

THE MINUTES OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH JANUARY 2017 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, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- Community Officer Stephen Racjan
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for public participation prior to the meeting

No members of the public were present.

Before commencement of the formal meeting, Members of Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr. Kenneth Siddons who had served as a member of Council for many years.

1. To Receive Apologies

Received and accepted from Mrs. D. Fiddler and Mrs. S. Platts.

2. To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments

None declared.

3. To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 14th December 2016

The minutes to be amended to include a small addition as follows:

Item 6 (a) "Council was informed that there may be a charge for DMBC removing items of litter from Riverside Park, and this was agreed." The minutes were then accepted and signed as a true record.

4. To Receive Community Police Report

No Police Officer was present at the meeting.

Council was informed there had recently been a number of thefts from vehicles parked on Spey Drive. The Clerk was asked to write and enquire whether PCSO's would be able to monitor traffic speeds on Main Street near Bell Butts Lane, in view of complaints received from residents living in the area.

5. Report from District Councillors/Community Officers

Apologies received from Ward Cllr. S. Cox.

Community Officer Stephen Racjan reported on the following:

Community Projects - The Community Officer has met with residents of Larch Avenue to engage with community projects including a re-start of the youth club, possibly at the Adult Education Centre.

Spitfire Way - C.O. has been in contact with a resident of Spitfire Way who has issues with parking, congestion and other matters. The resident has been advised to write to the Police and Highways regarding these matters.

Section 106 Agreements - Council was informed that the C.O. will be meeting with Ward Members in the near future and will make enquiries regarding S106 funding.

Charity Bins - Council was advised that some charity recycling bins have been illegally placed in local areas, however, he assured Council that the bins at Auckley are genuine.

6. Matters Arising From the December Meeting

a) Blocked Gullies - Council was informed that gullies on Hurst Lane near the quarry are still completely blocked. DMBC is to be asked to clear out the sand.

b) Hurst Lane Quarry - A member of Council is to visit the site on 25 January and speak with the Manager regarding issues of sand spillage and blocked gullies.

c) Irresponsible Parking at Lancaster Court - Council was informed that painting of double yellow lines was currently in progress.

d) Speeding Traffic, Main Street - An acknowledgement received from Police & Crime Commissioner. The Clerk to ask Cllr. S. Cox for clarification regarding his email on illuminated signs positioned at the entrance and exit of villages.

e) Fir Tree Avenue - Environment Officer reports that all the 'For Let' boards have been removed from the grassed area between Fir Tree Avenue and Hayfield Lane. She has spoken to the developers responsible for the grassed area in front of the apartments and believes they are re-negotiating the management contract to include the upkeep of the trees and grass.

f) Land at Nisa - Environment Officer has requested information from the landowner as to both his interest in the development and his intentions to complete the works and tidy the area.

6. Matters Arising (continued)

- g) Water Ponding on Verge Rear of Cambrian Estate - DMBC's Floods Risk Engineer reports that he has visited the site with Highways. The grass verge will be top soiled and seeded. The standing water appears to have been caused by vehicles running over onto the verge and, to prevent this further, the footpath will be lifted and bollards installed. Work is planned to be undertaken in April 2017 when budgets for the new year are released.
- h) Washing of Wheelie Bins - Council was informed that the operator was seen the previous week washing 6 bins over the gullies, and allowing debris from the bottom of the bins to enter the gullies DMBC is to be made aware of this matter.
- i) Unfinished Footway, Hurst Lane - A reminder to be sent to Ward Member.
- j) Improvements to Ellers Lane Highway Verge - It was reported that DMBC staff have completed concreting a base for the recycling bins and 2 bases for planters. The Clerk is to order 2 planters from Amberol at a cost of £700 + VAT.
- k) Potholes - Potholes at School Lane to be reported and clarification requested on what criteria is used to decide whether a pothole needs repairing, and how often are periodic inspections undertaken.
- l) Damaged Fencing, Church Close - Customer Care has forwarded this issue to St. Leger Homes.
- m) Damaged Fencing, Hayfield Lane - Pending.
- n) Hedging at Rear of Cambrian Estate - Pending.
- o) Public Footpath No. 7 - PROW Officer has visited the site and reports there is a fence across the footpath. She believes that the section of footpath leaving Hurst Lane has been encroached upon by the development, and she will be contacting the developer regarding this matter.
- p) Proposals for Recreation Equipment at Hayfield Lane - Council Members will be meeting with DMBC Officers and a representative from Peel on 31 January.

7. To Consider Quarterly Internal Audit and Budget Statement

The 2 delegated Council Members have checked the audit and signed it as correct.

RESOLVED - Members of Council accepted the internal audit.

8. To Decide Budget for 2017/2018

Council adjusted the draft budget in view of possible additional expenditure required towards a pedestrian crossing and a skate park.

RESOLVED - Mr. Payne proposed that the sum of £5,000 be reserved under "Community Funds" for these eventualities. Mr. Featherstone seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

The final total budget for 2017/2018 would be £36,684 an increase of 2.62% from 2016.

9. To Decide Council's Precept for 2017/2018 Financial Period

RESOLVED - Following consideration, Mr. Payne proposed that Council's funding requirement would be £36,684, Mr. Featherstone seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

This amount will consist of a precept of £35,023 and a Local Authority grant of £1,661.

10. To Appoint Council's Internal Auditor for 2017/2018

RESOLVED - It was agreed to appoint Mr. Philip Dennis to act as Council's Internal Auditor.

11. To Consider Making a Donation to the Thorne Rural Lions

RESOLVED - Council agreed to donate the sum of £50 to the Thorne Rural Lions who visit Auckley every Christmas with their sleigh to play carols for the children, and support many worthy causes.

12. Report of Site Meeting To Discuss Possible Provision of Crossing at Hurst Lane

Members of Council and Clerk met with DMBC's Highways Officer outside the Hayfield School at Hurst Lane on 10 January to monitor conditions when pupils were crossing the road at school closing time. The children were supervised crossing on that occasion by the Deputy Headmaster and, as a result of the large number of pupils crossing, motorists on Hurst Lane began to slow down and then stop in order to enable them to cross. However, it was not clear whether supervision was provided at all times, and whether motorists were reacting to the presence of the Deputy Head and DMBC Officer. Council was advised that before any decision can be made as to whether a crossing is needed at this location, a survey of traffic speeds and pedestrian movements will be required, and an up to date list of recent casualties obtained. Council will be advised as to the outcome of the visit. As there are currently no funds for a crossing, the Parish Council will apply for grants from various organisations if it is established that one is required. Mrs. Worthington has contacted the new College regarding this matter

13. **To Discuss Request for Additional Surgery**

A reply is awaited from DMBC's Director of Public Health.

14. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) Dog Fouling - It was reported that footpaths on School Lane and Hurst Lane have been contaminated as a result of dog fouling. It was agreed to ask the Dog Enforcement Officers to monitor these locations.

b) Residents Making Enquiries Re. Petition for Speeding Traffic - Mrs. Fiddler has been asked by some residents whether they could organise a petition in an attempt to address speeding traffic on the B1396. Council supported this move and also advised that residents could write to their Member of Parliament, Ward Members and a newly-formed group: auckleycommunityfolk.co.uk

15. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

a) Request for Skate Park - Awaiting replies from various groups.

b) Rubbish on Football Field - A number of plastic/polystyrene coffee cups have been found on the field, following a recent match. The Clerk to mention this to the Football Manager.

c) Installation of Broadband - It was reported that engineers have recently been seen in the Hayfield Lane area installing new boxes for Broadband, which hopefully will improve reception.

16. **To Decide Suitable Items for Inclusion in the 'Arrow' Newsletter**

The items to be printed are as follows:

Provision of defibrillator at Auckley Junior and Infants School and Council's donation towards purchase

Council's precept for 2017/2018 financial year

Meeting with Highways Officer regarding pedestrian crossing

Council liaising with Health Authority regarding an additional surgery in Parish

Council's support for an application to provide a Pharmacy on the Hayfield complex.

Dog fouling on School Lane and Hurst Lane

17. **Matters Associated with Web Site**

The items listed for the newsletter to be featured on the web site.

The Clerk reported that the new Web Master will take over the web site in February.

RESOLVED - The Clerk was instructed to ask the new Web Master to change the password and supply Council with a copy.

18. **To Consider Draft Public Service Ombudsman Bill**

The Cabinet Office has published draft legislation setting out the Government's plans for a new Public Service Ombudsman (PSO) which will abolish the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman and the Local Government Ombudsman. The aims of the new body are to improve access to the services of the Ombudsman.

NALC's response to the Bill are:

For the first 2 years of this extension, the remit of the LGO should be extended to cover larger Councils with an electorate size of 6,000 or more on an annual budgeted income or spend £250K per annum

After 2 years there should be a policy review and if it is found that the extension of the LGO remit to this size of Parish Council has worked well, the LGO remit should be further extended to cover all sizes of Parish Council.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to support NALC's response.

19. **To Receive Reports from Members Who Have Attended Meetings/Seminars**

Because of the Christmas holidays no meetings were held.

20. **To Consider Planning Applications**

No planning applications received.

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

The following planning application were granted by the Committee:

a) No. 16/02861/FUL - Proposed erection of single storey extension to rear of an existing gable 34A Main Street, Auckley

b) No. 16/02961/ADV - Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs
Co-op Food Units A And B, Anson Grove, Auckley

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

BACS no. 92	Yorkshire Water	Allotments water rates	£12.26
BACS no. 93	Yorkshire Water	Pavilion water rates	£24.67
BACS no. 94	Staff Charges		£226.20
BACS no. 95	HMRC	Employee's tax	£4.80
BACS no. 96	Parish Centre	Hire room for Jan. meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 97	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase paper/printer cartridges	£118.02
BACS no. 98	CPRE	Annual membership	£36.00
BACS no. 99	Thorne Rural Lions	Donation	£50.00

Council agreed that Mrs. Worthington should be funded to attend a Training Seminar in Planning and Development scheduled to be held at Warmsworth on 1st April.

23. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) New Audit arrangements
- b) December White Rose Update
- c) 'Voluntary Action Rotherham'

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 8th February 2017, commencing at 7.00 p.m, at the Auckley Community Centre, Main Street, Auckley

Chairperson

Date