

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015, 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
- 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 is allowed for public participation

No issues were raised under public participation.

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**

Mrs. Worthington declared an interest in Item No. 22 (a), Mr. Warrender declared an interest in Item No. 11 and Mrs. Caygill declared an interest in Item No. 22 (e).

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 8th July 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.

A resident who recently moved into the new development off the airport link road writes to express his concerns regarding the speed of traffic outside the Hayfield School on Hurst Lane, with motorists failing to slow down for parents crossing Hurst Lane where it changes from the national speed limit to 40 mph. In addition, the pavement runs out for a short distance past the small bridge over the dyke, which means he has to cross over the road to reach the school.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to contact the Police with a request for the speed gun to be operated at this location, and also DMBC Highways Officer regarding traffic problems and lack of pavement.

5. **District Councillor and Stronger Communities Officer.**

- a) **Advisory Speed Limit of 20 mph Outside Hayfield Primary School** - Mr. Cox advised there are plans to implement an advisory speed limit during school hours at a number of schools, but it is not yet known when the operation will begin at the Hayfield Primary School.
- b) **Traffic Speeds on Hurst Lane Outside The Hayfield School** - Mr. Cox advised that a survey of the road outside the school has now taken place, and the results will be used to determine future plans for the road.
- c) **Sewage Leaks into Gardens Following Flash Floods** - Mr. Cox was given a copy of Severn Trent's reply to Council explaining what procedures have been taken since the flooding. Mr. Cox to contact Severn Trent.
- d) **Litter Dumped On Verges at Hurst Lane** - Mr. Racjan advised that earlier that week he had contacted DMBC to request the removal of litter strewn along verges at Hurst Lane.
- e) **Dog Poop Scoop Bags Dumped on Footpath** - It was reported that a large number of bags filled with dog excreta have been dumped on the footpath adjacent to the Airport link road. Council is to write and ask Peel if these can be removed and dog waste bins be provided at this location.
- f) **Cartridges Found in Auckley** - Mr. Racjan is compiling a list of sites where nitrous oxide cartridges have been found in local villages, and was informed that cartridges have been found in the Ellers Lane car park and the lay-by in front of Church Close.

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

- a) **Banners Attached to Railings** - The banners have now been removed.
- b) **New Village Sign** - The sign has been installed at Mosham Road.
- c) **Untidy Land Adjacent Nisa Store** - A reminder to be sent to the Environment Officer.
- d) **Noise Emanating from Nisa Store** - The resident who reported the noise has been given a questionnaire to complete with dates and times of when the noise nuisance occurs.
- e) **Trees Overhanging Hayfield Lane Footway** - DMBC's Highways Officer will contact owners and ask them to cut back the overgrowth. A notice will be served if no action is taken.
- f) **Access to Pembridge Estate** - The Planning Officer is attempting to clarify with the developer whether the access is for emergency use only.
- g) **Maintenance of Steps Leading to River Way** - DMBC Grounds Maintenance has replenished the steps with bark chippings which will last over the Winter.
- h) **Swedish Houses** - DMBC's Conservation Officer advises that he is still awaiting the Listed Building Consent Application for a scheme to restore the removed features, and this is imminent.
- i) **Seat Provided by Football Team** - A recycled plastic seat has been provided and anchored down on a concrete plinth in front of the pavilion. Insurance cover has been provided by Zurich at no additional cost to Council.
- f) **Damaged Grass Verges, Gatehouse Lane** - Pending.

6. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- h) **Worn Highway Surface, Main Street** - Highways Officer advises they are aware of the wheel track cracking and fretting affecting the carriageway near No. 63 Main Street, but there are currently no actionable defects within this area. However, the condition will be closely monitored during the regular 3 monthly safety inspections that are carried out on this road.
- i) **Payment for Repairs to Play Equipment** - Council had withheld the sum of £90 from the total amount of £837.19 charged for repairs to the play equipment, due to no work having been undertaken to adjust the activity net climber. The firm responsible for the repairs has agreed to waive the £90.
- j) **River Torne** - The Environment Agency reported on 16th July that the first cut of weed in the river had been started and would be completed the following week. A further cut was planned, should the weed grow back significantly. The Agency advises that local information regarding flood risk shows that very little property in Auckley is at risk of flooding from the River Torne. Council agreed to monitor the situation.
- k) **Revised Rules for the Recording of Meetings** - It was agreed to feature the rules on the Parish Web Site.
- l) **New Litter Bin for Bus Shelter** - To be discussed at the October meeting.

7. **To Consider Quarterly Internal Audit**

The quarterly internal audit has been checked and approved by the 2 designated Councillors. The Clerk reported that the current bank balance was £26,514.91. Council will receive the second half of the precept, plus grant, in the sum of £15,930.00 on 1st October 2015.

Council accepted the quarterly internal audit.

8. **To Consider Quotations to Level and Seed Land to Rear of Play Equipment**

Three quotations were invited and 2 replies received as follows:

Glendale quotes the sum of £625.00 plus VAT to undertake levelling and seeding with grass.

North Notts Landscapes are not able to carry out the work because their equipment might be affected by material in the soil.

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Ms. Staniforth proposed that Council accept the quotation from Glendale. Mr. Featherstone seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

9. **To Discuss Appropriate Action to Renovate Sunken Area at Riverside Park**

A resident of Ainsley Close has written to point out that large vehicles delivering soil to infill a ponding area on the recreation ground have created a large dip in the ground outside her rear gates and this is making problems for a relative when accessing the field.

RESOLVED - Members discussed the matter in detail and agreed that this is a difficult issue to address because of the terrain. The area is not a recognised walkway, but is for vehicular access which means that the ground will always be in this condition, due to vehicles constantly using it. Furthermore the gates from properties onto the field are not authorised.

It was therefore agreed that no action be taken.

10. **To Discuss Traffic Issues**

- a) **Resident's Request for Speed Reduction Humps** - An Ellers Lane resident asks for speed restriction humps to be installed along Ellers Lane to slow down speeding cars and motor bikes, and considers that a sign is needed at the Common Lane/Ellers Lane junction to warn motorists of the speed limit reduction recently implemented outside the Auckley Junior School from 30 mph to 20 mph. In addition, he questions why there is still a 40 mph speed limit on Hurst Lane outside the Hayfield School.

RESOLVED - This matter to be referred to DMBC Highways.

- b) **Parking on Residential Streets at New Development** - Complaints have been received from residents living on the new housing development off the Airport access road re. cars being parked outside residential homes waiting for flights from the Airport. DMBC Highways Officer advises that residential streets on the adopted public highway are available for parking as long as the vehicle is road legal and a traffic offence is not being committed. Highways has no responsibility on new developments until DMBC formally adopts the road.
- RESOLVED** - It was agreed to write to Peel Holdings to report this problem which is probably due in part to the Airport only allowing a 15 minute free pick-up time. Council to ask whether consideration could be given to extending the free parking time in order to address the situation.

- c) **Concerns Regarding Off-Road Motorbikes** - A resident living in close proximity to the Hurst Plantation Quarry has reported that off-road motorbikes are being ridden in the quarry at weekends and this activity is creating a noise nuisance for nearby residents.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to contact Environmental Services regarding this matter.

11. **To Ratify Payments Made Prior to Meeting**

Council endorsed the following payments for urgent work:

- a) A&B Fabrications - payment of £156.00 for repairs to re-align gate at recreation car park.
- b) 'Need A Hand' - payment of £375.00 for work to repair leaking toilet pipe and blocked shower drain.

12. **To Discuss Recent Sewage Leaks Following Flash Flooding**

A recent flash flood resulted in one property at The Green and another at Ellers Lane experiencing sewage leaks into the gardens. Severn Trent Senior Network Technician advises that both pumps at Common Lane were at the time found to be partially blocked with rag but not showing as failed as they were still running. Action taken was: Both pumps were de-ragged and monitored. A wet well cleanse was carried out and the frequency of cleaning has been increased. In addition, the site is to be set up as a 'Red Triangle' site with an Ultra High Cost of Failure. Severn Trent also cleared a blocked highways surface water sewer which had caused some internal flooding to two properties on Main Street, and this has been passed to DMBC for investigation.

13. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) Conifers Overhanging Footway - DMBC to be advised of conifer trees in the garden of a Ravenswood Drive property that are overhanging the footway
- b) Pathway to Copse - Parish Handyman to be asked to trim back vegetation.
- c) Overgrown Public Footpath - Footpaths Officer to be informed that Public Footpath No. 7 needs to be trimmed back of vegetation.
- d) Overgrown Hedge - The Clerk to contact DMBC regarding the overgrown hedge in front of Maple Drive.
- e) Litter in Marr Flatts Wood and on Access Path - Peel to be informed of the litter.
- f) Wooden Bus Shelter, Main Street - SYPTE to be advised that ivy is growing inside and outside the shelter.
- g) Grass Cutting - DMBC to be made aware that grounds maintenance staff trimming the grass on Spey Drive Play Area are not sweeping up grass cuttings and these can be slippery when the path is wet.

14. **To Discuss Recreational Matters**

- a) Request For Branton Boys' Football Club to Hold Football Tournament - A request has been received from the boys' trainers to hold a football tournament on Riverside Park over one weekend during May or June. They would use both the field and part of the main pitch for 4 to 6 small sided pitches, however, it is mini football and the layout would be in such a way that prevents any damage to the main pitch. The goals are surface fitted, with no holes dug in the ground.
RESOLVED - Council agreed in principle to allow the tournament, but the Clerk to ask for clarification on several issues such as traffic management, insurance, markings, and whether pavilion is required.
- b) Lack of Water Supply for Village Green Plants - It was reported that the plants in tubs on the village green are not surviving as well as those regularly being watered. The possibility of providing some form of water supply from a stand pipe was discussed and it was agreed to contact DMBC who has responsibility for land.
- c) Provision of Pansies for Village Planters - Mr. Warrender offered to obtain and plant pansies in the tubs. Mr. Featherstone proposed that a sum up to £150 be allowed to purchase plants for containers at the village green, pinfold and Eastfield Lane. Ms. Staniforth seconded the proposal and the motion was carried.
- d) Trees Overhanging Properties at Sandhill Rise - A resident reports that trees in the copse adjacent to her property are once more overhanging her fence and a branch recently came down narrowly missing the fence.
RESOLVED - It was agreed that once the vegetation has died back the trees will be examined and quotations invited to trim them back.
- e) Painting of Pavilion - It was agreed that the pavilion is badly in need of both internal and external painting, plus replacement of the barge boards and fascia. It was agreed to invite quotations to undertake the work in time for the October meeting.
- f) Date of Auckley Show 2016 - Council has been asked whether the 2016 Show can be held slightly later than usual on the 20th August. This was agreed.
- g) Concerns Regarding Riverside Park - A resident has raised concerns regarding various activities being held at Riverside Park, i.e.:
Parking problems when adult and junior teams are both playing, and suggestion to mark out spaces in car park
Vehicles being parked unlawfully on pavements in cul-de-sac.
Strong language used by footballers, referees and trainers.
Parking of vehicles on field adjacent to the resident's garden during the Auckley Show.
RESOLVED - Council's response is as follows:
The problem of both adult and junior teams on the field together will not arise again because arrangements will be made next year to ensure that the junior teams' training will not clash with adult games.
Council does not consider it is viable to mark out parking spaces on the car park, and Police have advised that parking partially on pavements is allowed, provided this does not cause an obstruction for pedestrians. Council is unable to enforce rules prohibiting strong language, although the team manager has been informed.
The Auckley Show is only one day and if there is a problem this should be taken up with the Show Committee

15. **To Decide Suitable Items for Newsletter**

It was agreed to feature the following items in the October edition of the 'Arrow' Newsletter:

Trees and bushes overhanging footpaths

Recent flash flood and involvement of Severn Trent

Plans to undertake renovation of pavilion

Concerns regarding speeding traffic on Hurst Lane

Proposal to implement a 20 mph speed limit outside Hayfield Lane Primary School during school hours

The Auckley Show Committee to be congratulated on another successful Show.

16. **To Consider Items For Parish Web Site**

The items to be printed in the newsletter, plus rules on the recording of Council meetings by the public

17. **Review of The Statement of Licensing Policy and The Gambling Act**

Council has made its comments on the Review.

18. **To Consider Adopting a Neighbourhood Plan**

RESOLVED - Members discussed the possibility of adopting a Neighbourhood Plan and agreed that they did not wish to adopt a Plan at the current time.

19. **To Make Comments on the Doncaster Local Plan Consultation**

Council's comments on the Strategic Growth Options were as follows:

Option 1 - Council supports the housing policy suggested in Option 1

Option 3 - Council supports the FARRRS Corridor and, if Option 3 is adopted, would support the recommendation for a more extensive Green Belt review to be undertaken.

Under 'Greater Dispersal Strategy' both Auckley and Hayfield Green are mentioned. However, Hayfield Green is not a separate area but merely an estate of houses that is part of Auckley Parish.

20. **To Consider Training Seminars Re. ' Understanding the Planning System'**

Members were unable to attend any of the seminars.

21. **To Receive Report on Meetings and Seminars**

a) Public Right of Way Meeting - Mr. Warrender reported that Mr. Harker has resigned as Chairman of the committee and Mr. Peter Haines has been elected to the Chair.

b) Parish Centre Meeting - Ms. Staniforth advised that Mrs. Carolynne Hanson is the new booking clerk. The Parish Centre web site is to be revised.

c) 'Councillor Skills and Development' Seminar held 18th June at Civic Centre - Mrs. Worthington attended the seminar which gave a comprehensive update on recent legislation.

d) Seminar 'Developing Your Skills as a Councillor' held at Ecclesfield 24th June - Mrs. Worthington was unable to attend and re-imbursed Council the fee of £45.

22. **To Consider Planning Applications**

a) No. 15/01682/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 to 99 Main Street, Auckley

b) No. 15/01686/FUL - Erection of single storey pitched roof garage/residential extension to side/rear and single storey pitched roof extension to front/side of detached bungalow, following demolition of existing detached garage (being resubmission of application 14/02481/FUL granted on 08/12/2014) - 31 Main Street, Auckley

c) No. 15/01720/FULFT - Erection of single storey extension to rear, erection of porch to front and formation of new roof overall to create dormer bungalow - 30 Main Street, Auckley

d) No. 15/01612/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 adjacent to hockey pitch and new gates to southern entrance to school - Hill House School, Sixth Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster

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

e) No. 15/01286/FUL - Erection of detached house following demolition of existing agricultural barn (Renewal of Planning Permission 09/00797/FUL) - 19 Ellers Lane, Auckley

Members of Council reiterated their earlier comments that this 18th Century barn should not be demolished as it is one of the few buildings of historical interest remaining in the village and deserves to be preserved.

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

The following planning applications have been approved:

a) No. 15/00831/FUL - Formation of rooms in roof space - 5A River Way, Auckley

b) No. 15/00908/ADV - Display of various illuminated & non-illuminated signs - Co-op, Anson Grove Auckley

c) No. 15/00337/FUL - Installation of external plant & enclosure (2.4m high) Co-operative Units A&B Auckley

d) No. 15/01382/FUL - Erection of two storey pitched roof extension to front - 28 Hazel Avenue, Auckley

e) No. 15/01246/FUL - Infill of undercroft area to form school ancillary office area and erection of roofing to quad area - The Hayfield School, Hurst Lane, Auckley

23. **To Report Decisions Made by DMBC's Planning Committee (continued)**

- f) No. 15/01584/FULFT - Erection of part ground floor, part two storey flat & pitched roof extension to rear of semi-detached house, following demolition of existing conservatory - 5 Gatehouse Lane, Auckley
- g) No. 15/01686/FUL - Erection of single storey pitched roof garage/residential extension to side/rear & single storey pitched roof extension to front/side of detached bungalow, following demolition of existing garage 31 Main Street, Auckley
- h) No. 15/01682/FUL - Erection of detached house to include formation of new vehicular access to classified road, removal of windows from side elevation of existing bungalow - Land Adjacent to 99 Main St. Auckley
- i) No. 15/01866/TPO - Consent to remove two (dead oaks) Subject of TPO 206 - Broad Oak Farm, Auckley
- j) No. 15/01558/TPO - Consent to remove two damaged limbs from Ash Tree - 14 Ivy House Court, Auckley

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

BACS no. 43	A & B Fabrications	(Re-align recreation car park gate)	£156.00
BACS no. 44	Staff charges		£194.56
BACS no. 45	HMRC	(Income tax)	£1.80
BACS no. 46	Arrow Newsletter	(Print items in newsletter)	£90.00
BACS no. 47	Glendale	(Grounds maintenance June)	£394.08
BACS no. 48	Glendale	(Grounds maintenance July)	£182.93
BACS no. 49	RJ Electrical	(Pavilion electrical check)	£72.00
BACS no. 50	LMN Contracts	(Build plinth, install sign)	£1,440.00
BACS no. 51	'Need a Hand'	(Pavilion repairs)	£375.00
BACS no. 52	Staff charges		£194.56
BACS no. 53	HMRC	(Income tax)	£2.00
BACS no. 54	Glendale	(Grounds maintenance August)	£485.54
BACS no. 55	Auckley Parish Centre	(Hire room for Sept. meeting)	£24.75
BACS no. 56	Mrs. M. Caygill	(Reimburse for stationery purchase)	£74.61
BACS no. 57	Mrs. M. Caygill	(Reimburse for purchasing padlocks)	£68.02
BACS no. 58	BDO LLP	(Undertake external audit)	£240.00
BACS no. 59	N Power	(Pavilion electricity charge)	£33.51
BACS no. 60	Gardens & Allotments	(Supply plants for tubs)	£90.75
BACS no. 61	Staff charges		£2,093.55
BACS no. 62	HMRC	(Income Tax)	£121.20
BACS no. 63	HMRC	(National Insurance)	£17.98

25. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) Proposed Move of Post Office - Council has been asked to submit its comments on a proposal to move the Post Office currently situated at Hayfield Lane to a new location within the Nisa Store at Hayfield Lane. To be discussed at the October meeting.
- b) Doncaster Health and Well Being Strategy Survey.
- c) 'Anticipate 2015' - Funding offers for activities associated with Halloween and Bonfire Night activities
- d) September Edition of White Rose Update

26. **To Confirm Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 14th October 2015, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson

Date