

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

AT AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

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

E. Lear (Clerk)

Public Participation One present

A representative from Branton Reds Under 14s attended to request the use of the junior football pitch on the upcoming Saturday (the 13th of April) due to a waterlogged pitch at the away team's venue. AFJC are playing a match on the Sunday. Discussions took place regarding parking. Clerk to enquire with AFJC about when the pitch will be lined and if it's possible to use the goal posts and nets. Clerk to clarify if AFJC will be training on the Saturday. Members decided as it was a one-off use, to agree to the use pending further information from AFJC. A potential hire fee would be discussed later.

The representative also mentioned about potentially using for pre-season matches in the future.

1. **Non-Attendance by Councillors**

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

Apologies were received from the Chair who though present, could not preside over the meeting due to illness affecting speech. The role of chair of the meeting was undertaken by the Vice Chair.

2. **Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments**

Received from Cllr Worthington – item 30.

Received from Cllr Featherstone - item 14.

3. **Determination of the Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Not required.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 13th March 2024**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **Reports from District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers**

Responses were received from the Ward Councillors regarding the items referred- require further update. Contact was made regarding parking on the verges along Hayfield Lane and a planting license- see later item.

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

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- Email sent to Peel regarding the path which has been blocked off adjacent to the airport. No reply and chaser sent which is being blocked. Clerk to try again but Cllr Sydney offered to send also.
- Reminder sent to St Leger Homes regarding the lighting behind Church Close. They replied it wasn't theirs and advised to contact CDC. CDC have now closed the job with: Case Rejected Column dimmed at 100% and checked telensa working ok.
- Aries Network have made contact following previous email regarding the .gov.uk emails. Clerk to call requesting calls are made after the passwords sent.

7. Consideration of Contact made by Members of the Public
 - f) No further communication from resident regarding the burger van on Hayfield Lane.
8. Consideration of Funding a Skip for South Yorkshire Housing Residents
The Ward Councillors have been contacted to request they make contact- no response since.
14. Consideration of Utilising the Handyman to Grub back along Mosham Road
The Ward Councillors have been contacted to request they assist with contacting CDC regarding the grubbing back along Mosham Road- no response since.
20. Discussion of Highway Matters
Manhole cover near the garages behind Church Close and the unevenness of the footpath- Clerk to chase St Leger Homes after no response, reminding them of the trip hazards and health and safety issues.
21. Discussion of Recreational Matters
After the reseeded of Hayfield Park, the contractor has said they will leave for approximately 5 weeks to let the seed establish. A rotary cut will then be carried out before gradually return to cylinder cutting.
7. **Consideration of Contact made by Members of the Public**
 - a) Cllr Worthington received comments from member of the public regarding the Precept. They were asked to contact the Clerk but nothing has been received.
 - b) Cllr Staniforth received comments regarding the filling of holes along Common Lane with loose gravel and that they are difficult to walk on. Members felt this would have been the action of the farmer rather than CDC- to monitor.
 - c) Request to the Council to act as a referee for a funding application by the 4th Doncaster Scouts. Clerk to perform under the Scheme of Delegation, unless a Councillor is required.
8. **Consideration of the Fourth Quarter Audit & Budget Monitoring Reports (23/24)**
The fourth quarter bank reconciliation was **APPROVED**.
As 86% of the budget has been spent, there are some funds to be carried forward to the next financial year.
Budget Monitoring: Overspend in Postage/stationary/ computer due to setting up the .gov.uk email addresses.
Underspend in Bin Emptying- assumption that they have not been able to get to the bins due to the ground conditions but this has probably meant that the bins haven't been heavily used as well.
Underspend in Grass Cutting- not able to access site over the winter.
Hayfield Park – A large electricity bill for the MUGA meant an overspend.
Overspend in the Repairs due to repair of road access onto Riverside Park.
9. **Review of the Standing Orders**
Reviewed – no changes required.
10. **Review of the Financial Regulations**
Reviewed – no changes required.
11. **To Review the Asset Register**
The current value of assets is £123,226. Additions include the pavilion shed, the allotment door, shredder, defibrillator/cabinet and a defibrillator cabinet.
12. **Consideration of the Pre-Approval of Contractual Payments for 2024/25**
 - O2- Mobile Phone contract (Direct Debit)
 - Nest- Clerk's Pension (Direct Debit)
 - British Gas- Pavilion electricity (Direct Debit)
 - British Gas- Oak Tree Avenue electricity (Direct Debit)
 - Eon – MUGA electricity (Direct Debit)
 - ICO- Renewal fee (Direct Debit)
 - Business Stream- Pavilion Water
 - Business Stream – Allotment Water
 - Staff Salaries
 - HMRC (Tax and national Insurance)

Glendale – Grass cutting and strimming (Hayfield & Riverside Parks)
North Notts Landscape- Box cut (Hayfield Park)
City of Doncaster Council- Bin Emptying (Hayfield & Riverside Parks)

The list was **APPROVED**.

13. **Consideration of Change in Venue for Parish Council Meetings**

- a) Noting the change of venue to the Auckley Parish Centre for the April meeting.
- b) Consideration of the ongoing change in venue to the Auckley Parish Centre- **AGREED**

14. **Consideration of a Donation to Auckley School for Additional Meetings**

No additional donation required- **AGREED**

15. **Consideration of the Replacement of Faulty Christmas Light Strings**

15 individual sets of light strings (10 metre lengths with 100 LED's per set) have failed due to age of the light strings and the high winds: £455.00 plus VAT to replace- **AGREED**

Clerk to contact Christmas Plus to request that lights are installed in November as the Parish Council doesn't own the trees on the Green and CDC may be undertaking tree maintenance.

Clerk to request information on expected lifespan and if there is a better quality light available.

16. **Consideration of Improvements to the front of the Ellers Lane Parade of Shops**- no quote received. Clerk to ask CDC if they are able to provide the quote- **DEFERRED**

17. **Noting the Quotation for Goal Post Removal/Storage from Hayfield Park**

£664.28 plus VAT.

18. **Consideration of the Planting Licence from CDC for Hayfield Lane**

Suggested to Cllr Cox and by CDC Officers to the Parish Council. Free to apply but effectively taking on responsibility for the area. The school can't apply as it is across the road from them but Cllr Cox was looking into plants and school involvement to prevent further misuse.

A resident had been made aware of this licence.

Following discussions regarding potential health and safety implications as it would involve working next to the highway, the Parish Council would like to see continued enforcement by CDC in the area. Clerk to contact CDC to ascertain if kick rails can/cannot be placed in the area (like along Gatehouse Lane) or if financial constraints only are preventing it.

The Parish Council doesn't think that planting is the practical solution- **decided not to apply for licence.**

19. **Consideration of the Hayfield Park Play Area Consultation**

Clerk briefly summarised the findings including mentions of litter, the suggestion to add a fence between the play area/car park and a suggestion to add a toddler climbing frame/slide.

It was felt that the current path surfaces did not aid in the removal of glass and these should be looked at in the future. The removal of the tree may also need to be considered in the future.

With regards to the s106 funding proposal, Clerk to contact CDC prioritising:

1. Swings
2. Roundabout Both 1. and 2. with associated accessible path network
3. Fencing for adjacent to car park
4. Seesaw
5. Toddler equipment.

A proposed location for the toddler equipment may require the removal of the table tennis table- Clerk to ask CDC if this can be removed as potentially s106 money has paid for it in the past.

20. **Update on Hayfield Park Dowry**

- Currently just over £7600 in the bank account (accessible)
- Cambridge & Counties Bank 1 Year Fixed Rate Bond: £45,000.00 deposited at 4.00%, with a maturity date of 20/05/2024- the expected interest is £ 1,809.86.
- This means there is a total of over £54k once interest applied.

The budget for 2024/25 is 8k.

21. Consideration of Reinvestment of the Dowry with Cambridge & Counties Bank

Interest rate for similar bond is currently 4.8%.

Information not yet available from the bank but could withdraw £1800* interest in to the bank account and reinvest £45,000.

Members **AGREED** option if the details are the same i.e. the interest rate mentioned.

22. Discussion of D Day 80 Celebrations

- a) Email to Schools- it was **AGREED** to send the content proposed by Cllr Sydney to schools leaving out mention of the proposed event which could be advertised separately- Clerk to send.
- b) The board of the 4th Doncaster Scouts were welcoming of the proposal but had asked further questions. They would be happy to manage the bonfire which would be lit earlier in the night culminating with the lighting of the Lamp Light of Peace at 9.15pm, when the poem would be read. Cllr Sydney to provide responses.

23. Discussion of Highway Matters

- The path which runs from Main Street to the garages behind Church Close is uneven and poses a trip hazard- Clerk to report to St Leger Homes.
- The corner of First Avenue and Hayfield Lane no longer seems to flood following the works.
- The lamp standard on Ellers Lane opposite Myrtle Grove is still incomplete- Clerk to chase CDC.

24. Discussion of Recreational Matters

- Clerk to obtain quotes for the May meeting for the painting of the wood and metal on the exterior of the Pavilion in order to improve the appearance.

25. Police Report and Crime Figures- 26 in February.

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

- a) Parking on Pavements
- b) Potholes
- c) New Public Defibrillator at New College, Hurst Lane
- d) Hayfield Park Play Area Consultation
- e) Senior trip to Scarborough

D Day celebrations will be mentioned if decided upon in time but Clerk to add an item for the Arrow/Newsletter submission to the next agenda in order to advertise the celebrations.

27. Discussion of Matters Associated with Parish Council Website/ Facebook- None.

28. Consideration of Items for Referral to Ward Councillors

- The request to grub back Mosham Road between Lidgett Lane and Gatehouse Lane
- The request for inspection of the whole of Norwood Avenue/Spey Drive for potholes
- The request by SYHA to provide a skip for SYHA residents.

Request to provide an update on the previous referrals mentioned above plus past referrals.

Provide update to Ward Cllrs on the Planting license decision.

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

PCJCC- attended by Cllr Staniforth- Report has been distributed. Discussion about dredging of river channels but CDC said though it was a good idea, it adversely affects wildlife.

The airport lease has now been signed and it is expected that an operator will be appointed soon with aim of opening in Summer 2025.

CDC said they would be creating Localities Teams again

Planning Appeals and Enforcement Webinar- attended by Cllrs Caygill and Worthington- Clerk to send presentation to all.

30. Consideration of Planning Applications

- a) 24/00436/FUL- Erection of a single storey extension following the demolition of existing conservatory- 16 Ivy House Court, Auckley – no comments or objections.

- b) 24/00330/FUL- Installation of new bi-fold doors (widen the opening) to replace the existing rear patio doors. Alterations to windows on rear elevation, including the installation of a Juliet Balcony with glazed doors to replace the existing windows on the rear bedroom. Plus, the erection of a front Porch- 6 Riverside Gardens, Auckley- no comments or objections.
- c) 24/00432/FUL- Erection of first floor level extensions to the front and side & erection of a front Porch extension to a detached dwelling house- 16 Maple Drive, Auckley- no comments or objections.
- d) 24/00508/FUL- Erection of 2 storey extension to the front and rear including new roof and dormer windows, and ground floor extension to the front of the garage and erection of wall to connect the property and garage creating an annex- 2 Hurst Lane, Auckley- no comments or objections.
- e) 24/00570/AGR- Erection of agricultural storage building (length - 36.6m, height to eaves - 7.3m, breadth - 11m, height to ridge - 8.8m)- Ivy House Farm, Eastfield Lane, Auckley- no comments or objections.

Pre-planning Consultation- WHP Telecoms Ltd- Mast Upgrade, Fifth Avenue- no comments.

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

- 24/00265/FUL- Erection of dwelling to rear of existing property- 12 Eastfield Lane Auckley- REFUSED
- 23/01476/FUL- Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of house and existing buildings construction of garage with cover to front- Shakespeare Nurseries Gate House Lane Auckley- REFUSED

32. Banking Transactions

23/24 143	SLCC	Annual Membership	£183.00
23/24 144	Auckley School	Donation for room use: Jan- Mar	£75.00
DDCR 4	British Gas	Pavilion Electricity	£24.46
23/24 145	Clerk	Salary	£915.94
23/24 146	Handyman	Salary	£292.91
23/24 147	YLCA	Planning Appeals Webinar	£50.00
23/24 148	CDC	Bin Emptying – Riverside Q4 part 1	£83.66
DDCL 24/25 1	British Gas	Oak Tree Avenue Electricity	£14.45
DDO 24/25 1	O2	Mobile Phone	£18.85
DDP 24/25 1	Nest	Clerk's Pension	£40.68
24/25 1	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	£608.21
24/25 2	YLCA	Annual Membership	£899.00
24/25 3	CDC	Bin Emptying – Riverside Q4 part 2	£33.74
24/25 4	Reimbursement	Lamp Light of Peace	£55.00

Hayfield Park

DD HP 23/24 8	E on	MUGA Electricity	£119.11
HP 23/24 32	CDC	Bin Emptying Q4 part 1	£215.86
HP 24/25 1	CDC	Bin Emptying Q4 part 2	£74.53

33. Receipt of Correspondence:

YLCA -Weekly White Rose Update Bulletin, Training programmes, Law & Governance Bulletin
NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin

34. Confirmation of Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Annual Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th of May 2024 at Auckley Parish Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Chair.....

Date: