

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH JULY 2017, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

- Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman) Mr. I. Butterfield Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- Ward Councillor Mr. A. Jones
- Community Officer Mr. S. Racjan
- Six Members of the Public
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

Public Participation

Proposed New Access to Wildlife Park

Several residents expressed their opposition to Yorkshire Wildlife Park's proposals to expand the Park which will involve constructing a road from Auckley to Branton with the main access leading off from Hurst Lane, Auckley. Residents were concerned that increased vehicles on an already busy road will lead to serious traffic problems, congestion at the crossroads, risks to children and air pollution. Council reported that schools and local organisations in the area have been contacted to ask for their support in opposing these proposals. There will also be an item in the next 'Arrow' Newsletter advising anyone who objects to the project to write to DMBC and the Wildlife Park with their concerns.

Possible Development at Common Lane

A resident voiced concerns that land at Common Lane will be developed for housing, following recent activities undertaken on the site, i.e. soil testing and digging of bore holes. The resident mentioned there is already a shortage of school places, due to the large amount of building currently taking place in the village and also a drainage problem which might lead to flooding of nearby houses.

The Chair explained that no planning application has been submitted as yet, however, the Specific Sites Group (an organisation that highlights potential building land) has identified this plot and intends to submit details for the Local Plan. The Parish Council has already made its comments with regard to the Local Plan that further building should be concentrated in towns and urban areas with more amenities.

1. **To Receive Apologies** - No apologies. All members of Council were present.
2. **To Receive Declarations of Any Other Interests and Any Amendments**
No declarations received.
3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 14th June 2017**
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **To Receive Community Police Report**
 - a) **Thefts from Cars** - Council was informed there had been a spate of thefts of money and small items from cars in Auckley. No locks had been forced or vehicles damaged. It was agreed to report these incidents to the local Police Inspector.
 - b) **Speed Cameras** - It was agreed to ask whether it would be possible for local PCSO's to visit Auckley again and monitor traffic on local roads with speed cameras. Enquiries to also be made whether there are any schemes currently operating which train local residents to carry out speed checks.
 - c) **Crime Statistics** - The Police web site shows a number of crimes reported in Auckley during May.
5. **To Receive Reports from District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers**

Councillor Jones - Reported he has concerns regarding the Yorkshire Wildlife Park's proposals for a new road with an access off Hurst Lane, and has requested a full Environmental Assessment of the project

Community Officer S. Racjan -

 - a) **Neighbourhood Watch Group** - Further to reports of thefts from cars during Public Participation, Mr. Racjan suggested that residents are encouraged to form a Neighbourhood Watch Group in an attempt to combat crimes of this nature.
 - b) **Clothes Bank** - Mr. Racjan offered to make a check of the clothes bank situated outside the Nisa Store, following reports that items of clothing had been pulled out and strewn around.
6. **Matters Arising From the June Meeting**
 - a) **Untidy Land Outside Nisa** - DMBC's Head of Service, Regulation & Enforcement advises she is unable to attend the current meeting but will endeavour to come to the one on 13th September.
 - b) **Tree Survey** - The tree surgeon to be reminded of his offer to conduct a tree survey.

6. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- c) **Renovation of Scout Hut** - The Treasurer for the local Scout Group writes to ask whether Council can give any information regarding S106 funds which might be available for local groups.
RESOLVED - It was agreed to ask David Ridge for his advice.
- d) **Co-operative Car Parks** - The contractor engaged to undertake maintenance work on the car parks reports he has only been instructed to work on the park nearest the store, not the over-flow area. The Clerk to check with the relevant solicitors to see who is responsible for the over-flow park.
- e) **Dog Fouling, Riverside Park** - It was reported that dogs have been allowed to foul the grass in the children's play area and this is not acceptable. Enforcement Officers to be asked to monitor.
- f) **Flower Tubs** - Mr. Warrender was congratulated on the very colourful display of flowers planted in tubs on the village green and in the pinfold.
- g) **Demolished Village Sign** - The contractor has assured the Clerk that the sign will be installed before the end of July.
- h) **Unfinished Footway, Hurst Lane** - DMBC's Transport Planner reports that the issue of undertaking these works has been repeatedly raised with the developer but frustratingly, to date, he has not been given a definitive date of timescales for carrying out the work. However, he will make a further request to the developer, via the Planning Officer that works will be undertaken prior to the schools re-opening.
RESOLVED - The Clerk to ask which developer is involved with the project.
- i) **Leaning 'Hurst Lane' Sign** - Members to check whether the sign has been straightened.

7. **To Consider Report From Internal Auditor**

The Internal Auditor has completed Council's Internal Audit for 2016/2017 and is pleased to confirm that the records are well kept and in his opinion meet the statutory requirements. No matters requiring action by the Council came to his notice during the audit

RESOLVED - Council accepted the Internal Auditor's Report.

8. **To Discuss Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Proposal to Extend Site with Access from Hurst Lane**

Council has written to various schools and DMBC's Planning and Road Traffic Officers to ask for their support in objecting to the proposed new road with the main access to the Park sited on Hurst Lane. The road already has serious problems with large numbers of vehicles, congestion at the crossroads, a railway bridge which restricts motorists' sight lines and the need for a pedestrian crossing for children attending the Hayfield School, due to the increased volume of traffic and the speed of motorists.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write to the Manager of the Hanson Quarry to make him aware of the proposals which are planned close to his land and will therefore have some impact on the quarry and vehicles using the site.

9. **To Discuss Response From Planning Dept. Regarding Possible Development at Common Lane**

DMBC's Planning Officer advises that he is aware of the Strategic Sites Group, and confirms the site at Common Lane is not one that has been submitted to the L.A. through the "Call for Sites" at the start of the Local Plan and therefore not under consideration at this time as a potential allocation in the Plan. If submitted as a late representation it will likely need to be assessed prior to examination of plans or if submitted as a planning application it will be assessed against existing local planning policies.

RESOLVED - Council will discuss this matter with a DMBC Planning Officer in August.

10. **To Consider Development Planner's Response to Council's Suggestions Re. Hayfield Lane Project**

The proposed plan for recreation facilities at Hayfield Lane, submitted by Peel's Development Planner, was discussed at the May Council meeting when members had suggested some amendments to the plan, the main one being an update of the changing rooms, plus a larger car park. The Development Planner has replied that additional features will bring the scheme well over budget and members may wish to consider possibly removing the Under 5's Play Equipment and the MUGA.

RESOLVED - It was agreed that Council Members will discuss this matter on 16th August and arrange a meeting with the Development Planner on the 17th August.

11. **To Discuss Progress With Regard to Provision of Pedestrian Crossing at Hurst Lane**

The Clerk reported that so far Council has received pledges of monies towards the cost of a crossing from: Cantley with Branton Parish Council, Robin Hood Airport and Finningley Parish Council. Further applications for grants to be made.

12. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) Flower Tubs - Council thanked local resident, Mr. Scott for kindly weeding and watering the flower tubs situated on the highway verge at Ellers Lane and digging out soil around the trees.
- b) BT Telegraph Pole - The Clerk to ask BT whether the pole on Main Street is now redundant as there are no longer any wires attached to it and, if this is the case, could it possibly be removed.
- c) Yellow Lines on Highway - DMBC Highways to be asked when they intend to carry out repairs on certain estate roads in Auckley where potholes have been marked with yellow paint.
- d) Sunken Highway Verges - DMBC to be made aware of sunken areas on the highway verges at Hayfield Lane.
- e) Water Ponding, Rear of Cambrian Estate - A reminder to be sent to DMBC Highways regarding work planned to renovate the verge and footway to prevent water collecting.
- f) Pothole, Hurst Lane - DMBC to be informed of a pothole on Hurst Lane outside the new college.
- g) Litter, Hayfield Lane - DMBC to be asked to clear debris from the lane leading to crash barrier.
- h) Overhanging Hedge, Mosham Road - DMBC to be asked to arrange for the hedge to be trimmed.
- i) Directional Signs - The Clerk to report there are several directional signs on the B1396 partially obscured by vegetation on approaches from Auckley/Blaxton to the Mosham/Gatehouse lights.

13. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Planting of Flowers - Council to ask the Local Authority for permission to plant flowers around the trees on the Ellers Lane highway verge.
- b) Flower Tubs - The Clerk to enquire whether DMBC has any concrete tubs to replace some of those on the village green which are cracked or broken.
- c) Riverside Park - The Parish Handyman to be asked to trim the Memorial Garden and look out for litter left near the bench in front of the pavilion.
- d) Concreted Area in Front of Pavilion - Agreed to discuss at next meeting what action can be taken to remove graffiti carved into the concrete.
- e) Condition of River Torne - It was agreed to write to Environment Agency and report that the river is currently stagnant with a very high water level, and the banking slopes are completely overgrown with vegetation. There are concerns that in its present state heavy persistent rainfall could lead to the river flooding adjacent land.

14. **To Consider Various Training Seminars** - Noted.

15. **To Decide Suitable Items to Publish in the August Newsletter**

It was agreed to publish a full page item in the August newsletter regarding Yorkshire Wildlife Park's proposals to construct a new road with access from Hurst Lane.

16. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Parish Web Site**

The newsletter item to feature on the web site and an updated report for the Hayfield School.

17. **To Receive Report of Meetings/Seminars Attended by Council Members**

- a) PCJCC Meeting - Mrs. Worthington reported the following issues were discussed:

Air Quality

Fly posting

The Local Plan is now in place to publish and information will be sent to Clerks.

Section 106 and CIL - the Local Authority is still awaiting views from the Government

The Waste Management Contract has been awarded to 'Sita'.

Public Protection Orders were discussed

- b) Airport Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee

Mr. Payne reported on the following issues discussed at the meeting:

Signage to Airport - Some concerns have been expressed regarding poor signage to the airport and local M.P.'s have been consulted on this matter.

Freight - The airport has received its first contract from South Africa to deliver freight.

Navigation for Arrivals & Departures - Will be adjusted to improve the environmental impact.

Noise Monitoring - Complaints received from residents of Wroot, Bawtry and Moorends.

A National Police Force will be based at the airport, complete with helicopter.

Community Investment Fund - Council had earlier applied for funds towards the cost of a pedestrian crossing outside the Hayfield School, and the committee voted unanimously to pledge the sum of £1,000 towards the proposed crossing.

17. **Report of Meetings/Seminars (continued)**

c) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Meeting 21st June

Mrs. Worthington reported that Mr. D. Wright was elected Chairman of the Branch and Mr. D. Liddell Vice Chairman. Mr. Liddell was elected Chairman of the Joint Executive Committee.

YLCA is in contact with the Information Commission regarding changes to Data Protection.

d) Auckley Parish Centre Meeting

Ms. Staniforth reported that the committee is still investigating details of the agreement made initially with the Church Authorities. This is required before repairs can be made to the car park.

18. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

No. 17/01491/FUL - Erection of single storey side and rear extension, plus erection of porch to front elevation of a semi-detached dwelling house

4 Ash Grove, Auckley, Doncaster

Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of this application.

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

Planning permission granted for the following applications:

a) No. 17/01217/ADV - Display of LED, halo illuminated, college name letters and logo and Sports Centre lettering, illuminated with exterior building mounted spot lights

New College (Doncaster) Hurst Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

b) No. 17/00660/FUL - Erection of detached pitched roof single garage (with an overall height of 4.35m) 38 Broad Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

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

BACS no. 31	Doncaster Scouts	Donation towards roof repair	£2,000.00
BACS no. 32	Mr. P. Dennis	Undertake Internal Audit	£80.00
BACS no. 33	YLCA	Supply 'Good Councillor's Guide'	£4.69
BACS no. 34	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£458.04
BACS no. 35	Parish Centre	Hire for July meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 36	N Power	Pavilion electricity	£25.79
BACS no. 37	Mr. C. Humphreys	Purchase High Vis shirt	£12.00
BACS no. 38	N Power	Christmas lights (village green)	£22.07
BACS no. 39	N Power	Christmas lights (village green)	£19.89
BACS no. 40	Staff Charges		£309.40
BACS no. 41	HMRC	Employee's tax	£25.80

21. **To Receive Correspondence**

Doncaster bus service changes - July - September, Free Floating Cinemas in Doncaster and Thorne in July, YLCA Joint Annual Meeting, Diabetes Week 11th - 17th July, Fire Service News, Home Front Day at Cusworth Hall 23rd July, Special Olympics Opening Ceremony at Bramall Lane on 8th August, Lions Fun and Sports Day 19th August

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 13th September 2017, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson.....

Date.....

