

**THE MINUTES OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 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, Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston,
- Mr. G. Warrender
- District Councillor Mr. S. Cox
- District Councillor Mrs. J. Cox
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

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

No items were raised under public participation.

1. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Mr. G. Payne.

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

Mr. Swainston declared an interest in Item No. 20 (a)

Mr. Warrender declared an interest in Item No. 20 (b).

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 9th September 2015**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **To Receive Community Police Report**

No Police Officer attended the meeting.

Following Council's request for the Police to monitor the speed of traffic on Hurst Lane, the Clerk has been advised that the speed gun is not currently in operation because it is being re-calibrated. It was agreed to enquire how often the gun is re-calibrated and when it will be back in service.

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

Councillor Mrs. J. Cox enquired whether Council could provide her with any correspondence relating to vehicles being parked outside domestic properties by people visiting the airport as she means to take this matter up with DMBC.

Councillor Mr. S. Cox reported that DMBC recently pumped out standing water at the junction of Hayfield Lane and the airport entrance. Peel will be charged next time this needs to be undertaken.

Mr. Cox has suggested to the Local Authority that the 20 mph speed limit proposed outside the Hayfield Lane Primary School might possibly be continued round the corner to include the Hayfield School.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox had earlier attended a meeting to discuss 'fracking', and were advised that there are currently no 'fracking' proposals for this area.

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

a) **Traffic Speeds Outside The Hayfield School** - DMBC Highways Officer advises that work is on-going to draw up the proposals for Hurst Lane and, as suggested, surveys have been undertaken and an engineer from his team has already met with the school's Deputy Head to discuss their specific concerns. He will ensure that once proposals for a reduction in the speed limit are finalised, Council will be notified.

b) **Dog Waste Bags Dumped on Footway off Link Road** - Peel's spokesperson advises that she has arranged for the waste bags to be removed and has spoken to DMBC regarding the provision of dog waste bins on the path.

c) **Rubbish at Marr Flatts Wood** - Peel will arrange for material to be removed from the wood and path.

d) **Untidy Land Adjacent Nisa Store** - Environmental Enforcement Officer visited the site in September and asked the owner to remove all waste and building rubble to the rear of the new extension. The owner has been asked to board up the side similar to the front if there is nothing planned beyond the next 2 months.

**RESOLVED** - The Clerk was asked to check whether a condition to fence off the untidy land was included in the planning decision for the rear development.

e) **Reported Noise Emanating from Nisa Store** - Pending.

f) **Overgrown Pathway Leading to Copse** - The Handyman has trimmed back the vegetation.

6. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- g) Damaged Grass Verges, Gatehouse Lane - DMBC Highways Officer advises that it is proposed to provide low (500mm) wooden bird's beak fencing on the right-hand side between the railway crossing and roundabout, and bollards 4 metres apart on the left-hand verge opposite Spitfire Way.
- h) River Torne - Council contacted the Environment Agency following the September meeting to express concerns regarding the increased growth of vegetation which was clogging up the river and raising the level of the water. The Agency advised that work on cutting the weed re-commenced on 1st October and would be completed within a week. Members reported that the level of the river is now lower and water is flowing freely.
- i) Parking at Airport and Link Road - In reply to Council's concerns regarding motorists parking on roads leading to the airport, Peel Airports Property Manager reports he has been in contact with the company which employs the parking van, and Council's concerns will be brought to the Director's attention that his team are too over-zealous and they need to re-structure the way they are working. With regard to car parking at the airport, the Property Manager has raised this with the Commercial Manager and hopes to provide a response in due course.
- j) Concerns Re. Motorbikes at Hurst Quarry - Environmental Officer reports that he is aware of this site, and some years ago there was a proposal for a legitimate Moto-Cross facility to be operated on the land. However, he was not in favour of the plan because he considered it would have a detrimental impact on the local area. He will discuss with Planning Dept. and contact quarry owner.
- k) Vegetation on Bus Shelter - South Yorkshire Transport operatives were asked to cut back vegetation within, on top and 1 metre around the wooden bus shelter on Main Street. The operatives reported they had removed a fair amount when the resident of the property adjacent asked them not to be too severe with the cut-back because the ivy affords him some privacy.
- l) Grass Cuttings Left on Path - Following Council's request for grass cuttings to be removed from the path at the Spey Drive play area, DMBC's Grounds Maintenance Officer has instructed the grass cutter to blow the cuttings off the path before he leaves the area.
- m) Query Re. Possible Water Supply on Village Green - Pending.
- n) Overgrown Public Footpath No. 7 - Footpaths Officer will arrange for vegetation to be cut on path.
- o) Trees and Hedges Overhanging Pavements - Pending.
- p) Access to Pembridge Park - Pending.

7. **To Receive External Auditor's Report for Year Ending 31st March 2015**

BDO Auditor reports that the external audit has now been completed. There were no matters which came to their attention which required the issuing of a separate Additional Issues Arising Report.

**RESOLVED** - Council accepted the External Auditor's Report.

A copy of the annual report has been displayed on the Council notice board for the allotted time.

8. **To Consider Quarterly Internal Audit and Budget Statement**

Ms. Staniforth and Mr. Warrender have checked the audit and signed it as correct.

**RESOLVED** - Council accepted the quarterly internal audit.

Council had no comments to make on the budget statement.

9. **To Consider Quotations to Supply Christmas Tree**

Two quotations submitted for the supply, delivery, erection and eventual removal of a 20 foot tree:

Plevey's quotes the sum of £510.00 + VAT

Bawtry Forest quotes the sum of : £416.67 +VAT

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Mr. Warrender proposed Council accept the quotation supplied by Bawtry Forest, this was seconded by Mr. Swainston, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Consider Quotations to Undertake Renovation Work & Painting of Pavilion**

a) Outside Work - To remove barge boards, fascia and soffits, wood to be replaced and painted with undercoat and gloss. Window boards, pillars, door, and metal railings to be similarly painted.

LMN Contracts quotes the sum of £2,592 + VAT

Mr. Hargreaves ('Need A Hand') quotes the sum of £1,000

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion Mr. Featherstone proposed that Council accepts the lower quotation from Mr. Hargreaves. Ms. Staniforth seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Consider Quotations to Renovate Pavilion (continued)**

b) **Inside Work** - Painting of pavilion walls with 2 coats of silk vinyl. All doors and other woodwork to be painted with undercoat and gloss paint.

Ceilings to be cleaned and 'Stain Stop' applied, followed by painting of ceilings with anti-fungal emulsion.

Mr. Hargreaves quotes the sum of £580, which includes the application of 'Stain Stop' to ceilings

Mr. Humphreys quotes the sum of £435 but without specific details of materials.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Mr. Featherstone proposed that the quotation received from Mr. Hargreaves be accepted as this does mention details of the 'Stain Stop' to be applied to ceilings.

Ms. Staniforth seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

11. **To Consider Purchase of New Litter Bin for Main Street Bus Shelter**

Council discussed the existing metal litter bin which has had the openwork front knocked inwards, thus leading to a slight reduction in the amount of litter it can accommodate.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, it was decided that the existing bin still has the capacity to hold litter usually found in the shelter, e.g. crisp and sweet wrappers, etc., and it was therefore agreed there was no need to purchase a new bin at this current time.

12. **To Consider Purchase of Poppy Wreath and a Donation to British Legion**

**RESOLVED** - Council agreed to give a donation in the sum of £100 to the Royal British Legion. This is the same amount as last year and will provide a poppy wreath, plus a donation to Legion funds.

Mr. Warrender agreed to attend the Remembrance ceremony and place the wreath on the Blaxton War Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council.

13. **To Discuss Proposed Football Tournament in 2016 and Possible Fee**

**Date of Tournament** - Organisers of the tournament no longer wish to stage this event in May, and it was pointed out that the Auckley Football Club start back in early July. It was therefore agreed that a weekend in June would be acceptable.

**Traffic Management** - The organisers have checked with the Auckley Show Committee with regard to how parking is organised during the Show and been advised that approx. 400 cars are parked round the back during the Show. The organisers will contact the cadets to supervise the parking.

**Insurance** - Council was advised that the Football league will provide the Public Liability Insurance.

**Use of Pavilion** - Permission granted for the use of the pavilion, with the proviso that the property is left in the condition it was found and any damage remedied.

**Possible Fee** - Following discussion, Mr. Featherstone proposed that in view of the nature of the tournament, i.e. young people participating, there would be no charge for the use of the facilities.

Mrs. Platts seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

14. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) **Reply to Resident's Request for Speed Humps at Ellers Lane** - DMBC's Highways Officer advises that these types of measures are provided as a casualty reduction tool and their use is targeted at those locations having the most serious existing road safety problems on a priority basis. The residential areas of Auckley, including Ellers Lane, continue to have an excellent long term casualty record and in this situation it would be difficult to give priority to the provision of traffic calming in this area.

b) **Resident's Letter Asking for Information Associated with Hurst Lane**

A resident living on the new housing development has asked for information on the following:

i) Why Public Footpath No. 7 is currently closed?

ii) Details of the field adjacent to the Public Footpath.

iii) Whether there are any plans to continue the highway footpath at Hurst Lane which currently stops near the bridge over the dyke?

**RESOLVED** - Council to advise that the Public Footpath is closed for health and safety reasons until all the adjacent development has been completed. The field in question is Charity Land.

The 3 District Councillors for this area will be informed of the incompleting highway footway.

c) **Parking near Ravenswood Drive/Thornccliffe Gardens Junction** - Concerns re. safety were expressed regarding motorists emerging from Thornccliffe Gardens where visibility is reduced due to vehicles being parked on the highway at Ravenswood Drive. Police to be asked to monitor the situation.

15. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) **To Discuss Quotation to Repair Play Equipment** - Following the most recent inspection of play equipment by DMBC's Playground Inspector, a wooden stepping log was found to be loose, and bird droppings were noticed on the chain of the cradle swing frame  
The sum of £160 was quoted to dig out the loose log, lay a new foundation, and re-fit the log secure  
The sum of £35 was quoted to remove bird droppings from the chain.  
Mr. Swainston reported that he has already cleaned the chain of bird droppings and is willing to secure the loose log with 'Postcrete' if Council approves.

**RESOLVED** - Council thanked Mr. Swainston for cleaning the swing chain and accepted his offer to secure the log.

- b) **To Ratify Decision to Accept Quotation For Herbicide Application to Recreation Ground**

Council was advised by its grounds maintenance contractor that a large amount of vegetation had grown on the recently-filled ponding area due to be seeded. An application of herbicide at a cost of £100 was required to treat the vegetation before grass seed could be planted, and this needed to be carried out as soon as possible before the onset of Winter, otherwise it would be too late for the seed to germinate. It was therefore decided to accept the quotation before the meeting was held.

**RESOLVED** - Council endorsed this decision.

16. **To Consider Proposal to Move Post Office Based at Hayfield Lane to Nisa Store**

The Post Office is proposing to move the Post Office branch at Hayfield Lane to a new location at the Nisa Store, and is conducting a public consultation. The proposal will mean Post Office services offered from a till on the retail counter in a modern open plan branch, longer opening hours, improved accessibility and the majority of Post Office products will still be available.

**RESOLVED** - Members of Council approved the proposed move.

17. **Report of Meetings**

- a) **Airport Noise & Environmental Sub-Committee**

Mr. Swainston reported there is a move to alter the flight pattern but no details are available as yet. Some complaints have been received with regard to pilots on training flights performing loops over certain areas every 20 minutes.

'Wizzair' flights have been increased, and flights to Dublin have now been introduced.

- b) **Auckley Parish Centre**

Ms. Staniforth reported that the Parish Centre Committee now has the status of Company Limited by Guarantee. General repairs and maintenance have been carried out to the building.

18. **To Consider Public Contracts Regulations - Amendments to Standing Orders**

Financial regulations shall confirm that a proposed contract for the supply of goods, materials, services with an estimated value in excess of £25,000 will be procured on the basis of a formal tender, and where the value of a contract is likely to exceed £172,514 the Council must comply with the Public Contracts Regulations. **RESOLVED** - Council agreed to amend its Standing Orders.

19. **To Decide Suitable items for Web Site**

Council wondered whether it might be possible to put some information on the web site regarding the proposed new 6th Form College which is to be built in the grounds of The Hayfield School. Council has not yet been formally informed of the plan, and it was agreed to write and ask the Ward Members what details they have and what they envisage will be the local issues relating to this development.

20. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) **No. 15/02192/FULFT - Erection of ground floor extension to side of detached house  
16 Torne View, Auckley**
- b) **No. 15/02313/LBC - Listed Building Consent for reinstatement of windows and internal fixtures  
11 Ellers Lane, Auckley**

Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of these applications.

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

**Planning Permission Granted** - No. 15/016012/FUL - Construction of new temporary car park on land adjacent to Hill House School, with new vehicular access from Sixth Avenue and a pedestrian crossing  
erection of new storage unit adj. to hockey pitch & new gates to southern entrance to school  
Hill House School, Sixth Avenue, Auckley

21. **Decisions made by DMBC's Planning Committee (continued)**

Planning Permission Refused - No. 15/01563/FUL - Erection of detached house and garage on approx. 0.13ha of land (being resubmission of application 14/02586/FUL refused on 23.12.2014)  
16 Main Street, Auckley

Reason for refusal - In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, whilst the site is located within an area where residential development is acceptable in principle, the development would be harmful to the character of the area, and would be harmful to the residential amenity of local residents. The development is considered to conflict with Policy CS14 of the Core Strategy and Policy PH11 of the Unitary Development Plan.

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

BACS no. 64	Information Commissioners	(Annual membership)	£35.00
BACS no. 65	Staff remuneration		£194.91
BACS no. 66	HMRC	(Employee's tax)	£2.00
BACS no. 67	British Legion	(Donation S137)	£100.00
BACS no. 68	Glendale	(Grounds maintenance)	£182.93
BACS no. 69	Arrow Publications	(Items in newsletter)	£90.00
BACS no. 70	Parish Centre	(Rent for October meeting)	£24.75
BACS no. 71	Yorkshire Water	(Allotments water payment)	£113.20
BACS no. 72	John H. Pickup	(Land valuation)	£600.00

23. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) Request for support - 'Operation Christmas Child'
- b) Tesco Local Community Scheme
- c) Training Sessions - 'Developing your skills as a Councillor'
- d) Letter from South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 11th November 2015, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre

Chairperson .....

Date .....