

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**  
**AT AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE**

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

E. Lear (Clerk)

Two members of the public

**Public Participation**

One person in attendance will take on the role of councillor at the next meeting, after a Notice of Uncontested was received. She asked when the notice would be displayed- the clerk responded by the end of the week. She made the suggestion of adding 'Slow Down for Horses' signage in the village to discourage speeding.

1. **Non-Attendance by Councillors**

- a) Apologies were received from Cllrs Featherstone and Wraight
- b) The reasons were accepted.

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

None.

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

None.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

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

Matters arising from previous minutes

- Ellers Lane car park- Members met onsite with the new contact and his contractor. They were going to organise for completion of the improvements to the sunken drains- clerk to chase as not yet completed.
- Drainage/Highways have inspected the raised manhole covers on Ravenswood Drive/Sandhill Rise. Highways will lower manhole covers, relay the road and reset the curbs on the junction with of Sandhill Rise.

7. **Consideration of Contact Made by Members of the Public**

- a) Letter sent by CDC to the residents regarding cutting back the Holly bushes on Common Lane.

9. **Highway Matters**

Requested the sweeping of Main Street and pavements- the tracked job is still open on the system as not complete.

10. **Recreational Matters**

- c) CDC have agreed the location of the bunting/flags on the River Torne bridge and outside Hayfield School Clerk is having an on-site meeting to discuss the school railings further.

12. **Consideration of Administrative Matters**

- f) Consideration of Items for Referral to Ward Councillors- The Ward Councillors will attend both of the VE Day 80 events, dependent on the election results.

6. **Consideration of CDC Matters**

- a) Report from District Councillors and/or CDC Officers- None

7. **Consideration of Contact Made by Members of the Public**

- a) Consideration of the Request for Gym Equipment on the Green

CDC were asked for their comments due to being owners of the land. Highways responded that a license would be required. Street Scene raised concerns about the space on the Green and the vicinity of the road if children used.

The Parish Council are supportive of the idea of installing gym equipment but not in this location- Clerk to reply to resident.

- b) Consideration of the Damage Caused by Bicycles in the Copse

Bicycle users in the Copse have been repositioning the earth to make ramps. Due to the sandy soil concern was raised about the safety of the site so the Site Supervisor had removed most of the structures prior to the meeting.

Facebook and the website will be used to let users know not to undertake this behaviour i.e. digging up the ground- Clerk to complete.

Clerk to write to resident informing them of the council's actions.

c) Consideration of the Dog Dirt on Riverside Park Football Field

Signage is present on the site and it is hoped that the incidences have happened on isolated occasions. It is also hoped that other dog owners will act as a deterrent to the behaviour.

d) Receipt of Thanks for the Richard Langon Memorial Garden- Received from two members of the public.

8. **Consideration of Financial Matters**

a) Consideration of the Financial Regulations- **DEFERRED**

b) Consideration of Standing Orders- **DEFERRED**

c) Review of the Asset Register- Reviewed with additions.

d) Consideration of Direct Debit Payment for PAYE- **AGREED**

e) Consideration of the Pre-Approval of Contractual Payments for 2025/26- **APPROVED** with addition of PAYE D.D.

f) Receipt of Fourth Quarter Audit & Budget Monitoring Reports (24/25)- **NOTED**

g) Review the Level of Reserves including the Hayfield Park Dowry- £101,232.97 in the bank accounts on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. A good level of reserves including the dowry for Hayfield Park.

h) Consider the Reinvestment of the Hayfield Park Dowry with the Cambridge & Counties Bank- the new 1 year fix rate is 4.5%- **AGREED** to reinvest with the same bank.

Clerk to research interest rates for the notice accounts with Cambridge & Counties Bank.

i) Banking Transactions:

DDCR 24/25 12	British Gas	Pavilion Electricity	£18.97
24/25 133	Clerk	Salary plus travel expenses	£919.22
24/25 134	Site Supervisor	Salary plus mileage	£445.66
DDCL 24/25 13	British Gas	Oak Tree Avenue Electricity	£15.49
DDO 25/26 1	O2	Clerk's Mobile Phone	£14.35
DDP 25/26 1	Nest	Clerk & Site Supervisor's Pension	£49.17
25/26 1	Arrow Publications	1 full page	£126.00
25/26 2	Business Stream	Pavilion Water	£21.68
25/26 3	YLCA	Employment Law Update Webinar	£10.00
25/26 4	YLCA	Membership Subscription	£951.00
25/26 5	CDC	Riverside Q4 Bin Emptying	£375.77
25/26 6	Walkers Nurseries Ltd	Memorial Garden Supplies	£63.81
25/26 7	Reimbursement	VE 80 Day Items	£101.69

Hayfield Park

DD HP 24/25 10	Eon	MUGA electricity	£33.96
HP 25/26 1	CDC	Riverside Q4 Bin Emptying	£354.79
HP 25/26 2	CDC	Bollard installation	£260.00
HP 25/26 3	Reimbursement	Grass seed, dispenser, watering can, hazard tape, repair kit for table tennis table	£52.68

9. **Consideration of Highway Matters**

a) Consideration of the Condition of Pavements- The pavements are in a poor condition on Norwood Avenue and Ellers Lane, including the area on both sides of the road, near the parade of shops- Clerk to ask CDC when the periodic pavement inspections are due.

b) Bin on lamppost on Hayfield Lane near cut through to Spitfire Way- Clerk to ask CDC to replace bin with a standard bin.

10. **Consideration of Recreational Matters**

a) Hayfield Park:

1. Submission of S106 application update- no update from CDC.
2. Removal of tree trunk- requires considering when playground works are completed.
- b) Riverside Park:
  1. Consideration of Works to Trees Behind Sandhill Rise- Arborist advised that works are not necessary as no health and safety concerns. Council also required to consider their biodiversity policy. Clerk to contact resident- will continue to monitor trees.
  2. Consideration of Works to the Car Park- **DEFERRED**
  3. Consideration of the Purchase of Boot Scrubbers for the Pavilion- **DEFERRED**
  4. Goal posts need taking down- Clerk to confirm end of season with Auckley Football Club and then arrange.
  5. Basketball Court- Clerk to ask Site Supervisor to look at the condition.
- c) VE Day 80 Celebrations
  1. Update on Plans- Clerk to order bunting for use at the Parish Centre, additional bunting for railings and VE day themed plates. The coffee morning will be a free event but a donation will be asked for from non villagers.
  2. Consideration of a Further Arrow Submission to Advertise- No further advertising- **AGREED**
- d) Spey Drive Play Area- the path in between the houses at one end is incomplete- Clerk to request CDC complete the path.

11. **Consideration of Other Council Owned Property**

- a) Consideration of the Eilers Lane Phone Box  
Cllr Warrender will attempt to remove glass panels- **AGREED**. Clerk to obtain quotes for the painting of the phone box for the next meeting- **AGREED**

12. **Consideration of Non- Council Owned Property**

- a) Consideration of the Go Local Parade of Shops (Hayfield Lane) Car Park- The car park is in a poor condition. Clerk to contact Planning and property tenants to ascertain who owns the shops.

13. **Consideration of Administrative Matters**

- a) Police Report and Crime Figures – 23 in February.
- b) Matters Associated with the Parish Council Website/Facebook- File size for the coffee morning poster was too large to add to the website- Clerk to take photo of poster to send to website.
- c) Reports of Meetings attended by Members of the Council:
  1. YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Special Meeting (Whitestone Solar Farm Application)- attended by Cllr Worthington- minutes of the meeting are available online.
  2. Employment Law/Update webinar- attended by Cllr Staniforth- Equality Act sets out Employers responsibility to prevent sexual harassment. Requires adding to Bullying and Harassment Policy.
  3. PCJCC- Apologies given to meeting by Cllr Staniforth who was not able to attend.
  4. PROW- the wooden bridge across the river Torne and the footpath on the charity land were discussed.
  5. Councillor Dobson requested to attend the YLCA National Planning Policy Framework Update Webinar- **AGREED**
- d) Consideration of Planning Applications
  1. 25/00287/OUTM-Hybrid planning application comprising:  
Outline application for residential development of up to 350 houses with associated access, landscaping and public open space; and Full application for the creation of access from Hurst Lane and enabling earthworks to create a development platform- Land At Hurst Lane, Auckley - **OBJECT with comments:**
    1. It is not compliant with the Neighbourhood Plan as it outside the designated village. The settlement break exists.
    2. There is the potential for lots of increased traffic in the area due the multiple proposed developments. These need to be considered in conjunction with each other.

3. Will the housing needs be adhered to i.e. providing 1,2,3 bedroom houses i.e. affordable homes. Will the homes be green?

2 25/00526/FUL- Erection of ground floor extension to the front, render existing bungalow and to block pave grassed area for additional parking- 11 Mosham Road, Auckley- no comments or objections.

3. 25/00387/3FUL- Erection of a 4-classroom stand-alone block; to include kiln room, dark room, and staff room- The Hayfield School, Hurst Lane- no comments or objections.

e) Decisions Made by CDC's Planning Committee- NOTED

f) Consideration of Items for Referral to Ward Councillors- None

g) Receipt of Other Correspondence:

YLCA -Weekly News, Training programmes

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin

SLCC- Clerks Magazine- Article on Community Planning and staffing levels.

Blaxton Parish Council- Request for further support for Gatehouse Lane/ Mosham Road pedestrianised junction- Clerk to write to developer in support of BPC and the request.

14. **Confirmation of Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting (Annual Council Meeting) will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 at Auckley Parish Centre, at 6.30pm.

Chair.....

Date: .....