

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

- Present: - Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth,
- Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- District Councillor Mrs. Y. Woodcock
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

1. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Mr. I. Butterfield, Mr. S. Featherstone and Mr. G. Payne

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

Mrs. Worthington declared an interest in Item No. 18 c) and neither spoke or voted on this matter.

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 11th February 2015**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **Community Police Report**

No Police Officer attended the meeting.

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

Crime - 1 x Criminal Damage to Other Property, 1 x Burglary Other, 1 x Burglary Dwelling

Anti-social Behaviour - 2 x Nuisance motorbikes/quads, 2 x Parking Complaints, 3 x Nuisance Youths.,
1 x Rowdy and Inconsiderate Behaviour.

Community Speed Watch Scheme - Wentworth Residents' Association has received letters and emails from 14 Parish Councils expressing concerns regarding speeding on local roads and showing an interest in the scheme. WRA suggests that interested Councils might wish to contact South Yorkshire's Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask whether the Police would give consideration to adopting a Speed Watch Scheme.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write and express an interest in a Community Speed Watch Scheme.

5. **District Councillor's Report**

Mrs. Woodcock was asked whether any progress has been made regarding proposals to develop the former RAF sports field at Hayfield Lane with provision of play equipment. Councillor A. Jones had earlier promised to contact Peel and DMBC's Planning Dept. Mrs. Woodcock agreed to make enquiries.

Mrs. Woodcock reported that some changes are to be made to Community Services.

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

a) Public Footpath No 2 Near Footbridge - Footpaths Officer informs Council that she is not qualified to comment on the Environment Agency's response or why the level of the river has risen, and therefore does not wish to comment further on her previous email. A Member of Council who has recently visited the location reported that the river is currently at a lower level, and the ground on the path has dried up. Members agreed to monitor the area.

b) Ponding, First Avenue - A spokesman for Peel advises that the area at the traffic lights junction of Hayfield Lane and First Avenue is in fact not under the ownership of Peel Land and Property. It transpires that the ownership was transferred to Robin Hood Airport, and then again transferred to the Local Authority.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to send a copy of the email to DMBC's Drainage Officer for his attention.

c) Land Adjacent to Nisa Store - The Nisa proprietor informs Council that once the current building phase to the rear is completed the adjacent land to the side of the store will be cleared of all unwanted materials, and he has been to DMBC and explained the whole process with an implemented time scale. The land to the side of the store will be the final phase, but there are no plans to develop it until there is sufficient or particular demand, however, it will be cleaned and kept tidy.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write to Planning Dept. and ask for clarification re. implemented time scale.

d) Extended Gardens at Gatehouse Lane - A reminder to be sent to Planning Dept.

e) Overgrown Hedges at Mosham Road/Hurst Lane - The Clerk to remind Highways re. this matter and point out that the hedges need to be trimmed before the birds begin nesting.

f) Missing Litter Bin Near Village Green - The bin has now been replaced.

g) Pothole at School Lane/Spey Drive Junction - DMBC's Highways Officer reports that the hole at present is only approx. 20mm deep which is well below the criteria of the 40mm required before repairs can take place. If the hole becomes deeper it will be picked up during regular inspections and repaired.

h) New 'Auckley' Village Sign - The second village sign is now in situ near Poplars Farm at Hurst Lane. This has been built and funded by Barratt/David Wilson Homes. A letter of thanks to be sent to the developers.

i) Banners Displayed on Barriers Outside Hayfield School - The Clerk to consult with the Community Officer regarding this problem.

6. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- j) **Conifer Trees Overhanging Recreation Ground** - It has been established that the trees are growing in the gardens of 2 properties at Sandhill Rise, and it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the residents concerned asking them to kindly trim back branches from the trees that are overhanging onto the recreation ground.
- k) **Inspection of Play Equipment** - DMBC's Playground Inspector advises that all play equipment is inspected on a 4 monthly basis and a report made. He will supply Council with these reports.
- l) **Traffic Survey** - Several members of the Parish Council will undertake a traffic survey near the Lidgett Crossroads on 17th March between 8.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.
- m) **Frequency of Buses** - 'First' Buses Customer Service dept. advises there are no plans to increase the frequency of buses on the Finningley to Doncaster route. Although 'First' operates the service on a commercial basis throughout the day, the evening service is supported by South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, otherwise it would not be able to provide the hourly service that it does now, due to low customer demand.

7. **To Discuss Project to Infill Large Hole at Riverside Park**

The hole has been measured and is 25m x 25m x 0.7m which works out at approx. 460 cubic metres.

The Quarry Manager advises that the rate quoted for aggregate to be transported is for rigid 8 wheelers which carry 20 - 22 tonnes approx. There is no reason in principle why they couldn't tip directly into the hole, although it would be simpler to tip in the entrance to the car park because the access to the hole is somewhat hampered by play equipment, so drivers would have to be satisfied the proposed tipping area was accessible safely and the ground hard enough to support their weight. Council may wish to look at gradings of materials to make sure they are suitable for their specification.

RESOLVED - Agreed to thank the Quarry Manager and discuss this item later when the ground has dried up.

8. **To Discuss Developer's Offer to Install Fencing**

The Technical Co-ordinator for the development at Hurst Lane advises that they are required to provide a 1.8m public right of way between the Charity Land and the development as part of the planning condition. However, the hedge that runs between the Charity Land and the development is causing concern due to the roots being out of the ground. The hedge is effectively dying and has the potential to collapse onto the public right of way. Their tree expert believes the best course of action would be to remove the existing hedging and replace with fencing. DMBC's Trees and Hedges Officer was subsequently informed and reports that the hedging is 'important' under historic criteria by being planted as a result of the Blaxton, Auckley with Finningley Enclosure Award of 1778, and the developer needs to let the local Planning Dept. know if they intend to remove the hedging because this will require a Hedgerow Removal Notice. The Officer needs to work with the developer and would like to see some form of replacement hedgerow being considered, rather than just a fence.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to give the Tree Officer's details to the developer in order for discussion to take place regarding this matter.

9. **To Discuss Environmental Issues in the Parish**

- a) **Emptying Dog Waste Bins** - Council has contacted DMBC's Cleansing Team regarding 2 bins that appear to be sometimes missed by the team. The Manager replies that the current fortnightly collection (Oct - March) is not sufficient and wonders whether Council would consider changing to weekly collections all year round. Council is advised that there will be no increase in price of litter bin emptying for the year 2015/2016.

To increase collections from 39 per year to 52 per year would be as follows:

Winter Collection	39 x 6 bins @ £5.15	£1,205.00
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Summer Collection	52 x 6 bins @ £5.15	£1,606.80
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RESOLVED - Following discussion it was agreed to keep the current schedule of weekly collections from April - September and fortnightly October - March, but monitor and make a decision later in the year whether to increase to weekly collections during the Winter period.

- b) **Complaints Regarding Dog Fouling, Litter, Etc.** - Two residents have raised complaints regarding dogs fouling pavements, litter on Hurst Lane, litter bins not being emptied sufficiently and overhanging hedges. The Chairperson has liaised with Ward Members and Community Officer, and the Clerk has written to the various departments to request that these issues are addressed.
- c) **Request for Litter Bin** - A resident of Common Lane has written to ask whether a litter bin could be installed at Common Lane on the area where grit is stored to resolve problems of dog fouling and litter being discarded.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write and ask the Cleansing Team whether a bin could be provided at both Common Lane and also Hurst Lane to combat these problems.

10. **To Discuss Section 106 Funds**

Mrs. Schofield has supplied Council with an information sheet which lists Section 106 funding for the Finningley Ward. There is only one item relating to Auckley Parish which is the Hayfield Green allocation of £22,500 for provision of recreational facilities on the former RAF sports ground at Hayfield Lane.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write and ask DMBC whether any other S106 funds are available for Auckley.

11. To Discuss Highway Matters

- a) Pothole, Common Lane/Ravenswood Drive Junction - To be reported to Highways Dept.
- b) Road Surface, Entrance to Quarry - Highways Officer to be informed re. deteriorating surface.
- c) Uneven Verge, Hayfield Lane - Workings by the Gas Board have recently been undertaken on the verge at the Hayfield Lane/Hawthorne Road junction, the surface has not been levelled and has sunk down. Highways is to be made aware of this matter.
- d) Gate at Bell Butts Lane - The Clerk has informed DMBC Highways that a gate has been installed across the width of Bell Butts Lane. Although the gate is open during the day, there is a lock which could be used at night.
- e) Fencing Across Public Footpath - Fencing bordering land at Bell Butts Lane has fallen down and is lying across the adjacent footpath. PROW Officer to be informed.
- f) Parking at The Paddocks - Mr. Bidmead, Parking Enforcement Officer has been contacted regarding a car that is regularly parked in front of No. 2 completely covering the pavement, thereby obstructing the footway. Mr. Bidmead advises that he will ask his officers to monitor the situation and, if this persists the Police should also be involved.
- g) Fracking Investigations, Misson Springs - Mrs. Worthington is to make enquiries regarding the route that vehicles will take if fracking is permitted.

12. To Discuss Recreation Matters

- a) Repairs to Playground Equipment - SMP's engineer has carried out repairs to the equipment. Mr. Swainston was thanked for purchasing and erecting orange barrier fencing round the renovated zip wire platform.
- b) Planting of Trees - A resident writes to ask, following recent felling of trees on Ellers Lane, whether Council would consider planting different species of trees in the village to compensate for those that have been lost.
RESOLVED - Council to advise that it would be unable to plant trees on Ellers Lane because it does not own any land at this location, but will consider whether any other sites are suitable.

13. To Review Council's Assets Register and Financial Regulations

- a) Assets Register - Council's total assets for the year are £99,811.00. Members of Council approved the register
- b) Financial Regulations - Council approved the Regulations which were introduced in 2014.

14. To Review Council's Risk Assessment

It was agreed that an addition is made to the entry regarding the sports pavilion to the effect that a test for Legionnaire's Disease has been undertaken by an independent assessor and found to be clear. In addition, the Parish Handyman flushes the showers on a weekly basis and regularly cleans the shower heads.

15. To Decide Suitable Items for Newsletter

It was agreed to publish the following items:

- Council's precept
- Proposed seeding of a wild flower area at Riverside Park
- Council's thanks to developer for erecting and funding new village sign
- Request for residents to use lids to secure recycling boxes
- Problems regarding dog fouling

16. To Consider Items to be Featured on Web Site

It was agreed to feature the items published in the newsletter.

17. To Receive Report of Meetings

No meetings were reported.

18. To Consider Planning Applications:

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

- a) No. 15/00321/FUL - Erection of hay store (12.17m x 12.00m) and machinery store (20.13m x 12m) and formation of access/crossing connection with re-located landscaping business
Brackenfield Farm, Hurst Lane, Auckley
- b) No. 15/00336/FUL - Installation of ATM cash machine to convenience store frontage
Co-operative Finningley, Unit A And B, Anson Grove, Auckley
- c) No. 15/00392/FUL - Erection of detached house to include formation of new vehicular access to classified road (B1396) on approx. 0.04ha of land and removal of windows from side elevation of existing bungalow
Land Adjacent No. 99 Main Street, Auckley

19. To Report Planning Decisions Made by DMBC's Planning Committee

Planning permission was granted in respect of the following planning application:

No. 14/02374/FULM - Mixed use development comprising of 14no. semi-detached and detached dwellings and three commercial units on 0.79ha of land (application to vary conditions 2,13, 14 and 15 of planning application 11/00874/FULM, granted on 10/10/2012 - variation of commercial unit layout, opening hours, permitted use and floorspace restriction) Land at Hayfield Lane, Auckley

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

BACS no. 377	Staff charges		£193.36
BACS no. 378	HMRC	(Employee's tax)	£3.20
BACS no. 379	N Power	(Christmas lights at Oak Tree Ave.)	£70.32
BACS no. 380	Your Name Here	(Hosting of web site)	£58.14
BACS no. 381	Auckley Parish Centre	(Hire room for March meeting)	£24.75
Cheque 002349	Mr. I. Swainston	(Orange fencing & paint)	£68.78
BACS no. 382	Staff charges		£2,100.00
BACS no. 383	Mrs. M. Caygill	(Toilet rolls/litter bags for bus shelter)	£4.75

The Clerk reported that BACS no. 379 payment was originally in the sum of £93.76. She had challenged N Power regarding this amount which was more per unit than the contract. N Power then agreed to reduce the total amount to £70.32 (including a fee of £28.80 for de-energising the meter).

21. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) 'Securing the Future of Neighbourhood Policing' and 'Local Police Model - Key Benefits' This publication was reported to YLCA's South Yorkshire Branch Meeting on 21 February 2015 and circulated to members.
- b) Notice of meeting to discuss Phase 2 of the FARRRS Road project to be held on 18 March at the Hungerhill School

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

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

Chairperson