

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 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
- District Councillor Mr. S. Cox
- Stronger Communities Officer Stephen Racjan
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**Before the start of the formal meeting a period of 15 minutes was allowed for public participation**

No issues were raised under public participation.

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

2. **To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and any Amendments**

Mr. S. Featherstone declared an interest in Item No. 9.

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 14th October 2015**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

4. **To Receive Community Police Report**

No Police Officer was able to attend the meeting.

**Replies From Police** - Council had written to the Police regarding 3 matters and received replies as follows:

- a) **Monthly SNA Report** - Council is advised that the Police do not produce reports anymore because the data collection takes 1 PCSO half a day to complete and they are no longer able to do this with the staff reduction.
- b) **Speed Camera** - The Police contact is awaiting news from her business manager as to when the camera will be back in use. The Clerk to write again to ask if the camera has now been re-calibrated, how often does it go in for testing, and are there reserves that can be used in the meantime.
- c) **Safety Issues at Ravenswood Drive/Thorncliffe Gardens Junction** - The local PCSO Officer reports that she has monitored the area every evening when on duty for a week and has found it easy to emerge from the Thorncliffe Gardens, even when cars are parked on Ravenswood Drive. She has not found any obstruction or dangerous positioning during the times she was present, but agreed that some visibility is reduced by hedges on the left, so maybe it would help the situation if these were trimmed back. The location will be monitored. Photographs to be taken to highlight the parking problem at this location.

**Police & Crime Commissioner** - Council agreed to invite Dr. Billings to a Parish Council meeting in 2016.

**Tractors on Highway** - Council to write to Police and report that earlier in the week a stream of tractors towing trailers loaded with maize were seen being driven through the village without number plates or lights on the back of the trailers. Advice to be sought on whether this is legal practice.

5. **To Receive Report From District Councillor and DMBC Officer**

**District Councillor Steve Cox reported:**

- a) **Sewage Pumps** - Mr. Cox is keeping in touch with Severn Trent staff regarding the operation of the pumps.
- b) **Ponding at Hayfield Lane/First Avenue Junction** - Members reported that the area was dry the previous week, possibly as a result of water being pumped out, however, on the day of the Council meeting the water was a third of the way across the highway.
- c) **Licensing Board** - Mr. Cox advised that he is a member of the Board, and the Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Licence application to extend its entertainment hours will be going to a Hearing on 17th November.
- d) **Request for Continuation of Hurst Lane Footway** - Mr. Cox is liaising with DMBC Highways and hopefully work to continue the footway can be undertaken soon, possibly with a contribution from the developers.

**Community Officer, Steve Racjan reported the following:**

- a) **Trimming of Trees** - A row of poplar trees have been trimmed at Hayfield Lane.
- b) **Vandalised Cars** - Two cars which had been parked at Larch Avenue for some days (possibly left by airport travellers) were later found to have been vandalised and have been removed by DMBC.
- c) **Funding for Community Projects** - Mr. Racjan advised that funding is available for community projects and equipment can be provided for hobbies. He has already been in contact with some local groups in the local area, and suggestions from members of Council of any other suitable organisations would be welcome.

6. **Matters Arising From the October Minutes**

- a) **Untidy Land Adjacent Nisa Store** - The Clerk reported that, having examined the details of the planning permission granted for the new extension to the store, the conditions state that fencing must be provided to the rear of the extension to the store but this does not include the untidy land in question. The Environmental Enforcement Officer advises that she is to serve a Community Protection Notice on the land dated 23rd October which gives the owner 3 weeks to do the work, and Council will be informed of progress. Members of Council reported that there has been some improvement to the site - several items have been removed, but some debris remains to the rear of the new extension.

6. Matters Arising (continued)

- b) Request for Dog Waste Bins - DMBC was asked if dog waste bins could be provided at the following sites:
- i) Public Footpath No. 1 - DMBC Officer advises that he will look into possibility of siting a dual bin at the side of the post box near to the Eagle and Child car park. He is unable to commit at the moment as he has a waiting list of 12 sites requiring replacement/new bins. He will also look at Bell Butts Lane, but sites need to have access for a vehicle to empty the bins.
  - ii) Airport Link Road - As this road is private DMBC would only look to place a bin in this area if costs for purchasing and emptying were covered, and permission to park vehicles in the area would be required when emptying, as the current stopping restrictions would instigate a fine to Council. This reply to be forwarded to Peel's Building Manager.
- c) Parking at Airport - The Airport's Environmental and Community Officer advises that the airport provides a variety of options of on-site parking, including a free period for the purpose of picking up and dropping off. The airport is not responsible for parking enforcement on roads and business park surrounding the airport, this is the responsibility of the landowner, Peel Investments who work closely with Excel Parking to monitor vehicle activity in the area.
- d) Parking on Airport Link Road - Peel's Building Manager advises that Vehicle Control Services (VCS) operate on vital routes onto the airport using appropriately liveried vehicles. This service became necessary, due to the unsafe practices of some motorists which recently caused risks to safety, nuisance to motorists and local residents. There is no set criteria on a minimum time a vehicle can remain stationary, however, VCS undertakes reviews of all CCTV footage taken by their patrol officers before issuing a parking charge notice (PCN). If motorists perceive they have had a good reason to stop they can appeal.
- e) Motorbikes at Hurst Plantation Quarry - DMBC's Environmental Officer reports that he has now contacted the owner of the quarry site who assures him that he has not given any expressed permissions for riders to use the land, and is to confirm this in writing. Riders are therefore using the site illegally. En. Officer will inform the Police and local Neighbourhood Response Team of this activity, and when people are caught on site they will be dealt with.
- f) Possible Provision of a Water Supply on Village Green - DMBC's Grounds Officer advises that he would have no objection to Council providing some form of running water supply on the village green, but Highways would need to be informed. There is a brick-built structure on the racecourse roundabout to enable watering of the plants. Other options include providing plants that require less water, purchasing a water bowser, using tubs with a water reserve or employing DMBC to regularly water the plants. The Officer will make some enquiries regarding this matter.
- g) Access to Pembridge Park - The Planning Officer is hoping to clarify the situation when she speaks to a new contact at the development.
- h) Remembrance Poppy Wreath - Mr. Warrender was thanked for attending the Remembrance Ceremony at the Blaxton War Memorial and laying a poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.
- i) Request for Speed Humps at Ellers Lane - A local resident is unhappy with the reply from DMBC's Highways Officer to his request for the provision of speed humps at Ellers Lane, additional warning signs at Common Lane, and a speed reduction at Hurst Lane.  
**RESOLVED** - The resident is to be advised to contact the 3 District Councillors for the Finningley Ward.
- j) Proposal to Move Post Office to Nisa Store - The Post Office confirms that they will be proceeding with their proposal to move the Post Office from Hayfield Lane to the Nisa Store. Posters will now be displayed to inform customers of this decision. Final arrangements will be made and further posters will then be provided in branch soon to let customers know the actual date the move will take place.
- k) Road at Fir Tree Avenue - A resident writes to ask whether Council knows when the road will be opened again to enable him to walk once more on the road. .  
**RESOLVED** - The resident to be advised that the builders are still working on the apartments which are close to the road, therefore, due to health and safety, the road will not be opened until all building work has been completed, however, more information can be obtained from the Hayfield Village Residents' Committee.
- l) Overgrown Public Footpath No. 7 - DMBC's Footpaths Officer advises that their maintenance team is currently carrying out a cut-back programme and should be in Auckley within the next 14 days.

7. To Discuss Council's Responsibilities Regarding Pensions for Employees

The Government has introduced changes to pension rules which means that employers have to enrol employees in a pension scheme and contribute to a pension if earnings are above £5,824 per year. If earnings are below this sum an employee can ask his employer to provide a pension scheme, however, in these circumstances the employer is not obliged to contribute towards the scheme. The Parish Handyman's annual wages are below this figure, and he is to be informed of the plan in case he expresses a wish to be enrolled into a pension scheme.

**RESOLVED** Following discussion, Ms. Staniforth proposed that Council does not contribute towards a pension scheme. Mrs. Platts seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

8. **To Ratify Comments Made to Doncaster Licensing Committee Regarding Yorkshire Wildlife Park**

Yorkshire Wildlife Park has applied to the Doncaster Licensing Committee for a licence with no time restrictions for holding indoor and outdoor activities such as plays, films, live and recorded music, dance, plus the serving of late night refreshments and alcohol. Members of Council were consulted prior to the November meeting as feedback was required by 22nd October, and their comments were ratified as follows:

Council supports the Wildlife Park which is a popular amenity, however, there are concerns regarding the current licensing application to allow a number of activities including live and recorded music and dance with no time restrictions. The main concern is the noise nuisance that could occur late into the night which would adversely affect Auckley residents, given that noises from the park can be clearly heard in the village. There are also concerns that animals in the park might be affected. Council feels that a cut-off point of 10.00 p.m. should be implemented for all outdoor live and recorded music, and a separate licence application made in order to hold special events.

9. **To Discuss Proposal to Build a Sixth Form College in Grounds of The Hayfield School**

Council has recently learnt from the local press of a proposal to build a Sixth Form College in the grounds of the Hayfield School, but has not been officially notified. Likewise the local Ward Members know very little about the project. It appears that the current Sixth Form will not be financially viable in the future if less than 200 pupils attend, and will inevitably lead to its closure. The building of a new college will mean that pupils currently at the school will not have to move to another area when they reach the Sixth Form. The new college is part of the Government's Free Schools programme and will be fully funded by the Education Funding Agency.

Members voiced their concerns regarding important issues that will arise as a result of the college, i. e. a new access onto Hayfield Lane and additional traffic and parking that will be generated as a result of this development, particularly with pupils travelling in from other areas.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to write to local Member of Parliament, Caroline Flint, and ask if she can give any further information on this project.

10. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) **Accident Outside Hayfield School** - A resident informs Council that her son in the school's sixth form was recently involved in an accident on Hurst Lane outside the school when he was hit by the wing mirror of a passing car. Fortunately he was not badly injured, however, she hopes that measures will be taken to reduce speed at this location and that a pedestrian crossing is provided in the interests of safety.

A copy of the email to be sent to the Police and DMBC Highways.

A second resident expresses concerns regarding speeding on Main Street and requests that traffic-calming measures be introduced, including a sign similar to one at Branton warning of the presence of speed cameras.

b) **Traffic Speeds on Hurst Lane** - The Clerk to write and ask the Highways Officer whether proposals have now been finalised for a reduction in the speed limit at Hurst Lane outside the Hayfield School, following recent surveys undertaken on the road.

c) **Hayfield Lane Primary School Crossing Patrol Officer** - The Administrator responsible for School Crossing Patrol Officers has written to ask if Council can substantiate a complaint regarding an inconsistency in the number of days the Officer has worked, as her records show the Crossing Patrol has worked a standard morning and afternoon since the school returned in September. The Clerk has found that a Hayfield resident did express concerns in July to the Hayfield Village Residents' Company regarding a number of traffic problems, including the difficulty of crossing Hayfield Lane due to inconsistent lollipop services. However, no further complaints have been made since that time.

d) **Damaged Grass Verge on Hayfield Lane** - DMBC Highways to be informed of damage to grass and broken birds' beak fencing on the highway verge near to the Co-operative Store.

e) **Unlit Street Lamp** - The Clerk to report an unlit street lamp on Main Street (No. 09320).

f) **Potholes at Gatehouse Lane** - DMBC Highways Dept. to be advised of 2 potholes on the stretch of road between the Mosham Road junction and the railway level crossing.

g) **Damaged Bus Shelter** - SYPTE to be informed that one of the panels has been knocked out of the bus shelter, and a hole burnt in another panel. The Police have been asked to keep an eye on the shelter when in the area.

11. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

a) **Proposed Football Tournament** - The organiser of the tournament has confirmed the date of the tournament will be the 18th and 19th of June. He enquires where they can obtain traffic cones to use in surrounding streets and whether the toilets in the pavilion would be adequate for this event. He was advised to contact DMBC for traffic cones and liaise with the Show Committee in case they are able to supply their mobile toilets.

b) **Carol Singing at Eagle and Child** - This event will be held on Tuesday 15th December at 7.00 p.m. in the car park of the Eagle and Child, and usually a temporary cover is provided for the band and carol singers.

c) **Ground Work on Ponding Area** - The grounds maintenance contractor has advised the Clerk that the remaining vegetation will be easy to remove, following application of herbicide, and area will be seeded later in the week

11. **To Discuss Recreation Matters (continued)**

d) **To Ratify Additional Work Required to Pavilion** - Mrs. Worthington spoke to the contractor whilst he was undertaking work to the outside of the pavilion, and he pointed out that the weatherboard was rotten and needed replacing. He was asked to carry out these repairs as an additional task to work already agreed.  
**RESOLVED** - Council ratified this decision.

e) **Dog Waste Bin, Spey Drive Play Area** - DMBC to be informed the bin is badly damaged and needs replacing.

12. **To Decide Items to Be Printed in December Newsletter**

It was agreed to include the following items in the 'Arrow' Newsletter, plus Season's Greetings.

- Traffic speeds
- Carol singing
- Poppy wreath
- Request for dog waste bins
- Proposed Sixth Form College

13. **To Consider Suitable Items for Parish Web Site**

It was agreed to display the above newsletter items.

14. **To Receive Reports on Meetings**

a) **'I Gas' Meeting** - Mr. Warrander reported that if permission is given for fracking to take place at the Misson site the main route for transporting material would be from Misson to Blaxton on the A614, and then to the motorway. Those who attended the meeting were informed that there are already 60 wells producing oil and gas in the local area and only 7 years of gas left under the sea, whereas there would be 40-50 years of material underground if fracking takes place, however, the main concern is possible contamination of water supplies.

b) **PCJCC Meeting** - Mrs. Worthington reported on the following:  
Doncaster Local Plans - will go to the Inspector and be implemented in 2016.  
Green Belt - there will be a review of the green belt next year.  
Section 106 Agreements - Christian Foster will be reporting back to Parish Councils.  
Planning Enforcement - will be discussed at the next meeting.

c) **Waste Management Meeting** - Mrs. Worthington and the Clerk attended one of the consultation meetings. The current collection services contract expires in 2017 and attendees were asked to consider a range of options that will be cost effective and sustainable. A new depot has been built at Kirk Sandall with capacity to manage all household waste on one site, and there may be changes to the size and number of bins/boxes that will be provided for residents.

15. **To Consider Planning Application**

**No. 15/02625/FUL - Single storey flat roof building to rear, 4 Orchard Walk, Auckley, Doncaster**

Council expressed concerns that the extension might be used as a separate dwelling, resulting in all the problems of a shared drive and possible parking of vehicles on the road. The plan was also considered to be over-development on a small plot.

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

**Planning Permission Granted to the following:**

No. 15/01720/FULFT - Erection of single storey extension to rear, erection of two storey porch to front and increase in roof height by 2.4m overall to create dormer bungalow with 5 dormer windows  
30 Main Street, Auckley, Doncaster

No. 15/01286/FUL - Erection of detached house following demolition of existing agricultural barn (Renewal of Planning Permission 08/00797/FUL) 19 Ellers Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

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

BACS no. 73	Staff payments		£195.76
BACS no. 74	HMRC	(Income tax)	£2.20
BACS no. 75	DMBC	(Emptying dog bins)	£339.90
BACS no. 76	DMBC	(Election expenses)	£111.89
BACS no. 77	SLCC	(Annual membership)	£131.00
Cheque no. 002351	Mr. I. Swainston	(Purchase 'Postcrete')	£11.98

18. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) Public Consultation on proposed new Doncaster bus network
- b) YLCA - Hydraulic fracking presentation
- c) Launch of Voluntary and Faith Sector Support Group
- d) Doncaster Village Care Scheme and Community Hubs

19. **To Confirm Date of Next Meeting** - To be held on Wednesday, 9th December 2015, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson .....

