

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**

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 S. Cox
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

Public Participation

No member of the public joined the meeting.

1. **To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence**

No apologies were received.

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

No declarations were received.

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

There were no items considered to be in need of exclusion.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 14th October 2020**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

Cllr Cox reported on the following matters:

Road Works - He has expressed concerns regarding the slow progress of the road works at the Mosham Road/Hurst Lane Junction, but is still waiting for a response after 5 days, but unfortunately the contractors are not employed by DMBC.

Planning Applications - Cllr Cox urged members of the Parish Council to attend planning meetings when there are controversial issues because Planning Officers are not always aware of some of the finer details of the applications, whereas Parish Councillors have local knowledge of the locations in question.

Transport and Quarries Meeting – It was reported at the meeting that the Hanson Quarry at Hurst Lane is likely to close in 2021.

Wildlife Access Roundabout – It has been recommended that a 20mph speed limit is implemented at the roundabout.

Footway Over Hurst Railway Bridge – Cllr Cox continues to campaign for a separate footway over the railway bridge.

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

The Clerk had received a report that youths in cars or on scooters had been handing out packets to groups of young people in the cul-de-sac leading to the Riverside car park. These suspected drug-dealing activities were reported to the local Police Inspector who advised that the area would be monitored. Cllr Cox had also witnessed drug dealing outside the Spar Store, and followed the vehicle involved for some way before it was lost in traffic. Cllr Warrender reported that a group of youths were fighting on the Spey Drive play area on 4th November, and was advised to ring 101 but without success. Cllr Cox advised that the Police did receive a report of the incident.

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

a) Nisa Store – The Clerk has written again to DMBC Enforcement to report that the wooden fence has not yet been erected.

b) Damaged Zip Wire – The equipment has now been repaired.

c) Flooding at Mosham Road – DMBC's Drainage Officer advises that a new drainage system will be installed as part of the work to install a signalled crossing, and this should address the problem.

d) Rubbish Left Near Litter Bin Outside Spar Store - The Street Clean Officer is dealing with the matter.

e) Christmas Trees – The 2 trees for Hurst Lane are due to be delivered and installed on 17th November.

f) Line of Conifers at Main Street – DMBC Highways Officer has inspected the trees and does not consider they are in need of trimming back at this time, however, he has asked the Street Scene staff to clear debris which has fallen from the trees onto the road and in the gutters.

g) Additional HGV's Travelling Through Auckley – A reminder to Cllr Jones.

h) Trees Overhanging Pumping Station – Pending.

8. **To Consider Details of Investment Possibilities**

The Clerk has made enquiries with a local Building Society, but funds will not be accepted from a Parish Council because it is considered to be a business. The National Westminster Bank which Council deals with does have a Treasury Reserve Deposit Account, but the minimum deposit is £100,000.

The Clerk has also obtained details of The Public Sector Deposit Fund/CCLA (Churches, Charities & Local Authorities) which is a mutually- owned firm of investment managers owned by LAMIT.

Members to consider what other options are available.

9. **To Discuss Matters Associated with the New Hayfield Park**

Peel's Development Manager has written to suggest that Peel could take on responsibility for the rough land adjacent to the footway which has a dyke and trees, and undertake maintenance in an attempt to settle the dispute and enable the park to open.

RESOLVED – Following discussion, Cllr Payne proposed that Peel's offer is rejected and Council insists that its request is carried out to move the new fence adjacent to the footway. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Platts. Cllr Featherstone proposed an amendment that Peel takes on responsibility for the land that is in dispute and provides a gate in the top left-hand corner. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Staniforth.

Voting took place on the amendment but was not upheld.

Voting on the original proposal took place and was passed by a substantial majority of members.

Council's grounds maintenance contractor has visited the park and provided an estimated cost for maintaining the ground, once it is taken over by Council.

10. **To Consider Purchase of Defibrillator for Riverside Park**

Council agreed to purchase the iPad SP1 Defibrillator plus the Defib Safe 2 Cabinet from 'Wel Medical' at a cost of £1,250.00 + VAT. The Under 8-9's football team have collected the sum of £440 towards this equipment which is to be installed on the side wall of the pavilion facing onto the car park.

11. **To Receive Report of Site Meeting at Riverside Park to Decide Location of Picnic Tables & Play Equipment**

Members of Council have identified 2 suitable locations to site picnic tables/benches – one close to the zip wire and one on the slope behind the pavilion. This matter to be discussed at the December meeting and consideration given to possibly purchasing some balancing equipment.

12. **To Consider Provision of a Dog Sign for the Allotment Site**

Council was advised that members of the Gardens and Allotments Committee are concerned that a dog is being allowed to roam around and foul the allotments, probably at night, and are considering the provision of a notice warning dog owners that it is an offence to allow a dog to foul the land.

RESOLVED- It was agreed to fund a notice which will possibly be attached to the entrance gate. The committee is to decide the wording of the notice.

13. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) **New Retaining Wall at Mosham Road** – Council has written to complain that the wooden retaining wall is not in keeping with the look of the village, and a stone effect would have been more acceptable.
- b) **Hurst Lane Railway Bridge** – DMBC's Senior Bridge Engineer advises that the bridge capacity assessment allows for vehicles in all traffic lanes so two HGV's passing on the bridge are not a concern. Network Rail owns the bridge, so they will be able to answer any further questions. The Clerk has since written to N. Rail
- c) **Vehicles Parked on Hayfield Lane Verges** – A large number of vehicles, most probably owned by College students, are now being parked on the verges at Hayfield Lane adjacent to the College sports field, and a resident has written to complain that the parking will result in the grass being damaged. It was agreed to write to DMBC Highways and enquire whether they might consider putting notices on the parked cars.
- d) **Parked Cars Blocking Essential Service Vehicles** – Cllr Warrender reported that recently, due to cars being parked on the narrow road, the drivers of an ambulance and a refuse lorry were unable to access Dart Grove. It was agreed to include this matter in Council's report for the December Arrow.
- e) **Traffic Lights at Hurst Lane/Hayfield Lane Junction** - Cllr Payne has written to DMBC Highways regarding the timing of the traffic signals and the problem of drivers wanting to turn right into Hayfield Lane. The Officer has visited the site and made some timing changes. He advises this junction is common of many junctions in the country i.e. when a green light is presented to the vehicle on Hurst Lane it should move forward of the stop line into the centre of the junction when the subsurface detector will see the vehicle and will place a demand for the green arrow. Should a vehicle turning right not get a green arrow, and the full green terminate, then the vehicle should manoeuvre during the 'intergreen' (safety clearance period).

14. **To Discuss Recreational Matters**

- a) **Update on Football Activities** – The Auckley Football Manager reports that no football can be played during the present Covid-19 restrictions. However, he will be visiting the pavilion once each week to use the liner and keep the lines visible on the pitch.
- b) **Pavilion Roof** – It had been reported earlier that there were 2 broken tiles on the pavilion roof and the drain pipe to the rear had pulled away from the guttering. The tiles were replaced and the drain pipe re-connected the following day by John Perry Handyman Services at a cost of £55.
Council was advised that there were some other tiles in need of attention, and it was agreed to obtain quotes for further maintenance, plus the application of anti-vandal paint.
- c) **Carol Singing at Christmas** – Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, it will not be possible to hold the event in December 2020, but hopefully it will be back to normal next year. The Clerk to write to Jason Fletcher at the

Eagle and Child regarding this matter, and thank him for his support over past Christmases.

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14. **To Discuss Recreational Matters (continued)**

d) Mole Trap on Riverside Park – Council was informed that a mole trap, complete with dead mole, had been seen near the play equipment. A thorough search was subsequently made, but nothing was found.

15. **To Consider Tree Surgeon's Report Regarding Trees at Riverside Park**

Mr. Burrows (Advanced Tree Care Ltd.) had been asked to examine trees at Riverside Park which block sunlight from a resident's garden during the Summer months. He reported that work would need to be carried out to 5 trees. Reducing the height of trees is not recommended as they are left structurally weakened, and the process would need to be repeated every 5 years. The best option would be to fell the trees and apply herbicide to the stumps to prevent regrowth. He quoted the sum of £775+ VAT to either fell/reduce the trees **RESOLVED-** Following discussion, Cllr Swainston proposed that the trees are felled, this was seconded by Cllr Warrender, and the motion was carried.

16. **To Decide Items for the December Newsletter**

It was agreed to feature the following items in the newsletter: Hayfield Park, Cancellation of Carol Singing, Virtual Parish Council Meetings and Parked Cars Blocking Access to Essential Vehicles

17. **To Receive an Update on the Neighbourhood Plan Group**

Council was informed there was nothing to report currently.

18. **To Discuss Parish Web Site**

Council was informed that the web site is now updated to accessibility standard.

19. **To Consider Further Consultation of The Code of Conduct**

The item was noted.

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

Cllr Worthington attended the following meetings:

- a) Code of Conduct Meeting 5th October
- b) PCJCC Virtual Meeting 21st October
- c) Councillors' Discussion Virtual Meeting 27th October
- d) SY Branch of YLCA 28th October
- e) CAP Meeting 2nd November – Alcohol Awareness Week 16th – 21st November, retailers to be visited
- f) iGas Meeting 5th November – The site is now dormant, but another restoration extension for 3 years is being discussed

21. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 20/02371/FUL – Erection of single storey extension to rear Red Oak House, Eastfield Lane, Auckley - Council had no objections or comments to make
- b) No. 20/02993/FUL – Erection of ground floor extension to rear and porch extension to front 8 Walnut Avenue, Auckley - Council had no objections or comments to make
- c) No. 20/01563/FUL – Erection of 4 dwellings at School Lane, Auckley
Following a revision of the plans in October 2020, residents of The Hollows have made further complaints re. ground levels, lack of privacy & condition of the retaining wall. Council to support these comments.

22. **To Report Decisions Made by DMBC Planning Committee**

- a) No. 20/01413/FUL – Relocation of boundary wall to side and installation of gate 42 Bancroft Drive, Auckley Planning permission granted.

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

BACS no 72	HMRC	Employee Tax	£65.60
BACS no 73	Handyman's wages	Duties in Parish	£262.51
BACS no 74	YLCA	Data Protection Training	£15.00
BACS no 75	YLCA	Code of Conduct Seminar	£15.00
BACS no 76	Mat & Mouse	Web Site Support	£250.00
BACS no 77	Mat & Mouse	AVG Installation	£55.00
BACS no. 78	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£492.81
BACS no. 79	DMBC	Repair zip wire	£666.00
BACS no. 80	Mrs. M. Caygill	Zoom Licence	£14.39
BACS no. 81	Sir J, Whittaker	Supply, install 2 x Christmas Trees	£755.00
BACS no. 82	N Power	Pavilion electricity	£25.34

24. **To Receive Correspondence**

NALC Reports
YLCA Virtual seminars; White Rose Updates
SYPTTE – Changes to bus services due to the pandemic
Police Alerts

25. **To Decide Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 9th December 2020, commencing at 6.30 p.m.
This will probably be a virtual Zoom meeting, and information will be given later.

Chairperson

Date