

Minutes of the Annual PARISH MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th April 2022, commencing at 6.15pm

At Auckley Junior & Infant's School

Present: Mrs J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr S. Featherstone (Vice Chairperson), Mrs M. Caygill, Mrs R. Dobson, Mrs S. Platts, Ms J. Staniforth, Mr I. Swainston, Ms L. Sydney, Mr G. Warrender.

Three Member of the Public

In attendance: Miss E. Lear (Clerk)

1. Apologies

One member of the public

2. Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14th of April 2021 (Virtual)

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Parish Meeting

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairperson's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank the retiring Councillors, Ian Butterfield and Dawn Fiddler for their work over the years and also to thank Marjorie Caygill who retired as the Clerk after 40 years of dedicated service, though her service will now continue as a Councillor. I would like to welcome the new members of the Council: Ronnie Dobson and Laura Sydney and to thank them for their work in their first year as Councillors.

Welcome to Emma, our new Clerk who I hope is enjoying her new role.

The Council is still awaiting the transfer of Hayfield Park from Peel Holdings. The Council is aware of the antisocial behaviour in the area and would like to continue to encourage residents to report it to the police. It is hoped that the CCTV camera will act as a deterrent once installed- the Council are awaiting its installation.

The maintenance on Riverside Park and of the football pitches continues throughout most of the year. Thank you to the Under 11s football team who raised funds towards the purchase and installation of the defibrillator on Riverside Park.

Many highways issues have been reported throughout the year, in particular the continued flooding of the junction on First Avenue with Hayfield Lane. Speeding issues and traffic issues around the schools have also been reported.

The Council raised concerns about the closed park on Insall Way with the developer who said they would provide an update to residents.

A police drop in session was arranged but was cancelled due to Covid. It is hoped to arrange another one soon.

The CAP meetings continue to be very helpful and insightful and recently DMBC and the Co-op organised a pop-up site outside the shop on Hayfield Lane which highlighted the dangers of drinks spiking and gave out plastic tabs which can be used to protect bottles and cans.

The Neighbourhood Plan is nearly in its final stages and is currently with DMBC. Many thanks to Councillor Dobson, Councillor Swainston, the consultant: Luke and those residents on the committee for their involvement.

Many thanks to the Spar and residents who have joined the litter picking team. Their efforts make a difference.

Once again, thank you to the Auckley Show Committee for their hard work in organising the annual show. Thank you also to the Allotments Committee for their continued work. Thank you to Jason Fletcher for hosting the Carol Service at the Eagle & Child.

Thank you to our handyman, Chris who helps to maintain areas throughout the Parish.

Finally, many thanks to Emma our Clerk for her hard work and commitment as she commenced her employment at a very busy time of year. Thank you to all of the Councillors for their continued commitments and dedication to the both the Council and its residents, as well their involvement in committees of other organisations.

Many thanks to all.

5. Items Raised by Members of the Public

A member of the public enquired about the Poors Land on Hurst Lane and asked how the Parish Council were connected with it. It was explained that it is historic charity land and the charity trustees are selected from the parish council. The member of the public felt the community should be benefitting from the land, but the Trust Chairman pointed out that the terms of the bequest were quite specific, in that any income raised from the charity land was intended strictly to benefit the 'poor' people of Auckley. It was explained that applications for financial support have been received by the charity in the past, some being successful, others not, depending on the circumstances. The charity has historically provided an annual senior citizen's bus trip, but that has not been arranged in recent years due to Covid. The member of the public felt that the land should be utilised to benefit the community, but it was explained that would require a change in the charity objectives, which has been attempted previously, and refused by the Charity Commission. Clerk to add some information to the Parish website and Arrow magazine explaining the purpose of the charity

A representative of Riverside Way (member of public) raised concern about the discussion of a proposed cycle jump track on Riverside Park, and especially about parking in the area. It was explained by the Council that they had gauged opinion via the Arrow and following a post on Facebook, further negative comments were received. Council explained that they were not in a position to fund the track and having gauged parishioners' views which were mostly against it, were not following up the idea.

Via the Chairperson, the absent member of the public raised the proposal to add trees to the Hanson's site on Hurst Lane. He had contacted Nick Fletcher. The land is listed on the Countryside Plan. He hopes to formalise a list of names who will support the proposal.

Chair.....

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