

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH 2020, COMMENCING AT 7.15 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), Mrs. D. Fiddler,
Mr. G. Payne, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
Ward Councillor A. Jones
Two members of the public
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence**
Received and accepted from Cllr Platts and Cllr Butterfield.
2. **To Receive Declarations of Interest and Any Amendments**
None declared.
3. **To Determine Exclusion of Public and Press**
There were no items considered in need of exclusion.
4. **To Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 12th February 2020**
Two items to be amended as follows:
Item No 9 - Mr. P. Dennis was approved as Council's Internal Auditor for 2020/2021
Item No. 21 c) – The next YLCA Branch Meeting will be held at Braithwell (not Braithwaite)
The minutes were then approved and signed as a true record.
5. **To Receive a Report from District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers**
Cllr Jones advised Council that no lock is required for the entrance gate to the new Hayfield Park, merely a notice which lists opening and closing times of the Park.
6. **To Receive Police Report and Latest Crime Statistics**
Crime Report - 46 incidents occurring in Auckley during January 2020 were reported to the Police.
The Doncaster Central Members' Update received.
7. **Matters Arising from the November Meeting**
 - a) **Flooding at The Green** - This matter is still ongoing. The Clerk to write to Severn Trent regarding recent flooding at Main Street and the Ellers Lane car park.
 - b) **Nisa Store** - DMBC Environmental Health Officer reports that the owner of the store has painted the boarding around the untidy land to the side, but there is still no close boarding to the rear of the building. Cllr Jones to inspect.
 - c) **Sunken Gully on Hurst Lane** - The Clerk to again report a sunken gully near the brick-built bus shelter at Hurst Lane.
 - d) **Hurst Lane Uneven Grass Verge** – DMBC Highways Officer will inspect the verge.
 - e) **Poor Lighting Near Roundabout Leading to Yorkshire Wildlife Park** – DMBC's Lighting Engineer reports that he has requested an increment to the dimming levels of the lanterns surrounding the roundabout, they are now set to maximum output and will remain at this level.
 - f) **Hedge Overhanging Hurst Lane Footway** – Highways Officer will contact the landowner and ask for the hedge to be cut back.
 - g) **Possible Employment of Part-Time Police Officer** – Cllr Jones replies that unfortunately not all the five local Parish Councils are in agreement, in order to reduce individual Council costs which would make it possible. If Auckley feels it is worthwhile, he suggests that members work directly with those Councils.
 - h) **Provision of Christmas Trees** – Pending.
 - i) **Blocked Gullies Near Hurst Lane Quarry** – The Quarry Manager reports that, as a result of recent inclement weather, the drains have been struggling to clear, due to the sheer volume of water to the system as a whole, although they were cleaned out when the new roundabout was built. In view of concerns, he will arrange for the drains/gullies to be cleaned out, and confirms that Hanson is still funding a weekly sweep of Hurst Lane, in addition to the sweep carried out by DMBC.
 - j) **Pavilion Smart Meter** – The Clerk reported that a smart meter was installed in the box on the rear of the building in early March 2020.
 - k) **Demand for Corporation Tax**- Awaiting a reply from HMRC.

8. **To Consider Funding Disabled Toilet/Baby Change Facility for Use At Auckley Show**
Council was advised that the hire charge is £170 + VAT, which is the same amount as last year.
RESOLVED – Council agreed to again fund the apparatus.
9. **To Ratify Payment For Repair of Gate Post at Riverside Park**
Following consultation with members of Council, it had been decided to pay the full amount as per the contractor's 30 day condition, and this was ratified by Council.
10. **To Consider Hire Charge for Council to Hold Meetings in School**
The Hayfield Lane Primary School quotes the following sum to hire 'The Zone' for 2.5 hours:
The Zone – 2.5 hours @ £20 per hour = £50
Use of toilets – 2.5 hours @ £7 per hour = £17.50
Caretaking Costs – 2.5 hours @£16 per hour = £40
Total Cost for 2.5 hours hire charge per month = £107.50. The meeting to be from 6.00 – 8.30 p.m.
RESOLVED – Following discussion, it was agreed that the price quoted was too high for an organisation funded from the public purse, and it was decided to ask residents living in the Hayfield area whether they know of any other venues in the locality where meetings might be held.
11. **To Consider Purchasing HV Jackets/Tabards for Volunteers Training to Use Speed Gun**
The local PCSO advises that tabards sized X and XL would be the most suitable garments for this activity, and only 3 volunteers have so far applied.
RESOLVED – Council agreed that the Clerk orders 2 x size X and 2 x size XL.
12. **To Make a Donation Towards Refurbishment of the Blaxton War Memorial**
Council had agreed at an earlier meeting to give a donation in the sum of £500 towards the cost of the Blaxton War Memorial. The work has now been satisfactorily completed, and a payment in the sum of £500 was approved.
13. **To Consider Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Licence Application for Expanded Development**
Yorkshire Wildlife Park has applied for a licence for the new visitor extension being constructed on land within Auckley Parish off Hurst Lane. Part of the proposal is a new Premises Licence which will allow the playing of recorded music both indoors and outdoors until 2.00 a.m. and the sale of alcohol both inside and out until 2.00 a.m. Council is opposed to this application because it will result in noise nuisance for Auckley residents, particularly as the site is nearer to many dwellings in Auckley, dwellings, and concerns regarding alcohol sales until 2.00 a.m. Council is disappointed that very few Auckley residents were informed of the application, and requests that the application is delayed until more members of the public have been notified of this proposal...
14. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Hayfield Park Project**
Opening Times of Park - Council was informed that there will be no need for a key holder if a notice featuring the opening and closing times of the park is displayed.
RESOLVED It was agreed to order a sign displaying opening times from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Site for Swings –Regarding Council's request for a suitable site for the installation of swings – Peel's Development Manager advises that Option B would move a picnic table nearer to the car park, thereby leaving room for the swings. Council agreed with this suggestion.
Land Between Two Fences – Council expressed concerns regarding the narrow strip of land that lies between the original fencing adjacent to the Hayfield Lane footway and the new fencing fronting the play park. This area has a dyke and some trees, and is not owned by Peel. Council expressed concerns that the land will be difficult to maintain and liable to be a dumping ground for litter.
Purchase of Defibrillator – The Ambulance Advisory Department has provided information regarding a metal stand to hold an outside defibrillator. The Clerk to make enquiries.
15. **To Discuss Highway Matters**
a) **Cars Parked at Hayfield Lane** – Two residents have written to complain that some parents delivering their children to school in a morning and collecting them at 3.30 p.m. are parking on the grass verges outside the Hayfield Lane Primary School. This practice is putting children at risk and damaging the grassed areas. The Clerk has contacted DMBC's Planning Enforcement Team and they, together with PCSO's will be monitoring the situation during the following week. It was agreed to write to the Headteacher of the school to ask if she can make any suggestions to improve the situation.

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

- b) Litter on Hurst Lane- A resident of Hurst Lane has written to complain that large amounts of litter is being dumped along the lane, and also reports that rats have been seen eating food that has been left by motorists parked in cars on the lane. This matter to be reported to DMBC.
- c) Travel Plan for College- Council was reminded that when the College was first established there was a condition that a Transport Plan should be introduced, once student numbers exceeded 600, and the traffic situation monitored twice yearly. Council to ask what the survey has revealed.

16. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Provision of Plinths and Planters – Council will discuss at the April meeting.
- b) Trees Blocking Sunlight – A resident of Sandhill Rise reports that tall trees on Riverside Park are again blocking sunlight from his garden during Summer afternoons and has asked whether Council would consider either felling or reducing the height of some or all of the trees.
RESOLVED- It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with Tree Surgeon, Mr. Burrows and ask for his advice on what would be the most appropriate action to take.
- c) Dog Fouling at Spey Drive Play Area- Council was informed that some irresponsible dog owners are exercising their pets off the lead on the play area at approx. 9.30– 10.00 p.m. each night, and this action results in the grass being fouled with dog excreta.
RESOLVED- It was agreed to ask the Enforcement Team to monitor the park.

17. **To Consider Items for Newsletter**

It was agreed that the following items are to be featured:

New Footway - DMBC to be thanked for constructing a footway along Hayfield Lane to enable children living on Gatehouse Lane and the Spitfire Way Estate to walk on a hard surface when on their way to school.

Hayfield Park - Hopefully, if the fine weather continues, the football field will be seeded, and the Park can then be opened. Council is intending to provide some swings for younger children.

Alternate Venues for Council Meetings – Unfortunately Council has been unable to find a venue in the Hayfield Lane/Hurst Lane area where some Parish Council meetings could be held. Any suggestions from residents would be greatly appreciated.

18. **To Receive Report on Neighbourhood Plan Group**

Cllr Swainston reported that the Advisor to the Group updated the draft plan at the March meeting. The Group was informed that the Doncaster Local Plan is now in for inspection. Some plans of the Parish have been received from DMBC, but more information is needed regarding the boundaries. Economic and protected areas are to be included in the Neighbourhood Draft Plan.

19. **To Discuss Matters Associated With Parish Web Site**

Cllr Featherstone has contacted a Web Master to see if the web site can be re-formulated in order to be compliant with the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations. Details to be obtained for the April meeting.

20. **To Review Council's Risk Assessment**

It was agreed to add Data Protection cover to Council's insurance, otherwise everything else was approved.

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

Cllr Warrender reported that the committee is considering whether to install broadband in the building. There is still no news of the lease.

22. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 20/00346/FUL – Erection of a ground floor extension to the rear and 2 storey extension to the side - 9 Ravenswood Drive, Auckley, Doncaster.
Concerns expressed that development to the side will reduce parking space within the curtilage of the property to one vehicle, and result in visitors having to park on the highway near a junction and a bend in the road where there is already congestion.

22. **To Consider Planning Applications (continued)**

No objections or comments made in respect of the following applications:

- b) No. 20/00612/FUL – Erection of single storey front porch extension, 2 storey side extension, single and 2 storey extension and widening of existing drive access

No. 7 Ravenswood Drive, Auckley

- c) No.20/00576/FUL – Erection of single storey extension

14 The Hollows, Auckley, Doncaster

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

The following planning applications have been granted:

- a) No. 18/01748/OUTM – Outline application for erection up to 140 dwellings, including means of access - Land On The North Side of Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

- b) No. 19/03107/FUL – Erection of single storey side/rear extension to form granny flat, new garage to side/front and porch to front of dwelling

- c) No. 20/00171/PD – Retain use of premises as A1 (hair salon) 75% of the business and additional 25% use for beauty treatments - Unit 6, Phantom Court, Hayfield Lane, Auckley

This is Permitted Development

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

BACS no. 119	HMRC	Employee’s tax	£64.00
BACS no. 120	Handyman’s wages	Work in Parish	£255.26
BACS no. 121	GNE Contractors	Repair to gate post	£1,200.00
BACS no. 122	N Power	Pavilion electricity	£16.94
BACS.no. 123	Blaxton Parish Council	Donation	£500.00
BACS no. 124	‘Your Name Here’	Web site hosting	£43.95
BACS no. 125	Clerk’s payments	Quarterly pay, expenses	£2,579.94
BACS no. 126	Parish Centre	Neighbourhood meeting	£8.25
BACS no. 127	Parish Centre	Parish Council meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 128	HMRC	Employee tax & N.I.	£223.96

Banking Transaction - Neighbourhood Plan Grant

BACS no. N34	L.A.B. Planning Services	Support N. Plan Group	£150.00
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25. **To Receive Correspondence**

NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletins

YLCA – White Rose Updates; Spring Training Programme,

Log-in details for the new YLCA

Website

Police – Doncaster Central Reports

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 8th April 2020, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson

Date