow Publication	(Items for June publication)	£90.00
BACS no. 24	Glendale Countryside	(Grounds maintenance)	£394.08
BACS no. 25	HAGS SMP	(Part payment for play equipment repairs)	£747.19
BACS no. 26	Cantley with Branton P.C.	(Half payment, Councillor Skills Seminar)	£15.00
BACS no. 27	Staff charges		£194.56
BACS no. 28	HMRC	(Employee's tax)	£2.00
BACS no. 29	N Power	(Pavilion electricity)	£42.68
BACS no. 30	Staff charges		£2,122.24
BACS no. 31	HMRC	(Tax & National Insurance)	£149.66

23. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) Hanson Concrete Batching Plant at Auckley Depot - The Quarry Manager advises that the mobile plant will be present for approx. 2 months in order to supply concrete for the flooring of a new large 'Next' warehouse.
- b) Consultation on Proposed Waste Site - Noted.
- c) Revised Template Rules for the recording of meetings - To be discussed at July meeting.
- d) South Yorkshire transport ticket update - Noted.
- e) Doncaster 'Keeping Safe' Forum - to be discussed at July meeting.

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 8th July 2015, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson