

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2021, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.

AT THE AUCKLEY JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), Mrs. R. Dobson, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Ms. L. Sydney, Mr. G. Warrender
Two Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's)
Three members of the public
Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

Public Participation

Two residents who regularly walk Public Footpath No. 2 alongside the River Torne reported they had recently felt intimidated by some of the horses grazing on the riverbank. In addition, a resident had rung to inform the Clerk that he had been kicked in the abdomen by one of the horses on 31 August, but had not reported it at the time or sought medical advice because he was going on holiday to Scotland, and therefore had waited until he arrived home to mention the incident.

Council had earlier written to the owner of the horses who replied that they are only grazed on the river bank from April – September, and he has never had any issues with kicking in 15 years of horse keeping.

RESOLVED – Council has written to suggest that the owner places a sign on the gate leading to his land advising walkers there are horses near the Public Footpath.

A resident reported that an area of land near to the base of the River Torne foot bridge is very boggy, making it inaccessible for walkers. This matter has been referred to the Environment Agency, and a reply is awaited.

1. To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence

Cllr Fiddler submitted her resignation from the Council on 8th October 2021, and DMBC's Monitoring Officer has been informed.

The remaining 8 Members of Council were all present at the meeting.

2. To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments - None declared.

3. To Determine Exclusion of Public and Press - It was decided no exclusion was necessary.

4. To Discuss Issues with PCSO's Present

Two PCSO's attended the meeting and several issues were brought to their attention as follows:

- a) Anti-Social Behaviour - Vandals had recently uprooted a feeder pillar on the grass verge in front of Oak Tree Avenue, and glass bottles smashed and left around the play equipment at Riverside Park.
- b) A resident had written with concerns regarding motorists driving without due care on the highway roundabout near the access to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Council had forwarded the email to DMBC Highways and the Wildlife Park for their comments.
- c) Council enquired whether some Police 'Drop-Ins' could be arranged for Auckley, similar to the ones held at Branton. The Clerk to obtain information on the availability of the Parish Centre.

The PCSO's reported that the speed camera had recently been operated on Main Street and one driver's speed was logged at 50 mph.

5. To Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 8th September 2021

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

6. To Receive Report from District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers

Apologies received from Cllr S. Cox and Cllr A. Jones.

Cllr Cox has advised Cllr Worthington that he received a favourable response from Peel's representative after enquiring whether it might be possible for the Parish Council to be given the use of a room in one of the buildings at the proposed Plaza Development. The Clerk was asked to thank Cllr Cox for his efforts. Thanks to also be sent to Councillors Jane and Steve Cox for recently manning the skip sited at Auckley

7. **Matters Arising from the September Meeting**

- a) Serious Flooding, First/Second Avenue – Peels' Agent advises they have received the report from the infiltration testing and the engineer is now working up some design solutions for consideration over the next few weeks, and understands they are already liaising with DMBC's Highways and Drainage engineers. He expects to have a preferred solution, budget programme by the end of the month. In the mean-time he has requested a tanker to clear the ponding.
- b) Water Flooding at Mosham Road – Highways Officer advises there is a certain process to follow when contacting the owners before they can serve notice. This process takes time but is required to be legally binding. They have proceeded with the next stage and will look to enforce if no action is taken by the landowner.
- c) Re-Painting of Railings on Road Bridge – DMBC has raised an order for the work.
- d) Closed Park at Insall Way – Pending.
- e) Request for Improved Signals on Great Yorkshire Way/Hurst Lane Roundabout – DMBC Highways Officer replies that the advisory lane marking arrows are intended to indicate the optimum lane use to achieve a safe distribution of traffic under all conditions, and it is difficult to account for short periods of congestion within what would otherwise be a typical layout at a two-lane approach to a roundabout. The layout at this location has become well-established and will be familiar to local road users and, in this situation, it would be unwise to introduce changes which could lead to confusion and uncertainty. The roundabout has a good safety record, and the L.A. would be reluctant to implement any action which might have an adverse impact in this respect. The opening hours of YWLP do not coincide with the peak period for local traffic so any associated congestion should be minimal.
- f) Garden Rubbish Dumped on Spey Drive Play Area - DMBC reports this material has been removed.
- g) Overhanging Hedge, Ravenswood Drive – Pending.
- h) Crossing at New Signalled Junction – DMBC's Signal Senior Engineer attended the site both morning and afternoon when the schools had re-opened and reported that several groups of Secondary School children used the crossing and at no point was the central reserve congested, however, several pupils disobeyed the Red Man signal and crossed in gaps between vehicles. General traffic obeyed all the signals correctly, the right turn bays into School Lane and Hurst Lane were used correctly, and no confusion seen from drivers.
- i) Request for Additional Dog Bin at Mosham Road – DMBC advises that the L.A. no longer installs dog bins – only multi-purpose dog waste/litter bins. Given the size of these bins an assessment will be undertaken to determine whether the path is wide enough to accommodate without causing an obstruction to fellow users of the footpath, including buggies and motility scooters, and whether the bin can be cleansed safely by their staff.
- j) Possible Notice for Motorists Using Bell Butts Lane -The Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Project Manager replies that he will review Council's request with the WLP and if required DMBC, and respond.

8. **To Receive External Audit Report**

The firm of PKF Littlejohn LLP reports that in their opinion the information in Sections 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. Council accepted the report.

9. **To Receive Quarterly Internal Audit Report – April – June 2021**

The audit had been checked and signed as correct by the Council's 2 delegated members, and was approved by full Council.

10. **To Receive the Clerk's Resignation, With Effect from 31st December 2021**

The Clerk gave notice that she will be retiring in 3 months with effect from 1st October after 40 years of dedicated service.

It was agreed to send a Notice of Vacancy to the Arrow, YLCA, Web Site and a small advert. to be published in The Free Press. Closing date for applications to be 22 November, and a meeting on 23 November to discuss a short list. Cllr Featherstone to look for laptops and external hard drive, and mobile phone to be purchased.

11. **To Consider Specification from GNE Contracting Ltd to Undertake Drainage works at Riverside Park**
Members of Council had received and given consideration to the specification prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED Cllr Dobson proposed that Council accept the specification, and this was agreed.
12. **To Discuss Quotation for Yearly Maintenance of CCTV Camera Adjacent to Hayfield Park**
Following deliberation, Council agreed to opt initially for the 12-month Service and Maintenance Package at a cost of £585.00. Council can then review the situation after the first year.
13. **To Discuss Highway Matters**
Resident's Concerns Regarding Roundabout Leading to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
A resident expressed deep concerns that some motorists heading over the bridge from the Hayfield area are not using the roundabout but driving in a straight line towards the crossroads. Recently a car went through the fencing at high speed and into the pond, whilst another driver drove through the fence opposite and into the field with horses grazing. The resident suggests that a few fast-growing trees are planted on the grass verge and the edge of the roundabout to obstruct the irresponsible drivers' line of sight. DMBC highways Officer advises that he will discuss this matter with the Police and colleagues and assess whether any remedial action is possible to address these issues.
14. **To Discuss Recreational Matters**
Riverside Park
a) It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Advanced Tree Care Contractor and ask him for a quotation to trim back some large overhanging tree branches._
b) Council agreed to replace the round uncovered litter bin near the swings with a triple section litter/ dog waste bin similar to the one situated on the village green opposite the Auckley Fish Shop.
c) Cllr Staniforth advised that picnic table/seats should be entered on Risk Assessment as per seminar.
d) DMBC's Playground Officer is to contact Hags Play Equipment to ascertain what might be the problem preventing the speaking tubes from operating.
Hayfield Park
a) Peel's latest offer for a handover has been received, but Council feels that, whilst the transfer contains the obligation to maintain the trees and other vegetation within the tree belt, it does not cover the obligation to regularly clear the litter as was agreed. Therefore, an additional clause is requested stating that the contract will ensure the tree belt is cleared of litter at least once per month, or as often as is reasonably necessary to keep the area well maintained.
b) A quotation has been received from Brambledown contractors in the sum of £102, to replace 2 fence rails, however, since then further damage has been perpetrated. Discussion took place as to whether to repair with wood or metal, and Cllr Platts offered to make enquires for the most suitable material.
c) With regard to the MUGA lights, there have been no recent reports or sightings of the MUGA lights being lit during the day.
Christmas Carol Singing - The Clerk reported that Armthorpe Elmfield Band is willing to accompany the carol singing on either the 7th or 14th December with a charge of £250. This was agreed for 14th December.
15. **To Discuss Information Regarding Setting Up Clerk's GOV UK Email Address**
The clerk has applied to the Government Domain UK Office and a reply is awaited.
16. **To Approve the Ordering of a Poppy Wreath, and Poppies for Attaching to Lamp Posts**
A poppy wreath has been ordered by the British Legion contact at Finningley. If available, the Clerk will order 24 plastic poppies, and Cllr Swainston has kindly offered to attach them to lamp posts in the village.
17. **To Receive Report on CAP Meeting Held 13 September 2021**
Cllr Worthington reported that a Police representative is to visit The Hayfield School and speak to 13-15 years old pupils on the issues of drinking. Alcohol Awareness Week is 15 – 21 November 2021. It was decided to have Pop-up features in Blaxton and Auckley. For Auckley it is to be held on the grassed area next to the Co-op, Hayfield Lane, from 1–3 p.m. on 19 November, for general engagement with parents. A representative from the Housing Association will be present, plus Police representatives. Police are to circulate Posters. Also Badges with warnings will be delivered to shops. Hopefully Council will join in.

18. **To Discuss Issues Relating to Parish Website** - No issues reported.

19. **To Receive a Report from Neighbourhood Plan Group**

A public consultation will be held at the Auckley School on the 20th October from 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.

20. **To Receive Reports on Attendance at Seminars, etc**

a) Seminar on Grants, Powers and Procedures Attended by Cllr Worthington

b) Airport Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee Attended by Cllr Swainston

Unfortunately, there was no representative from DSA, therefore information particularly relevant to Doncaster was not available, but more general issues were discussed. Air traffic movements and complaints information was provided as normal. It was noted that the current situation regarding flight restrictions is changing. Generally, bookings are up and airlines are becoming more confident and are recruiting staff. The emphasis is to build back levels but with sustainability being a dominant factor in any development. The issue of noise from airports and its effect on health and well-being of individuals and communities in the vicinity of airports as well as underneath flight paths is recognised. The Government is considering how best to ensure such issues are addressed effectively. At the moment DSA does provide some analysis of complaints made regarding flights between the hours of 23.00 and 07.00 however, the Parish Council would encourage anyone who feels they are affected by night flights to report the matter through the DSA complaints procedure.

Locally DSA is supporting provision of defibrillators to local communities and is a signatory to sustainable aviation. The airport is also working on the mapping of noise and carbon as well as supporting the development of low carbon fuels.

The Airport Consultative Committee produces a regular update on airport activities and developments. Auckley and Branton representatives felt it would be helpful to local residents if this was available through the Arrow magazine.

21. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

No. 21/02812/FUL – Proposed dwelling – Land adjacent No.7 Eastfield Lane, Auckley
Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the application

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

Bacs No. 77	British Gas	Electricity for MUGA	£167.84
(Later cancelled by British Gas and payment reimbursed)			
BACS no. 78	Scottish Water	Pavilion water rates	£7.60
BACS no. 79	i.c.o.	Data protection	£40.00
BACS no. 80	Scottish Water	Allotments water rates	£65.37
BACS no. 81	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£360.00
BACS no. 82	HMRC	Employee tax	£63.60
BACS no. 83	Handman's wages	Duties in the Parish	£253.74
BACS no. 84	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£326.02
BACS no. 85	Arrow Publications	Newsletter items	£66.00
BACS no. 86	Sutcliffe Play	Supply play equipment	£5,120.64
BACS no. 87	Sutcliffe Play	Install play equipment	£3,077.96
BACS no. 88	British Gas	Electricity supply to MUGA	£61.21
BACS no. 89	Eon Next	Pavilion electricity	£57.29
Cheq002385	Auckley J&I School	Donation (Use of school for meetings)	£50.00
BACS no. 90	YLCA	Risk Assessment Webinar	£45.00

23. **To Report Decisions made by DMBC's Planning Committee**

Planning permission granted to the following applications:

a) No. 21/02378/FUL Erection of side and rear ground floor extension – 1 River Way, Auckley

b) No. 21/92281/TEL – Installation of telecommunications 20.0m Phase 8 Monopole with wraparound cabinet at base, 3 additional equipment cabinets & associated ancillary works – Hayfield Lane, Auckley

c) No. 21/02877/PD – Erection of conservatory to rear of building – 2 Loxley Mews, Auckley

23. **To Report DecisionS Made by DMBC's Planning Committee (continued)**

Planning permission refused:

d) No. 21/02170/FUL – Erection of two storey and single storey extension to replace existing, installation of front canopy and erection detached store/garden room (Being re-submission of application granted under Ref 21/00938/FUL on 21.04.2021 43 Ellers Lane, Auckley

In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, the proposed outbuilding, by virtue of its height, would not be considered ancillary to the host property. It would also represent a prominent structure that would fail to integrate with its surroundings within this residential vicinity.

24. **To Receive Correspondence**

Police & Crime Commissioner's Blog; 'Support Emergency Service This Dark Nights Period'

DMBC – Drama Classes for Adults; Armed Forces Support Link

GOV UK Updates on Coronavirus

SYPTTE – Changes to bus timetables

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 10th November 2021, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Junior and Infants' School

Chairperson Date

