

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM
AT AUCKLEY JUNIOR & INFANT'S SCHOOL

Councillors Present: I. Swainston (Vice Chair), M. Caygill, R. Dobson, S. Platts, J. Staniforth, L. Sydney,
G. Warrender, J. Worthington.

E. Lear (Clerk)

Public Participation None present

1. Non-Attendance by Councillors

- a) Apologies were received from Cllr Featherstone
- b) The reason for absence was accepted.

2. Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments

Cllr Warrender raised an other interest in item 7.

3. Determination of the Exclusion of the Public and Press

Not required.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 10th January 2024

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. Reports from District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers

No report received- members were disappointed in not receiving any response.

6. Matters Arising from the January Minutes

10. Consideration of Council's Precept for 2024/25

Clerk contacted CDC regarding the tax base who stated that properties on new developments are included on the council tax system prior to occupation. Council should look for addition of houses at First Avenue on next year's tax base.

11. Appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2023/24- agreed to a fee of £125 including travel costs and therefore appointed Claire Wellings.

12. Review of the Christmas Light Period

CDC stated that the Christmas lights went on to timers at Larch Avenue and Oak Tree Avenue on the 12th of December after their faults were rectified.

17. Highway Matters

- Pothole Maple Drive/Ellers Lane- Order placed for repair and will be carried out as soon as possible.
- Overgrown hedge on Ellers Lane/ School Lane- CDC have spoken to the owner and have been asked to cut the hedge back.
- The pavement on Main Street was swept on the last weekend in January.
- Street lighting/ uneven footpath to the rear of Church Close - reported to St Ledger Homes- no response. Chased via email.

23. Recreational Matters

- Enforcement team have attached 'dogs on leads at organised events' notices on the bins in Riverside Park and therefore enforcement is now possible.
- Peel replied to further request to rectify the top wire of the fence adjacent to Hayfield Park with request to provide photos to clarify which fence.

- Reminder to Peel regarding rubbish in the tree belt at Hayfield Park sent but rubbish may have been removed by the Handyman and other parties in the meantime.

7. Consideration of Contact made by Members of the Public

- Hayfield Park Rubbish, Concerns and Suggestions- NOTED
- The Green Flooding Meeting- Email from resident was read to the meeting. The Council's aim was to facilitate the setting up of the meeting. Severn Trent have replied saying they are in talks with residents and are arranging a meeting but the residents in contact with the Parish Council have not been contacted. Severn Trent will not provide details due to GDPR. Clerk to seek contact details/permission from residents to respond to Severn Trent.
- Football Pitch Issues on Riverside Park- Email received from Auckley F.C. regarding concerns over the current maintenance contract on Riverside Park. The grass has not been cut since October due to weather/ ground conditions. The footballers have cut the football pitch grass themselves as the grass was too long to play on. The warm/wet autumn/winter has meant the grass is still growing but the contractors machinery is too heavy to be on site. This situation needs to be considered for future years when considering the maintenance contract.
In recent years the whole park has become wetter with trees sat in water and the basketball court flooded on a regular basis. Areas which haven't previously flooded are now flooding and remaining wetter for longer. This may affect utilisation and maintenance of the area in the future should the current weather patterns continue or become worse.
Mole hills are also obvious in the usual locations.

8. Consideration of CDC SLA for Bin Emptying on Riverside & Hayfield Park

Cllr Platts proposed that the SLA was accepted- **AGREED**.

9. Consideration of Quotations for Maintenance Contracts

Requested 3 organisations provide quotes

- Riverside Park- one received from Glendale Services- **AGREED** but a larger pool of contractors is needed. Clerk to look for. Clerk to approach current contractor about using lighter weight machinery and approaching smaller contractors just to perform a grass cut on the football pitches during the 'out of contract' period during the autumn/winter.
- Hayfield Park- quotes received from two companies- it was **AGREED** to go with the cheapest- Glendale Services.
- Hayfield Park Box Cut- one received from North Notts Landscape- **AGREED**.

10. Consideration of the Quotation for Reseeding on Hayfield Park

£1310 plus VAT with the end of March ideal for application. Cllr Warrender proposed the quote was accepted- **AGREED**.

Clerk to approach CDC regarding removal and storage of the football posts whilst the grass seed establishes but the reseeded will go ahead regardless.

11. Consideration of Tree Inspections

- Formal Inspection by Professional Arborist: Last inspection undertaken in July 2022 (advised every 2 years). Clerk to request inspection for July 2024 as the Council continues to follow the advice of the professionals.
- Checks by Handyman: Add to Handyman's fortnightly checks as a visual walk around.
Both show an inspection regime to Insurance companies.

12. Consideration of Hayfield Park Play Area

a) To Update on Hayfield Park Proposed Play Equipment- Estimates have been obtained from four companies for a 4 seat swing set with cradle swing (babies/toddlers), flat swings and disability swing; a drive on roundabout and a seesaw. The accessible path network has also been quoted for but at different levels. The estimates have been provided as indicative costs are needed to apply for the s106 funding. Full costs of the paths aren't included at this stage. If s106 funding was obtained, the Council will be awarded with the money to spend and will have to tender through the official government system.

b) To Consider Consultation- Draft consultation sheets produced by CDC asking about the proposed equipment and play area in general. The consultation will be carried out online. An additional question will be added regarding the table tennis table. The consultation was **AGREED**.

13. Consideration of the Missing Gate by the River Torne

The original gate which was jointly funded by APC and Cantley with Branton Parish Council has been removed (but is still in situ) and replaced by a builder's fence. The gate was installed to provide access which the fence is not doing. Clerk to contact Environment Agency for information.

A path has also been blocked by builders fencing along Hayfield Lane at the top of the airport, near the water treatment plant. Though it is not a public footpath, it has been walked by the public for a long time. Clerk to contact Severn Trent for information.

14. Consideration of the Flooding of the River Torne- The water levels are receding but everywhere is suffering from flooding- **NOTED**.

15. Consideration of Improvements to the front of the Ellers Lane Parade of Shops

Met with CDC Street Scene to discuss what they could potentially do in the area. Highways as the owners of most of the land are not currently proposing any works in the area and are happy for Street Scene to provide the quote and then go back to them to discuss.

The triangle with the big tree (closest to the shop building) is not owned by Highways so ownership needs to be ascertained.

The metre high tree stump next to the telephone box still needs to be removed but the tree team are behind with works due to the storms and cannot put a date on this for removal.

16. Consideration of the Phone box Ellers Lane

Updated quotes obtained. Costs have increased by approximately 30%. Clerk to place a 'Request for Information' with the YLCA for information from other Councils who have renovated their telephone boxes for information about contractors/suppliers. Decision- **DEFERRED**.

17. Consideration of Locating Defibrillators around the Parish

a) To Consider the Purchase of a Cabinet for New College- the College will move an existing defibrillator to the exterior of the building and pay for the installation costs. They are requesting that the Parish Council provide the external cabinet. The cabinet that the Council have purchased previously is £491.66 plus VAT- **AGREED**.

b) To Note the Installation at the Eagle & Child- Installed on the 22nd of January and registered with the Circuit who reported a potential use already.

18. Consideration of the Strategic Infrastructure Inquiry

Apologies sent by the Strategic Infrastructure Team at the South Yorkshire Combined Authority for not notifying of the last meeting. The next meeting will take place on the 20th of February and an invitation was sent to submit evidence to the inquiry.

Auckley Parish Council would like the following examples to be considered as part of the inquiry as these affect/may affect the Auckley Parish:

- The Gateway East development including increased commercial units and its impact on the transport infrastructure
- The large lorries which are using Auckley as a through road in order to access the Great Yorkshire Way
- The increased housing numbers and potential increased housing numbers and its impact on the transport infrastructure
- The impact on the transport network when the Yorkshire Wildlife Park hold events.
- The availability of public transport in the area.

19. Discussion of D Day 80 Celebrations

A positive response had been received from the 4th Doncaster Scout Group and these relations need to be promoted and taken in to account in the future. Clerk to contact Scout Group with suggestion of an onsite meeting to discuss.

No response has been received from the company for a suggested design for a beacon.

The 'Lamp of Peace' was discussed as an alternative. This would be cheaper.

The organisers of the national event would like schools to read a poem on the day. Cllr Sydney is preparing communication.

20. Discussion of Highway Matters

- Potholes that have previously been reported and rejected by CDC- Clerk to contact Ward Councillors to ask who has defined/set out CDC's Pothole Policy.
- Mosham Road between Lidgett Gardens and Gatehouse Lane requires grubbing back- Clerk to report to CDC.
- Overgrown hedge at 2 Rushley Close requires cutting back- Clerk to report to CDC.
- Pothole at the traffic light junction of Gatehouse Lane and Mosham Road- Clerk to report to CDC.
- The lamp standard on Ellers Lane opposite Myrtle Grove has still not been repaired- Clerk to chase CDC.
- Dumped rubbish on Common Lane (near Sandwith Hill)- Clerk to report to CDC.
- Missing grate cover on the road of The Green (opposite corner of the shops)- Clerk to report to CDC.

21. Discussion of Recreational Matters

- Flooding of footpaths throughout the Parish
- Work has started on the 'Traffic Management System' for the Auckley Show
- Mole hills on Riverside Park- Clerk to contact contractor.
- A suggestion was made to paint the exterior of the Pavilion on Riverside Park.
- The fenceline parallel to Hayfield Park has still not been rectified and the tree belt seems to be accumulating litter- Clerk to contact Peel to remind them of obligations.

22. Police Report and Crime Figures- 22 in December.

23. Consideration of Items for Submission to the Arrow & Newsletter

- a) Precept
- b) New Defibrillator at the Eagle & Child
- c) Hayfield Park Consultation
- d) Location of all defibrillators in Parish plus hopeful of a further one at New College.

24. Discussion of Matters Associated with Parish Council Website/ Facebook

None

25. Consideration of .gov.uk Email Addresses for Councillors

- a) To Consider the Sole Use of- **DEFERRED**
- b) To Consider the Use on the Website- Only Clerk's email will appear.

26. Consideration of Items for Referral to Ward Councillors

1. Requesting who defines CDC's Pothole Policy
2. Express disappointment at not receiving a report.

27. Reports of Meetings Attended by Members of the Council:

YLCA- Dealing with Difficult Situations webinar- attended by Cllr Worthington- a video can be forwarded on if requested.

Councillor Discussion Forums- attended by Cllrs Staniforth and Worthington- discussed co-options.

Parish Centre- attended by Cllr Warrender- no lease in place. The roof is leaking with no money to repair.

Transport User Group- attended by Cllr Swainston.

Clerk to attend YLCA Code of Conduct webinar- **AGREED**.

28. Consideration of Planning Applications

None received but the Council was made aware of an application to the rear of Meteor House, First Avenue which CDC Planning had not notified the Council of. Clerk to contact Planning expressing concern, especially as Finningley Parish Council had advised to contact APC.

29. Report Decisions made by DMBC's Planning Committee-

23/02243/FUL-Erection of a detached summer house in the garden to the rear of the property- 3A Beech Avenue Auckley- **GRANTED**