

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021, COMMENCING AT 6.20 P.M.**

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), Mr. I. Butterfield,  
Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender  
Two Members of the Public  
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**Public Participation**- There were no items raised by members of the public.

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

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

Cllr Warrender declared an interest in Item No. 14.

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

No items were considered in need of exclusion.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

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

No District Councillors or DMBC Officers were in attendance at the meeting.

6. **Matters Arising from the March Meeting**

- a) **Parking on Highway Verge at Hayfield Lane** – Council was advised that Cllr Cox is in contact with the College and the problem will hopefully be resolved.
- b) **Ponding Outside Lidgett Gardens** – DMBC’s Drainage Officer reports that drainage is connected to the water course on the opposite side of the road. The riparian owners of the land in question will be asked to clean out the water course.
- c) **Request for ‘Dog Stencils’** – It was reported that stencils have been applied to the footways which were highlighted at the March meeting.
- d) **Cleaning of Dyke at Riverside Park** – This has been carried out.
- e) **Parking of Cars at Norwood Avenue** – Members reported that the problem appears to have been solved, with some of the vehicles now being parked within the confines of the garden.
- f) **Removal of Hedging from Local Authority Property** – St. Leger Homes is investigating this matter and has informed the resident to stop any further removal of hedging.
- g) **Damaged Drain Cover, Hurst Lane** – The cover has been replaced.
- h) **Ownership of Land at Eastfield Lane** – A reminder to Cllr Jones.
- i) **Damaged Barrier, Junction of Hurst/Hayfield Lane** – DMBC will remove and replace the centre panel.
- j) **Consistent Flooding at First Avenue Airport Entrance** – Cllr Cox has sent a comprehensive report of why the flooding is occurring, and what measures will hopefully be taken to rectify the problem.
- k) **Virtual Meeting to Discuss Planning Application for Plaza Hybrid Development**  
The meeting was organised by Cllr Cox and representatives attended from Peel, DMBC and Local Councils, including Auckley, together with 2 residents of Insall Way. The main concerns expressed were in relation to drainage of the site, and the residents who attended reported their gardens had been under water several times after heavy rain, therefore the matter of drainage should be seriously considered when planning the Plaza.

7. **To Consider Auckley Show Committee’s Application for a Donation Towards the Show and Hire Toilet for the Disabled**

The Show Committee is hopeful that the Annual Auckley Show will go ahead and have asked if Council would again give financial support towards the cost of this event, including the hire of an easy access disabled toilet with baby changing facility at a total cost of £228 including delivery and VAT. Accounts for the 2019 Show and the current bank balance have been supplied to Council.

**RESOLVED** – Following discussion, Cllr Featherstone proposed that Council gives a donation in the sum of £1,000, towards the cost of the Show, plus £228 for hire of the disabled toilet. Cllr Staniforth seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

8. **To Discuss Provision of Highway Cameras**

- a) Report of Virtual Meeting in March – Attendees included Ward Members, DMBC Officers and representatives from Local Councils, including Auckley. The subject of cameras was discussed at length, but no decision was reached, pending further information. It was agreed to contact Cllr Cox after the election has been held.
- b) To Discuss Provision of a Possible CCTV Camera Outside Hayfield Park
  - i The Clerk to write to DMBC and ask for a quotation to provide and install a camera, in time for Council's May meeting.
  - ii Council to contact the Managing Director of a nearby housing development and ask if the firm might wish to contribute towards the cost of a camera, in view of new houses being built in close proximity to the recreation ground.
  - iii The Clerk to write to Inspector Payling and ask whether the cameras in current use have clear enough images to be used in evidence.

9. **To Discuss Concerns Regarding New Signalled Crossing at Mosham/Hurst Junction**

Residents have expressed concerns regarding the risk to safety at the junction – particularly when motorists are crossing over from Hurst Lane to School Lane and vice versa without signalling, when collisions have been narrowly avoided on a number of occasions.

RESOLVED – Council agreed to write to DMBC Highways and ask whether consideration might be given to changing the status of School Lane to a One-Way System, i.e. motorists are permitted to access School Lane from the B1396, but no access allowed from School Lane onto the B1396.

10. **To Receive a Report on Activities at the New Hayfield Park**

- a) Disposal of Litter – The litter bin on the children's play area is not large enough to cope with the number of bottles, wrappers, etc. The Development Manager to be asked if a bin with a larger capacity could be provided.
- b) Lock on Wooden Gate – Following the removal of the initial lock by vandals, the contractors have installed a different model with a push-button code.
- c) Tarzan Swing – The manufacturer of this item does not stipulate a maximum number of people to use the swing, but merely states that it is suitable for several children.
- d) MUGA Lights – An invoice in the sum of £439.55 for electricity used has been received and sent to the Development Manager for payment. The MUGA lights are currently set to be lit until 8.30 p.m., although it is now light until that time. It was agreed to write and ask if a sensor could be provided, and Council given access to the electricity box in order to change the timing.
- e) Football Pitch – The Development Manager to be reminded there is still a damp patch to the rear of the football field.
- f) Anti-Social Behaviour at the Park – Incidents of bottles being smashed, damage to fencing, etc. have been reported to the Police, and hopefully the installation of a camera might curtail some of this behaviour.

11. **To Consider Quotations to Fell Tree**

The tree, situated at Riverside Park to the rear of a Sandhill Rise property was inspected by two tree surgeons who both advise that the tree needs to be felled and the trunk base growing on the pedestrian path needs to be drilled out to prevent a trip hazard.

Urban Arborist quotes the sum of £425 + VAT

Mr. Burrows quotes the sum of £410 + VAT

RESOLVED - Cllr Staniforth proposed that the quotation provided by Mr. Burrows be accepted

This was seconded by Cllr Swainston and agreed.

12. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) Possible Weight Limit on Hurst Lane Railway Bridge – Concerns have been expressed that now the Yorkshire Wildlife Park has opened there will be substantially more traffic using the bridge, and it was agreed to write and ask whether a weight limit should be imposed on the bridge.
- b) New Yorkshire Wildlife Park Car Park - It was reported that although there are crossings marked for pedestrians, no signs have been installed, and motorists need to be made aware of the crossings. There should also be signs denoting where the PROW crosses the car park.

13. **Report of Site Meeting at Riverside Park to Discuss Ground and Proposed Play Equipment**  
Several Council Members and Clerk met to look at the site and decide on future work. The ground had been water-logged earlier in the year, due to an excessive amount of rain, but the children's play area appeared to have dried out. However, the area leading from River Way to the park had been under water for some time and it was decided to ask GNE to survey and advise what work could be undertaken to drain the area and prevent further flooding – possibly some drainage piping and a bridge/path running over the pipes.  
Before the balancing equipment can be installed there are 18 logs to remove and it was agreed to invite 2 quotes to remove the logs and fill the holes with topsoil after removal.  
It is probably dry enough to have the concrete bases constructed to hold the picnic tables/bench
14. **To Discuss Recreational Matters**
- a) **Auckley Junior Football Team** – The team has asked Council's permission to apply for a grant to renovate and seed the field used by the players, given that Council is the landowner.  
RESOLVED – Council agreed that it had no objections although it is unclear what written consent is required through the Grass Maintenance Agreement pro forma. Therefore, the club needs to make the application and contact the Council at a later date.
  - b) **Donation from Junior Football Team** – The young boys have been packing customers' bags in supermarkets to raise funds for a defibrillator, and have collected the sum of £438.45 which has been donated to Council towards the cost of the defibrillator now attached to the pavilion wall. A letter of thanks has been sent to the boys' team.
  - c) **To Report Progress Regarding Greenhouse Damaged by Fallen Tree** – A hawthorn tree had split in half during severe gales on 11<sup>th</sup> March, half the tree had fallen over a resident's fence and damaged his greenhouse. The Clerk had contacted Council's insurers and been asked for details. Council was advised that in the case where trees have fallen without warning and the trees have been maintained, the tree owner is not liable. Council is still waiting for details from the resident
  - d) **To Approve New Ruling Made by Garden & Allotments Association** – The Association's ruling states that delivered manure must be dropped at the top end of the car park and barrowed to allotments, as tractors with heavy ribbed tyres are not permitted beyond this point.  
Council approved the new ruling.
15. **To Consider the Adoption of a New Code of Conduct**  
RESOLVED – Council approved the new Code of Conduct for adoption.
16. **To Approve the Amended Financial Regulations**  
RESOLVED – Council approved the amended Financial Regulations
17. **To Approve the Asset Register**  
RESOLVED – Council approved the Asset Register.
18. **To Receive Police Report and Crime Figures**  
The Clerk has been in contact with both Inspector Payling and the local PCSO regarding various incidents of anti-social behaviour on the Hayfield Park, near the Spar Store and School Lane garages. There were 15 crimes reported for February which was a significantly lower number than those reported in December and January.
19. **To Receive a Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Group Meeting Held 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
The group plan to identify the character of houses in the village and apply for a further grant. The next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
20. **To Discuss Matters Associated with the Parish Web Site**  
The Clerk reported that a new heading has been made entitled 'Auckley Village Hall' which will lead to information relating to the Auckley Parish Centre, but will be less confusing for anyone wishing to book the Parish Centre.
21. **To Consider Purchasing Copies of 'The Good Councillor's Guide'**  
It was agreed to purchase 10 copies of the booklet 'The Good Councillor's Guide'. This will ensure that everyone has an up-to-date copy of the booklet.

**22. To receive Reports of Meetings/Seminars Attended by Parish Councillors**

- a) PCJCC Meeting 24 March – Cllr Worthington advised that Dr.Suckling’s report mentioned pop-up clinics are on stream, and hopefully the current vaccinations will give a good result. Craig Morris from Street Lighting updated the committee on the latest rules pertaining to Christmas lighting, including testing of concrete lighting columns
- b) Managing Council Employees Seminar – Cllr Worthington reported that payments in lieu of holidays are not allowed and cannot be carried forward.
- c) Recording of Meetings – If a Council wishes to record a meeting a template is required, but this is not required for members of the public.
- d) Airport Noise Monitoring and Environmental Meeting – Mr. Swainston reported the airport’s disappointment that the rail link from the east coast line has been rejected by the Government. Business is limited due to Covid restrictions, however, Tui and Wizz are hopeful the situation will improve with the approach of Summer. Cargo work is slightly down because of less PPE being brought in, but training flights have begun again.  
Four applications for funding from the Community Investment Fund have been received and will be considered. Representatives were asked to submit comments to the Chairman regarding the Air Passenger Duty Consultation, in order that a combined response can be sent from the Noise and Environment Committee.

**23. To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 21/00183/FUL – Retention of fence to front of property (Retrospective)  
14B Birch Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster.
- b) No. 21/00938/FUL – Erection of two storey and single storey extension to replace existing, installation of front canopy and erection of detached store/garden amenity room  
43 Ellers Lane, Auckley, Doncaster.  
Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the above applications.
- c) No. 21/00365/FUL – Change of use to takeaway including proposed external extract fan  
121 Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster. This application has now been withdrawn

**24. To Report Decisions Agreed by DMBC’s Planning Committee**

- a) No. 21/00765/MAT – Determination of application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission. Section 96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Development of existing playing fields to create a lit MUGA, grass games area laid out as a football pitch, play area, car park and landscaping with new access from Lancaster Court. (Being amendment to application 18/00139/FUL – Relocation of southern boundary fence line to the north of existing tree belt, in the interests of preserving the existing trees and install new access path from Hayfield Lane).

**25. To Approve Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**

BACS no. 1	Business Stream	Allotments Water Rates	£64.00
BACS no. 2	YLCA	Annual Membership	£844.00
BACS no. 3	Arrow Publications	Items in newsletter	£66.00
BACS no. 4	DMBC	Empty dog bins	£548.03
BACS no. 5	Eon Next	Pavilion electricity charge	£13.18
BACS no. 6	Parish Clerk	April Zoom Licence	£14.39
BACS no. 7	J.W. Bichan	Clean out dyke	£240.00
BACS no. 8	Blyth Pest Control	Eradicate moles	£160.00
BACS no. 9	YLCA	Appraisals Seminar	£15.00
BACS no. 10	British Gas Business	Electricity for MUGA lights	£439.55
BACS no. 11	Mat and Mouse	I T Support	£35.00
BACS no. 12	YLCA	Webinar	£15.00
BACS no. 13	D. McGowan	Repairs to pavilion roof	£800.00
BACS no. 14	HMRC	Employee’s tax	£58.00
BACS no. 15	Handyman’s wages	Duties in the Parish	£232.28
BACS no. 16	YLCA	Planning Enforcement webinar	£22.50

26. **To Receive Correspondence**  
NALC – Chief Executive’s Reports  
YLCA – White Rose Updates and various seminars  
DMBC – Weekly roadwork reports  
POLICE – Doncaster Central and South Reports  
GOV UK –Daily update on Covid Pandemic
27. **To Confirm Date and Time of Next Meeting**  
To be arranged later

Chairperson .....

Date .....