

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

- Present: - Mr. I. Butterfield, Mr. S. Featherstone, Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth,
 - Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender, Mrs. J. Worthington
 - In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)
1. **Election of Chairperson** - Mrs. J. Worthington was proposed and seconded and duly elected to continue as Chairperson for the ensuing year.
 2. **Declarations of Acceptance of Office** - All 8 members present signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Mrs. Worthington signed an additional Declaration as Chairperson.
 3. **Election of Vice Chairperson** - Mr. Featherstone was proposed and seconded and duly elected to continue as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
 4. **Public Participation** - None.
 5. **To Receive Apologies for Absence** - Received and accepted from Mr. G. Payne. It was agreed that Mr. Payne would be granted a dispensation in order to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office within 35 days.
 6. **To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and any Amendments** - None declared. Members to complete new Registers of Interests.
 7. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 8th April 2015**
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
 8. **To Make Appointments to Outside Bodies** - Council Members were appointed to various bodies as follows:
 - a) Auckley Parish Centre - Ms. Staniforth and Mr. Warrender
 - b) PCJCC - Mrs. Worthington (Ms. Staniforth was nominated as substitute for Mrs. Worthington)
 - c) Airport Noise & Environment Committee - Mr. Swainston (Mrs. Platts was nominated as substitute for Mr. Swainston)
 - d) PROW - Mr. Warrender
 - e) Charity Trustees - Mrs. Fiddler appointed as a Trustee to the Charity of Richard Metcalfe and Others
 9. **Community Police Report**
The South SNA Monthly Police Report lists the following incidents that occurred in Auckley during April:
Crime - Burglary Other 1
Burglary Dwelling 1
Criminal Damage to Vehicles 2
Criminal Damage to Dwellings 1
Theft from Motor Vehicles 2
Anti- Social Behaviour - 2 x Nuisance Quads/Motorbikes, 4 x Nuisance Youths, 2 x Parking
Council to request that the speed gun is operated on Main Street and particularly at Hurst Lane, following a recent accident outside the Hayfield School.
 10. **District Councillor's Report**
The two new District Councillors elected for the Finningley Ward are Mr. Steve Cox and Mrs. Jane Cox. Council is to write and congratulate the new Councillors and inform them of the dates of Council meetings. The Clerk to write and ask Councillor Allan Jones what progress has been made regarding the proposed recreational development at Hayfield Lane.
 11. **Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**
 - a) **Ponding, First Avenue** - DMBC Drainage Officer points out that the L.A. doesn't consider roads for adoption when they are built - it is the developer who applies and enters into a Section 38 Agreement (Highways Act) during the planning stages for the road to be adopted on completion. It is then inspected and officially adopted if up to standard. It is therefore possible that an Adoption Agreement was never entered into for First Avenue when the airport was established and it remains un-adopted. It was agreed to write again and ask Peel what progress has been made to address the ongoing problem of ponding.
 - b) **Banner Displayed on School Railings** - This has now been removed.
 - c) **Gate Across Bell Butts Lane** - Highways Officer advises that the lane is a public highway maintained, but it is also a public footpath which gives it dual status. In 2006 legislation came into force which contained various powers, one of which removes vehicular rights to the public on dual status highways where certain criteria applies. Bell Butts Lane is one such highway and vehicular rights to the public no longer apply, however the footpath rights still exist, and in that case the only duty of the Highway Authority is to preserve public pedestrian access along the lane as it is a public footpath. He has checked the gate and pedestrians can still gain access to the side of it, so no further action will be taken unless the situation changes.

11. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- d) Overgrown Hedges Mosham Road/Hurst Lane - These have now been trimmed back. Complete.
- e) Fencing Across Public Footpath, Bell Butts Lane - Footpaths Officer reports that fencing across the footpath has now been repaired by the landowner and is no longer obstructing the pathway.
- f) Planting of Wild Flower Seeds - Herbicide has been applied and flower seeds planted. Payment authorised.
- g) Section 106 Funding - The Area Manger confirms that Section 106 funds for Auckley are as follows:
Planning re: 99/0901/FUL, there is a balance of £22,633
Planning re: 09/1403/FULM, there is a balance of £32,000
- h) New Village Sign, Mosham Road - LMN Contractors advise that their next available date to start would be the last week in July. The cost would be the same as the previous one. Highways Officer informs that a licence is not required, but 2-3 week's notice of start date is needed.
- i) Provision of Plants for Tubs - Mr. Warrender reported that he is obtaining prices and will purchase and plant flowers in all the tubs. Authorisation given for weed killer to be purchased.
- j) Hedging and Fencing Between Charity Land and New Development - Pending.

12. **To Approve the Annual Audit Return**

The Annual Return form, to be completed by the Internal and External Auditor during the main audit, was approved and signed by the Chair.

Money in bank at 31st March 2015 £25,747.58

Total payments at 31st March 2015 £25,442.09

Total receipts at 31st March 2015 £32,814.34

13. **To Consider Application for Financial Assistance Towards New Scout Building**

Council was informed that the scout hut and grassed area to the rear of the building is owned by the scouts, with the car park in front being owned by Hanson Quarry.

RESOLVED - Following discussion it was agreed in principle to give some financial support when planning permission is obtained. Mr. Featherstone proposed that a donation in the sum of £2,000 be given, but the proposal was not seconded. An amendment was proposed by Ms. Staniforth that no amount is specified and the Scouts/Guides Group are asked whether they have received any offers of financial assistance or applied for grant funding. The amendment was approved.

Ms. Staniforth also proposed Council adopts a policy specifying that it would be entitled to claim back any donation made to an organisation if any event/proposed development does not go ahead. This was agreed.

14. **To Discuss Traffic Issues**

- a) Report of Accident Outside School - Council was informed that a pupil who attends The Hayfield School on Hurst Lane was recently involved in an accident with a car whilst crossing Hurst Lane. Fortunately no serious injuries were sustained, but the incident highlights the dangers children face when crossing the road with a 40 mph speed limit and the absence of a pedestrian crossing, whereas the McCauley School has two crossings and a 30 mph limit outside the school.
RESOLVED - Agreed to write to Ward Members with copies to Caroline Flint and the Doncaster Mayor with a request for the speed limit to be reduced from 40 to 30 mph and provision of a pedestrian crossing.
- b) Highway Officer's Reply to Traffic Survey - The results of a traffic survey carried out by Parish Councillors has been sent to DMBC Highways with a request for traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing to be provided at the Crossroads. The Highways Officer advises that remedial works would only be implemented where the safety record prompted the consideration of treatment on a priority basis, in comparison to the problems being experienced elsewhere in the Borough. As detailed previously, according to Police data the junction has a good long term casualty record, showing no cause for concern which might prompt priority action. In this situation there are no plans to undertake further work at this location.
- c) Parking Outside Eilers Lane Shops - DMBC Parking and Enforcement Officer was contacted earlier as a result of motorists parking on the grass verge and footway outside the shops and advises that this parking does not fall within his officers' remit as the vehicles are parked outside of the highway boundary. If the vehicles are deemed dangerous or obstructive then this would be a matter for the Police.
The local Police Community Support Officer advises that Officers are unable to take any action unless they are actually at the scene when the vehicles are seen to be parked, and they cannot take retrospective action. Having checked the registration numbers they find neither of the 2 car owners are from the local area.
- d) To Consider Possible Installation of Bollards - Council has written to DMBC's Highways Officer to ask whether he would consider the possibility of installing bollards on the corner outside the supermarket to address the problem of motorists parking on the grass verge and footway. He replies that in the short term he will arrange for the patrols to be up rated as it is public highway where they are parked and the double yellow lines cover it. If things don't improve he will certainly look at more physical measures and is happy to fund it
RESOLVED - It was agreed to write to the Supermarket Manager and ask if he could encourage shoppers to use the car park rather than parking on the road/verge/footway, and possibly put a notice in the window.

15. **To Consider Quotation to Supply Gravel for Infilling Ponding Area**

The Quarry Manager advises that gravel would be £11.19 per tonne delivered.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to ask local farmers to provide quotations to deliver approx. 400 cubic metres of aggregate to recreation ground.

16. **To Discuss Land Adjacent to Nisa Store**

The Environmental Health Officer had earlier given the landowner a time in which to tidy up the site with the deadline being 13th May. Unfortunately the owner has not complied and there remains a large felled tree and rubble spread on the ground. It was agreed to write again to DMBC.

17. **To Renew Council's Insurance**

This is the third and last year of Council's insurance agreement with Zurich Municipal. The cost of the premium for June 2015 is £1,115.49 which is an increase of £24.49 since 2014. Property sums insured have been raised by the appropriate index-linked percentages (i.e. 3% for buildings and 3% for contents.).

RESOLVED - Payment of premium approved.

18. **To Discuss Highway Matters** -

a) **Highway Verges** - DMBC to be informed that verges on Gatehouse Lane are churned up and in need of renovation. The verge at junction of Hayfield Lane/Hawthorne Road is still uneven, following work carried out by British Gas.

19. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

a) **Repair of Play Equipment** - Two Members have met with SMP's maintenance engineer, after members queried whether any repairs/adjustments had been made to the pyramid climber. The engineer attempted to adjust the anchor point, and Council Members deduced it had not been adjusted on the previous visit. It would also appear that multiplay fixings had not been inserted. The Clerk to contact the Manager once more.

b) **Application to Allow a Second Team to Use Pitch** - A local resident has applied to share the football pitch with Auckley Football Club (the current players), and arrange fixtures with the Football League in order to use the pitch when the Auckley Team is playing away. The Manager of the Auckley Football Team has been consulted, following the application, and reminded Council that when 2 teams last used the pitch the condition of the surface deteriorated to such a degree that there was a danger of the referee cancelling matches because the grass did not have time to recover between games.

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mr. Swainston proposed that only one team is allowed to play on the pitch in order to keep it in condition. Ms. Staniforth seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

c) **Noisy Teenagers Playing Football** - Residents living near the recreation car park have reported that a group of noisy older teenagers are regularly collecting in the car park during the evening to play football, and this is causing concern to occupants of the cul-de-sac.

RESOLVED - Members were of the opinion that unless these individuals are causing damage there is nothing they can do because they are playing in a public place.

d) **Off-Road Bikers on Recreation Ground** - Mr. Swainston reported he had seen 2 off-road bikers on the Riverside Park, but wasn't sure which direction they eventually disappeared to. Members to monitor. The latest PACT meeting reported that Police have been targeting off-road bikers in the local villages.

20. **To Nominate Officers for South Yorkshire Branch of YLCA**

RESOLVED - Members agreed to nominate Mr. Duncan Wright to serve as Chairman of the South Yorkshire Branch of YLCA and Mr. Derck Liddell as Vice Chairman.

21. **To Consider Items for Newsletter** - The following items to feature in the newsletter:

a) **Hurst Lane Outside School** - Following a recent accident, Council is to continue to press for 30 mph speed limit and crossing.

b) **Main Street** - Report of Council's traffic survey at Main Street and Highways Officer's response.

22. **To Consider Items for Parish Web Site**

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

23. **To Make Comments on Consultation**

DMBC is seeking views on the revised Draft Statement of Community Involvement in Planning and Development Guidance and Requirements Supplementary Planning Document

RESOLVED - DMBC is thanked for consulting Council, and their advice will be looked for on local issues.

24. **To Report on Meetings** - None held.

25. **To Consider Planning Applications**

a) **No. 15/00337/FUL - Installation of external plant and enclosure (2.4m) high**

Co-operative Finningley, (Units A & B), Anson Grove, Auckley

Council has concerns that trees/shrubs planted on perimeter are close to footway running in front of Willow Crescent and could possibly encroach onto footway when mature. Council supports Environmental Officer's recommendations regarding acoustic fencing.

25. **To Consider Planning Applications (continued)**

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

- b) No. 15/00908/ADV - Display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs
Co-operative, Anson Grove, Auckley
- c) No. 15/00831/FUL - Formation of rooms in roof space
5A River Way, Auckley
- d) No. 15/00215/FUL - Installation of a 10MW solar photovoltaic development including ancillary buildings, landscaping, new entrance and access to site from Bawtry Road
Land North of Bawtry Road, and South of Bryans Close Lane, Misson

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

The following planning applications were approved by the Planning Committee:

- a) 15/00312/FUL - Erection of hay store (12.17m x 12.00m) and machinery store (20.13m x 12.00m) and formation of access/crossing in connection with re-located landscaping business
Brackenfield Farm, Hurst Lane, Auckley
- b) 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 Adj. 99 Main Street, Auckley,

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

BACS no. 9	Armthorpe Elmfield Band	(Accompany Christmas carols)	£200.00
BACS no. 10	Staff charges		£194.76
BACS no. 11	HMRC	(Employee's tax payment)	£1.80
BACS no. 12	Mr. C. Humphreys	(Safety boots)	£49.95
BACS no. 13	South Anston Fire Extinguishers	(Annual check + replace one cylinder)	£87.60
BACS no. 14	Zurich Municipal Insurance	(Annual premium)	£1,115.49
BACS no. 15	Mr. J.W. Bichan	(Treat soil and plant flower seeds)	£780.00
BACS no. 16	Auckley Parish Centre	(Hire of room for May meeting)	£24.75
BACS no. 17	HMRC	(Employee's tax payment)	£2.00
BACS no. 18	Staff charges		£194.56
BACS no. 19	Glendale	(Grounds maintenance)	£832.86

RESOLVED - It was agreed to reimburse the Clerk for the fee of £40 which she had paid to the computer engineer for updating the HMRC site as this was required in order to pay a member of staff.

- 28. a) YLCA Provision of Services Agreement - The Clerk to write and accept the Terms of Agreement.
- b) Report Regarding Information on Double Taxation - DMBC to be informed that the Parish Council is disappointed the Local Authority does not intend to implement the Community Infrastructure Levy at the present time.
- c) Assets of Community Value - This item to be discussed at the next meeting.

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 10th June 2015, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson