

**THE MINUTES OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**  
**AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE**

- Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman) ,
- Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

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

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

1. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Mr. I. Butterfield and Mr. G. Payne.

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

None declared.

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 12th October 2016**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **To Receive Community Police Report**

Council was informed that an accident had occurred at 11.45 p.m. on the 7th November when a car had collided with the wall in front of No. 81 Main Street, following which the car then hit a wall on the opposite side of the road. There were no witnesses, however, the assumption is that the motorist was probably driving too fast, and speeding motorists are an ongoing problem on this stretch of road.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to write to Highways, Police and Ward Members regarding this matter.

**Dr. Alan Billings, S.Y. Police and Crime Commissioner** - Reports he has met with local MPs to discuss local policing and reassure them that efforts will be made to restore neighbourhood policing, although this will be in a different form and involve working with other partners

Ms. Sioned-Mair Richards has been appointed part-time Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner.

5. **Report from District Councillors/Community Officers**

Ward Member, Steve Cox and Community Officer, Stephen Racjan both sent their apologies.

6. **Matters Arising from the October Meeting**

a) **Blocked Gullies** - It was reported that surface water gullies at Hurst Lane are still blocked with sand, and there are sand deposits on the road and footway.

**RESOLVED** - Agreed to write to the Manager of the Hanson Quarry to ask re. road sweeping.

b) **Fall Pipes Draining onto Public Pathway** - DMBC's Drainage Officer has carried out a site visit and both residents have been sent letters asking them to re-direct the water drainage.

c) **Water Ponding at Rear of Cambrian Estate** - The Drainage Engineer will be undertaking a site visit with a Highways Officer, and action taken as required.

d) **Overgrown Hedges, Rear of Cambrian Estate** - DMBC's Highways Officer has asked Mr. Machin to liaise with the Clerk and arrange to send out letters.

e) **Hedging Overgrowing Property at Main Street** - St. Leger Estates Officer has carried out a site visit with the Tree Team and spoken to the resident affected, who is happy with the planned works.

f) **Parking Problems, Lancaster Court** - The Area Manager reports that since the sign was installed they have not received any further complaints regarding staff from the nearby offices parking on the approach to the apartments. The new sign was placed on the wall because there were concerns that if placed nearer to the entrance it might be pulled off. She is disappointed to hear that the sign is not considered satisfactory and will ask for a second one, however, it took a long time to obtain the original sign as management required evidence regarding the need for a sign.

f) **Untidy Land Fronting Fir Tree Avenue** - Environmental Officer reports she is still in conversation with parties involved and is being passed from property developers to management companies and back again. She will continue to chase this up.

g) **Complaint From Resident Re. Land- Spreading** - The resident is not satisfied with replies from DMBC's Environmental Officer and the Parish Council. His response was noted.

h) **Donation Towards Defibrillator** - The Clerk will be contacted for funds when project is finalised.

6. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- i) **Request for Traffic Calming Raised Red Strips on Road** - In response to Council's query, DMBC's Highways Officer suggests that recent work seen at Bennethorpe involving red slightly-raised strips installed on roads was simply the periodic renewal of those existing markings which do tend to wear out after a while. With regard to Auckley, the situation remains as previously outlined, and there are no plans to add to the extensive measures previously implemented in the village over the last decade.
- j) **Dogs Fouling on Riverside Park** - Members of the Kingdom Enforcement Team patrolled the park during the afternoon of 20th October and reported there was no activity at that time. They have advised the Clerk they will patrol the area on a regular basis and at differing times of the day.
- k) **Overhanging Trees, Sandhill Rise** - The trees have now been trimmed.
- l) **Overhanging Tree, Hawthorne Road** - Pending.
- m) **Traffic Using Mosham Road** - DMBC's Highways Officer advises that in the event of the land at Mosham Road being developed it would generate a significant amount of traffic and therefore need a full transport assessment. This would evaluate the implications of the development on the highway network in order to determine what mitigation measures were required and whether the impact on the public highway network would be acceptable.
- n) **Proposals for Hayfield Lane Recreation Ground** - Pending.
- o) **Co-operative Car Park** - Pending.

7. **To Receive Quarterly Internal Audit and Budget Summary**

The quarterly internal audit has been checked and approved by the 2 delegated members.

**RESOLVED** - Council accepted the audit and budget summary.

8. **To Consider Asking Energy Consultant to Investigate Electricity Prices**

N Power recently advised the Clerk that, following the end of the pavilion annual contract, the quarterly standing charge of £20.96 would now be increased to £52.00 for the October - January quarter. As a result, initial enquiries were made with an energy consultant at 'Utilitywise' to investigate whether another supplier might be able to provide a cheaper price. N Power has now advised they can provide a one year fixed contract with standing charge of £21.98 per quarter, and electric at 23.98pence per kWh.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Council decided to remain with N Power.

9. **To Authorise Payment for Planters to be Sited on Verge Adjoining Car Park**

Council agreed to purchase two self-watering planters each measuring 1 metre square in standard green with 'Auckley Parish Council' embossed in gold lettering on each container, and funded by a legacy.

Cost of containers           £298.00 each

Wording                       £32.00 each

Carriage                       £40.00

DMBC to be asked to construct a concrete base for each container and also the area where the recycling bins are sited, once approval is obtained from park owner to temporarily move containers onto car park.

10. **To Approve Draft Specification for Riverside Park Grounds Maintenance Contract**

It was agreed to make clear that, in the interests of safety, the grass on the football pitch is to be cross-cut in 2 directions each time to ensure that clippings are dispersed and not left on the surface of the pitch. The grass around and underneath the play equipment to be cut/strimmed on the same fortnightly schedule as the main field and additional strimming to be carried out when requested by Council.

11. **To Discuss Request for Pedestrian Crossing at Hurst Lane**

DMBC's Senior Highways Officer is still waiting to hear from his colleague and will chase this matter up. The Stronger Communities Area Manager has written to Council to point out that the planning permission granted for development of the new Sixth Form College does not mention any S106 funds are to be allocated towards a pedestrian crossing.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to wait for a response from the Highways Officer regarding this matter.

12. **To Discuss Request for Additional GP Surgery**

A reply is awaited from the local Member of Parliament.

13. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) **Parking at Spitfire Way** - A resident living on the estate has complained of irresponsible parking, of large vehicles associated with an alleged business run from home, limited parking for visitors and lack of space for children to play outdoors. A copy of his email to be sent to Ward/Comm. Members

13. **To Discuss Highway Matters (continued)**

b) **Report of Meeting Regarding Pinfold** - Two Members of Council met with a resident who lives adjacent to the village pinfold on Main Street and has, together with nearby residents, been leaving his wheelie bin in the pinfold on collection days. He reasons that this is because the footway outside his house is very narrow and, if the bin is left on the footway, pedestrians would be forced onto the highway and in danger from passing traffic. Council Members made it clear to the resident that they were not giving him consent to use the pinfold, if he decided to use it, the onus would be on him  
**RESOLVED** - It was agreed that Council should send a letter to the resident confirming the advice given to him by Members.

Mr. Warrender was thanked for tidying up and clearing weeds from the pinfold.

c) **Proposed Compulsory Purchase of Land for New Road** - DMBC's Legal Dept. is to make documents relating to the proposal available for public inspection at the Civic Centre and the Main Library.

d) **Washing of Wheelie Bins** - It was reported that a private firm is jet washing wheelie bins over the surface water gullies and this includes debris from the bottom of the bins which could potentially block the drains.

**RESOLVED** - DMBC to be informed and asked whether these operators require a licence.

e) **Motorists Dazzled by Spotlight** - The resident of a house on Hurst Lane is to be advised that the spotlight shining onto the nameplate at the entrance to his property is dazzling motorists when they are driving round the bend. Council wonders whether he might consider slightly adjusting the angle of the lamp to reduce the glare.

f) **Unfinished Footway, Hurst Lane** - Cllr. Cox to be asked whether any progress has been made.

g) **Litter at Bell Butts Lane** - DMBC to be informed that more litter has been dumped on the lane.

14. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

a) **Damaged Seat On Riverbank** - Mr. Swainston will inspect a metal seat which has become uprooted on public footpath No. 2 beyond the stile.

b) **Dumping of Litter on Ravenswood Drive** - A resident complained that football players/supporters from a visiting team had dumped litter out of their car onto the pavement. The Auckley Football Manager contacted the secretary of the local Football Association who has written to the visiting team and also to the resident concerned.

c) **Use of Cupboard in Pavilion** - The local football team recently tidied up their equipment stored in the pavilion, but the Handyman's spare coat, gloves and the First Aid box were found to be missing and his cleaning materials had been moved into the kitchen.

**RESOLVED** - Mr. Featherstone proposed that a new cupboard/locker should be purchased to house the Handyman's equipment costing between £50 - £100, a new First Aid kit for attaching to the wall priced no more than £40, and a new fleece for the Handyman priced up to £50. This was agreed.

d) **New Street Signs** - Council was invited to select names for 2 streets on the development off Hurst Lane currently under construction. The 2 names chosen were Loxley Mews and Sherwood Close.

15. **To Consider Suitable items for Publishing in the December Arrow Newsletter**

It was agreed to contribute the following items:

Carol singing on 13th December,

Dog Fouling Enforcement

Broadband performance

General Practitioner Surgeries

16. **To Decide Items to Feature on Web Site and Any Updates**

The items for publishing in the newsletter to be entered on the web site.

The Clerk reported that, in spite of several emails, the Web Master is not putting material on the web site as requested.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, it was agreed to look for another Web Master to take over the web site.

17. **Proposed Amendments to DMBC's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy**

It was agreed that individual members should make comments on the consultation.

**18. To Receive Reports From Members Who Have Attended Meetings**

- a) PCJCC Meeting - Mrs. Worthington reported that the Local Authority's waste collection contract is due for renewal in October 2017. There is a proposal to cease green bin collections in the Winter. Fees are to be increased for bulky collections.  
New street lights - these are more efficient and costs have been reduced from £2 million to £500,000  
Lee Garrett spoke on the South Yorkshire Waste Strategy  
DMBC will oppose the HS2 Plan.  
Air pollution will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b) Air Transport Forum - Mr. Swainston reported that surveys have been carried out to ascertain how people travel to the airport. The committee was updated on the new express X4 bus which now uses the route along the link road and only stops once between Doncaster and the Airport at the Parrot's Corner Park and Ride, although DMBC had been asked to keep to the old route.  
Forum meetings will be twice yearly
- c) Parish Centre - Ms. Staniforth reported that the committee is looking into conditions associated with the lease as faculty has to be obtained before the car park can be repaired.

**19. To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 16/02553/FULM - Erection of single storey classroom extension and foundation stage extension (being Application Under Regulation 3 Town and Country Planning (General) Regulations 1992) (Without compliance of Conditions 2,3,4 & 5 of application granted under Ref: 16/00816/3FULM on 23.09.2016 - Variation to approved plans - deletion of phase 2, revised layout of proposed nursery and hard play area, alteration to parking area)  
Hayfield Lane Primary School, Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster  
Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the application.
- b) No. 16/02602/FUL - Proposed erection of two storey dwelling  
Walnut Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster  
Council had concerns regarding the following: Infill development, overbearing and out of character with existing properties, overdevelopment.
- c) No. 16/02016/FUL - Erection of Portal Frame Building for storage of plant and machinery and concrete batching plant in relation to Materials Recycling Facility and formation of new access road (part retrospective)  
Land Off Bank End Road, Finningley, Doncaster  
It was reported that the entrance has been considerably improved, and it was suggested that the building might be used to store machinery used in the extraction of sand and gravel.  
**RESOLVED** - Mr. Featherstone proposed that no comments should be made in relation to the application, and this was agreed.

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

The following planning applications have been approved:

- a) No. 16/01865/FUL - Erection of single storey extension to rear and single storey extension to side of detached dwelling (being re-submission of previous application 16/00107/FUL, granted 26/02/16)  
36 Spey Drive, Auckley, Doncaster
- b) No. 16/01700/FUL - Erection of 1.8m and 1.2m boundary fence (retrospective), relocation of vehicular entrance from Eilers Lane to Common Lane and erection of entrance piers to vehicular entrance - 22 Common Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

**21. To Approve Banking Transactions/Signing of Cheques**

BACS no. 69	DMBC	Emptying dog bins	£381.60
BACS no. 70	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£365.17
BACS no. 71	Parish Centre	Hire for November meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 72	'Need A Hand'	Remove old, install new litter bin	£185.00
BACS no. 73	'Need A Hand'	Trim back overhanging bushes	£220.00
BACS no. 74	Staff remuneration		£226.20
BACS no. 75	HMRC	Employee's tax	£4.80
BACS no. 76	Broxap	Supply/deliver litter bin	£287.94
BACS no. 77	SLCC	Clerk's annual membership	£131.00

21. **Banking Transactions/Signing of Cheques etc. (continued)**

Quotes for Christmas Trees - At the October meeting only one quote had been received and it was therefore decided, due to the Christmas timescale, that once the second quote arrived the Clerk would decide which of the two was the most economical to provide 1 x 20 foot Christmas tree, to deliver, install and eventually remove in early January.

Plevey's quoted the sum of £480 + £96 VAT

Bawtry Forest quoted the sum of £417 + £83 VAT

A decision was therefore made to accept the quote from Bawtry Forest.

22. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) Information on child employment
- b) Advice on renewing senior citizens' bus passes
- c) Thorne Rural Lions' Christmas sleigh route
- d) Information on The Northern Powerhouse
- e) 'Get on Line - Week and Winter Warmth'

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 14th December 2016, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson .....

Date .....