

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**  
**AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE**

Present: Mr. I. Swainston (Chairman), Mrs. S. Platts, Mr. G. Warrender, Mr. I. Butterfield  
Community Safety Officer S. Racjan  
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**Public Participation**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Received and accepted from: Cllr Worthington, Cllr Featherstone, Cllr Staniforth, Cllr Fiddler, Cllr. Payne.

2. **To Receive Declarations of Interest and Any Amendments**

Cllr. Warrender declared an interest in Item no. 7(a)

3. **To Determine Exclusion of Public and Press**

There were no items that were considered in need of exclusion.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meetings Held on 11th September 2019**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

5. **To Receive Report From District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers**

Community Officer, S. Racjan enquired whether Council was still interested in providing a skate park and advised that Tickhill Council are installing a 'Scoot Park' which is a smaller version of the normal model and costs £60,000 He will send Council the name of a contact.

The area around Hayfield Lane and the Co-operative Store has remained relatively quiet - apart from a number of young people congregating on the grassed area at Walnut Avenue, and some issues at Sherwood Avenue where residents have been advised to ring 101.

National Crime Stop Week - Support given to vulnerable areas, particularly isolated residents.

The Community Litter Pick at Marr Flatts Wood will take place on 19th October.

6. **To Receive Police Report and Latest Crime Statistics**

Crime Report for August - 29 incidents occurring in Auckley reported to the Police.

7. **Matters Arising from the July Minutes**

- a) **Flooding at The Green** - DMBC's Drainage Officer reports that the L.A. is undertaking a number of measures to address flooding. Extensive CCTV surveys have been carried out in the Rushley Close and Main Street areas where the surface water sewer was found to be defective, and work was completed recently to rectify these problems. Inspections to the drainage system at The Green are to be carried out shortly. The residents concerned have expressed their disappointment that the foul drainage issue is not DMBC's responsibility. **RESOLVED** - Following discussion, it was agreed to wait until DMBC's survey of The Green has been undertaken, and discuss this matter at the November meeting.
- b) **Overgrown Bushes at Sandhill Rise Property** - It was agreed to ask the local farmer who previously trimmed back the vegetation to provide a quotation for the next meeting.
- c) **Blocked Gully, Hurst Lane** - DMBC advises that a gully cleansing operation will be carried out on the Hurst Lane gullies during the Autumn school half term holiday when traffic lights have been removed.
- d) **Dog Fouling, Riverside Park and Main Street** - The Enforcement Officer replies that patrols have taken place on Riverside Park and Main Street, but no offenders have been observed.
- e) **Concrete Blocks Placed on Old Bawtry Road** - Pending.
- f) **Overgrown Trees and Hedges** Members to monitor.
- g) **Nottinghamshire's Local Minerals Local Plan** - Blaxton Clerk, together with Cllr Johnson and Cllr Bedford have compiled a very detailed and comprehensive joint response to the consultation, which will be sent on behalf of Auckley, Blaxton, Cantley with Branton and Finningley Parish Councils.
- h) **Banners Displayed at Hurst Lane/Hayfield Lane Junction** - Enforcement Officer acknowledges Council's message, but it may be some time before this matter is addressed, due to back log of work.
- i) **Public Footpath No. 7** - The Clerk has written to ask the developers to re-locate the stile at the front of the footpath and remove all the chopped down hedges and old fencing dumped on the Charity Land.
- j) **Nisa Store** - DMBC's Officer responsible for grass cutting advises that the verge in front of the Nisa Store is private and is not cut by DMBC. The Local Authority only cuts the verge adjacent to the highway and 1/2metres to the back of the path.
- k) **Co-operative Car Park** - Pending.
- l) **Condition of River Torne** - Environment Agency reports that the second scheduled weed cut has been carried out on the River Torne at Auckley. There is a defined channel through the centre of the river that will convey water. Due to the nature of the river, the flow and levels during the Summer months can become low. Members reported that the flow of the river has now improved.

7. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- m) **New Housing Development** - It was reported that some roads on the new housing development off the Great Yorkshire Way are uneven with water standing and potholes forming. It was agreed to write and ask DMBC when the development will be completed and the roads adopted.
- n) **Overfull Litter/Dog Bins** - DMBC Officer has been delegated to look into whether the bin outside the Spar Store and opposite the Auckley Fish Shop might be replaced with larger receptacles, as they are both overflowing with rubbish by the weekend.
- o) **Overgrown Public Rights of Way No. 7 to Rear of Poplars Farm** - Peel's Building Manager replies she is not sure whether this land is in the ownership of Peel, but will make enquiries.

8. **To Consider External Auditor's Report**

External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn reports that in their opinion the information given in Section 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

**RESOLVED** - Council accepted the report.

9. **To Consider Application from Auckley School Council for Financial Assistance**

Council is awaiting further information.

10. **To Report Meeting with DMBC's Electrical Engineer and Consider Amended Quotation for Supply**

The engineer advised that 2 posts would be required at the village green to serve the 3 smaller deciduous trees, and one post to be provided at Larch Avenue. However, a post would not be needed at the Oak Tree Avenue venue, as the feeder pillar could be used and new ducting installed. The amended quotation would be £7,617.28 as opposed to the original sum of £9,988.00.

**RESOLVED** - Cllr Platts proposed that Council accept the amended quotation. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Swainston, and the motion was carried.

11. **To Consider Ordering New Christmas Tree Lights**

Council considered a quotation from 'Christmas Plus' for a 3 Year Lighting Scheme Purchase as follows:

<u>Year 1</u> - Purchase of lights, plus installation and dismantle lights	£6,654.00
<u>Year 2</u> - Install and dismantle lights	£2,994.00
<u>Year 3</u> - Install and dismantle lights	£2,904.00

Council had been informed prior to meeting that the firm cannot install the lights before the 8th December.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr Platts proposed the quotation be accepted, with the proviso that the lights are provided no later than 10th December, otherwise the order will be deferred until 2020.

Cllr Warrender seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

Quotations have been invited from Pleveys and Bawtry Forest to provide two 20ft trees for Hurst Lane.

Only one reply had so far been received. It was agreed to designate the Clerk to accept the lower of the two quotes, as the trees had to be ordered before the next meeting.

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

Council considered providing a poppy wreath which will be laid at the Blaxton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, plus a donation to the Royal British Legion.

**RESOLVED** - Cllr Warrender proposed that a donation in the sum of £120 be made to purchase a poppy wreath, with the remainder going towards British Legion funds. Cllr Platts seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

13. **To Discuss Progress of Hayfield Lane Recreation Ground and Consider Signs and Seat**

Peel's Project Manager had earlier that day informed Council of the work programme as follows:

Works over the next 2 weeks include:

- MUGA fencing installation
- Pin kerbs and channel drains to MUGA installed
- Perimeter fencing complete
- All play equipment installed
- Turfing complete
- Grass matting installed to play equipment
- Lamp column removal (by Brambledown)

The Clerk to write and remind the Project Manager that an electricity supply had been promised to supply electricity to a defibrillator, plus the contractors would install the poppy seat.

Discussion took place regarding provision of a sign to either exclude dogs from the park or have a policy of dogs on leads. It was agreed to ask advice from the DMBC Officer dealing with legislation re. this matter

14. **To Report Update on Road Works at Hurst Lane - New Access to Wildlife Park**

It was reported that temporary traffic lights are still being used on one section of Hurst Lane for work on the roundabout near the access to YWLP. The rough area of footway near the bridge has now been re-surfaced.

15. **To Discuss Other Highway Matters**

- a) **Resident's Letter Re. Proposed Signal Crossing at Lidgett Crossroads** - A resident has written to highlight the increase in the volume of traffic on Main Street, and of how the proposed signal crossing will have a huge impact on the flow of vehicles. One suggestion would be to introduce a one-way system on School Lane, thus reducing the junction to a three- way configuration, as opposed to four.  
It was agreed to send this correspondence to DMBC's Highways Officer dealing with the project.
- b) **Soakaways at Hurst Lane** - It was reported that the road was recently flooded outside the New College, Hayfield School and the school's car park near the railway bridge. DMBC to be asked to inspect and cleanse the soakaways.
- c) **Broken Window in Bus Shelter** - SYPTE to be informed that one of the windows has been broken in the shelter situated on Hayfield Lane, on the stretch of road between First and Second Avenue.

16. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

**New Planters** - 'Amberol' delivered the new planters to Walkers Nurseries where they were planted with bulbs, filled with compost, and placed on the village green and triangular land at School Lane.

17. **To Consider Possible Alternative Venues for Meetings**

One suggestion would be to ask a local hotel what their charge would be to hire a room for meetings.

18. **To Report on Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting 16th September**

Council was informed that the Group is waiting for a report from ACOM who are still assessing the sites. The next activity will be a draft plan and consultation.

Two people who are planning to purchase a dwelling at Spey Drive have written to ask if Council could advise them on whether any development is planned for the field to the rear of the property.

The prospective buyers to be advised to contact DMBC's Planning Department.

19. **To Discuss Matters Associated with the Web Site** - No issues raised.

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

a) **Airport Noise Monitoring & Environment Sub-Committee, 13th September**

Cllr Swainston reported on the following:

The Airport has won an award for Best Airport and meeting environmental standards.

'Which' magazine reports it as being a relaxed and favourite Airport.

Passenger numbers have increased by 22% and cargo up by 20%.

Hopefully the rail station might receive some funding from 'Trains from the North'.

The Airport car park is one of the main sources of income.

The Heritage Memorial Group is looking at the history and development of the Airport over the years, and if anyone has any literature on this matter, they can contact Cllr Swainston.

b) **Parish Centre Meeting** - Cllr. Warrender reported that the committee is still awaiting a lease.

c) **Co-operative Local Forum Meeting 25th September** - The Clerk reported that a number of cooperative pioneers attended the meeting. These are based in various areas of Doncaster, and the latest co-operative community projects were discussed.

A very interesting talk was given by South Yorkshire's Fraud Officer who outlined how old and vulnerable people are being robbed of substantial amounts of money by fraudsters.

d) **CAP Meeting** - The next CAP Meeting will be held on 23rd October at the Finningley Church.

e) **Igas Activities** - The Environment Agency recently asked Igas if they could install and maintain an air quality monitor at Springs Road. The trailer was installed recently within the airlock and is similar to the one the E.A. had on the site in 2017. The monitor will be regularly visited and recalibrated by the E.A.  
The monitor is likely to remain in place for many months.

21. **To Consider Planning Applications**

No planning applications were submitted for the current period.

**The following applications were withdrawn:**

- a) No. 19/00482/FUL - Change of use and re-configuration of retail units to 1 x Office (A2), 1 x Taxi Office (sui generis), 1 x Beauty Salon (sui generis), 1 x Retail (A1), flexible space for Restaurant/bar/takeaway (A3/A4), retention of Nail Bar (sui generis)  
Phantom Court, Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster.
- b) Proposed Development : Sand and Gravel extraction. Backfill with imported silt and restoration to agriculture and biodiversity, including the construction of a temporary road access  
Land to the south of College Farm, East of Great North Road, Barnby Moor, Retford.  
Applicant: Hanson Quarry Products Europe Limited.

22. **To Report Decisions Made by DMBC's Planning Committee**  
No decisions were reported.
23. **To Authorise Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**
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| BACS no. 62 | Handyman           | Work in Parish          | £251.58   |
| BACS no. 63 | PKF Littlejohn     | External Audit          | £240.00   |
| BACS no. 64 | i.c.o.             | Data Protection Fee     | £40.00    |
| BACS no. 65 | HMRC               | Employee's Tax          | £63.00    |
| BACS no. 66 | HMRC               | Employee's Tax          | £63.00    |
| BACS no. 67 | N Power            | Christmas lighting      | £30.01    |
| BACS no. 68 | Yorkshire Water    | Allotments Water Rates  | £96.55    |
| BACS no. 69 | Yorkshire Water    | Pavilion Water          | £5.29     |
| BACS no. 70 | Arrow Publications | Items in newsletter     | £66.00    |
| BACS no. 71 | Glendale           | Grounds maintenance     | £102.43   |
| BACS no. 72 | Handyman           | Duties in Parish        | £262.85   |
| BACS no. 73 | Amberol            | Supply/Deliver Planters | £4,189.01 |
| BACS no. 74 | Parish Centre      | October Council Meeting | £24.75    |
- Banking Transactions - Neighbourhood Plan Grant**
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| BACS no.N28 | L.A.B .       | Advising Group on Plan     | £375.00 |
| BACS no.N29 | Parish Centre | Neighbourhood Plan Meeting | £12.35  |
24. **To Receive Correspondence**  
NALC - Chief Executive's Reports  
YLCA - Dates of Branch Meetings  
Police - Central Ward Members' Report; Message from SY Chief Constable
25. **To Confirm Date and Time of Next Meeting** - To be held on Wednesday, 13th November 2019, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre, Main Street, Auckley

Chairperson .....

Date .....