

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2026, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

### AT AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

Councillors Present: J. Staniforth (Chair), V. Dobson (vice chair) M. Caygill, C. Thomson, G. Warrender and J. Worthington

In Attendance: E. Lear (Clerk), Ward Cllr S. Waller and One member of the public

Prior to the meeting the Chair received the written resignation of Cllr Smith with immediate effect.

1. **Non-Attendance by Councillors**

- a) Apologies were received from Cllr Slack.
- b) The reason for non-attendance was considered and accepted.

2. **Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments-** None.

3. **Determination of the Exclusion of the Public and Press-** Not required.

4. **Public Participation**

a) **Consideration of Items Raised by Members of the Public Present at the meeting for Immediate Action/Future Consideration-**

- i) The member of the public asked if CDC could be asked when the soakaways along Hurst Lane had last been inspected.

b) **Raised by Members of the Public to the Clerk/Councillors for Immediate Action/Future Consideration:**

- i) Request for coloured Christmas lights on the green and lighting on the bridge (over river Torne)- Clerk to reply to residents that the council will consider changing the colour of the lights on the green when there is next a requirement to change the lights but this isn't required at this time and that there is no infrastructure on the bridge to support lighting so the costs are prohibitive-**AGREED.**
- ii) Current use of Hanson's Quarry (storage of vehicles)- there has been an increase to noise and traffic onto the site with members not aware of what was happening. Clerk to make enquiries with CDC about a planning breach- **AGREED.**

7. **Consideration of CDC Matters** (Moved up the agenda due to attendance of Ward Cllr)

a) **Report from District Councillors and/or CDC Officers-**

- Cllr Waller reported that there had been recent changes to the Ward Members Budget which meant that parish councils could now apply. The new period of funding would start in May.
- As a section of Hurst Lane was currently closed, Ward Cllrs had made a request for the drains to be cleaned, footpaths edged and trees cut back along the section between Amazone and Bawtry Road. As part of these works he would also ask for the soakaways mentioned by the member of the public to be inspected.
- The decision regarding the housing on Hurst Lane had been deferred to the next planning committee meeting on the 23rd of February.
- The planters on Hayfield Lane had stopped the parking but there was now a problem with mud. They are not currently planted.
- A total of £9000 was available via the Ward Members Budget, which equated to £3000 per ward member. This was previously used for the CCTV project. Cllr Staniforth suggested that through the Joint Parish Council meetings, they could assess the priorities from all of the parishes.
- The Air Cadets are committed to having a squadron base and were still looking at Hayfield park as a potential location. They are at the consultatnt stage and are preparing to produce plans. It was noted that the parish council were still waiting for information from the cadets.
- It was confirmed that Hanson's Quarry had recently been sold.
- Cllr Staniforth mentioned that the council had been told that a bench on the green would be replaced and rejuvenated but this has not happened and asked for the Ward Cllr's assistance. He replied that he

would use 'Councillors Online' to report which is an online reporting system used by CDC councillors which is sent to department heads and filtered down to officers at Doncaster council. A request was made that the benches could be matching.

- Cllr Staniforth also mentioned the tree stump outside the Ellers Lane parade of shops that was holding up improvements to the highway in the area. Cllr Waller would report as above.
- Cllr Staniforth asked if the Finningley ward members would consider holding ward surgeries- Cllr Waller would take to other ward members. It was suggested that they could attend the Parish Centre coffee mornings.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

6. **Clerk's Report on Actions Arising from the Previous Meeting (s)**

4b) The Clerk reported that the member of the public requesting bins had requested a bin by the entrance to Hayfield park (this has already been requested by council but has not received a response (10 b) iii) and a bin near the traffic lights Hayfield Lane/ Hurst Lane (near the Co-op) due to the college kids littering. Clerk to add consideration of bins in the parish to the next agenda.

6. Previous minutes:

- CDC had responded regarding the planning breach at 49 Ravenswood Drive, saying that a letter was sent to owner after a site visit but after investigation, the wall was not a breach. Clerk had replied stating that the issue was the mesh rather than the wall.
- Peel have responded that they don't feel the fence now serves a purpose due to the presence of the council fence on other side of the tree belt and asking how do Parish Council feel about its removal? Members to visit site and to be added to next agenda.

7 b) Overgrowing hedge along Common Lane reported- CDC reported a letter has been sent.

10 b iv) Advice received from CDC about how they would assess installing a grit in.

7. **Consideration of CDC Matters**

a) The Communities Officer had reported on a couple of properties in the parish with regards to their state and associated fly-tipping- the Enforcement Officer and himself will continue to monitor.

b) **Identification of any New Highway Matters for consideration by CDC and/or Other Agencies**

- An invitation had been received from Blaxton Parish Council to attend a CDC presentation about the upcoming changes to the Mosham Road/ Gatehouse Lane junction- **NOTED**.
- Cllr Waller will report the soakaways on Hurst Lane- **NOTED**
- The potholes which had previously been filled have opened again due to rain removing the material. Clerk to report roads with potholes that have previously been reported- **AGREED**.

c) **Consideration of Planning Applications-**

- i) 25/02461/FUL- Creation of a new animal enclosure, pump house and fencing- Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Hurst Lane, Auckley- **no comments or objections**
- ii) 25/02471/FUL- Creation of a new animal enclosure, pump house and fencing- Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Hurst Lane, Auckley (Retrospective)- **no comments or objections**.

d) **Decisions Made by CDC's Planning Committee-** The decision regarding the 34 houses on Hurst Lane had been deferred- **NOTED**.

Cllr Warrender commented that the footpath is not on the Charity's land and therefore shouldn't be part of the application.

Clerk to write the CDC Planning asking who owns the land that the footpath sits on- **AGREED**.

8. **Consideration of Financial Matters**

- a) **Consideration of the transfer of S106 funds into the Cambridge & Counties 31 day notice account-** £10k had been transferred by the Clerk but the remaining £43k is to be moved- **AGREED**
- b) **Appointment of the Council's Internal Auditor for 2025/26-** **NOTED**. The fee remains at £125.
- c) **Receipt of the January Bank Reconciliation against the bank statement-** **NOTED**
- d) **Bank Account Balances at 31.1.26:**

Natwest Reserve Account (...995)	£83,853.75
Natwest Reserve Account (...560)	£507.64

Cambridge & Counties 1 Year fixed rate bond (...588)	£50,000.00
Cambridge & Counties 31 Day Notice Account (...668)	£20,000.00
Cambridge & Counties 6 month fixed rate bond (...362)	£10,218.10
Natwest Current Account (...360)	£200.00

e) Consideration of Approval of Bank Transactions, including the Noting of Contractual Payments- **AGREED**

DDCR 25/26 10	British Gas	Pavilion Electricity	£17.62
DDCL 25/26 10	British Gas	Oak Tree Avenue Electricity	£24.36
25/26 125	Exact Marketing	Moving of pages (planning app. & gallery)	£16.50
25/26 126, 127 and DDP 25/26 11	Site Supervisor, Clerk and Nest	January Salaries, plus mileage, travel expenses and Pension	£1604.42 (£572.29, £976.33, £55.80)
DDO 25/26 11	O2	Clerk's Mobile Phone	£15.42
25/26 128	Christmas Plus Ltd	Dismantle of Festive Display	£1098.00
25/26 129	YLCA	Data Protection & UK GDPR webinar	£36.50
25/26 130	YLCA	Business Continuity Planning webinar	£27.40
25/26 131	YLCA	Website Accessibility webinar	£10.00
25/26 132	Auckley Parish Centre	January Meeting room Hire	£21.00
25/26 133	Aries Networks	Microsoft Exchange 365 x 10 (Jan 26-Dec 26)	£504.00
25/26 134	N Power	Un-metred Electricity supply	£39.63
25/26 135	Reimbursement	2 x 2 <sup>nd</sup> class stamps	£1.74
25/26 136	Reimbursement	Work boots for Site Supervisor	£37.99

Hayfield Park

DD HP 25/26 10	British Gas	MUGA Electricity	£63.05
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9. **Consideration of Recreational Matters**

a) Hayfield Park:

- i) S106 agreement funding update and placement of equipment order – The order was acknowledged on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.
- ii) Consideration of start date for installation of equipment- Council was given the option of two start dates but proceeded with Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of April i.e. after the Easter holidays- **AGREED**
- iii) Publication of the Contracts Details Notice (UK7) for play equipment/surfacing - **NOTED**
- iv) Consideration of the maintenance contract quotations- following consideration, the following quotes were accepted:  
Grass cutting at £47.90/visit  
Strim at £100 per visit  
Box cut at £60 per visit- **AGREED**

b) Riverside Park:

- i) Consideration of advice received from CDC Countryside regarding the copse near the car park- There are two options for the area 1. Public access or 2. prioritising wildlife i.e. using logs to stop access. Countryside talked about advice and information provided through a group email/ Whatsapp which would help with the utilisation for wildlife. In the short term, the Site Supervisor would tidy around the edges (low level, no heavy lifting) but the area may be a long-term project going forward i.e. there are lots of biodiversity linked projects. After discussion the council decided that the area would be used to promote and increase biodiversity- **AGREED**. The Action plan and a standing item regarding the progress on biodiversity is to be added to the next agenda.
- ii) Consideration of the land ownership behind 41/43 Sandhill Rise- The land with the large conifer on it does not seem to belong to the owner of 41 Sandhill Rise (they had contacted the council, providing their deeds) but council were still unsure if the land belonged to the council as it appears that there is a third

owner who owns the path behind the properties. Clerk to contact CDC to enquire if they know who the owner is- **AGREED**.

iii) Consideration of the purchase of a cupboard for the pavilion- **DEFERRED**.

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

- a) Update on locating new noticeboard at the Ellers Lane parade of shops- the Spar had replied saying 'no' to use of their wall space. Clerk to write to CDC asking if the council can site a noticeboard on the Highway land- **AGREED**.

Clerk to contact CDC Planning to enquire if planning approval is need for a noticeboard- **AGREED**.

Clerk to start looking at noticeboards for this location and Hayfield Lane. The noticeboard would be located on the grassed area in front of the Spar if permission is granted- **AGREED**.

Clerk to ask CDC if they own the bank of land outside th Co-op on Hayfield Lane- **AGREED**.

11. **Consideration of Non Council Owned Assets-**

- a) Consideration of the Swedish houses on Ellers Lane following response from St Leger Homes- The response said that they were aware of the vacant property and that they were looking for alternative accomadation for the the tenant of the other property due to the requirement for repairs but they did not know what the plan for the properties was. The Clerk informed the council of the last contact with the Conservation team at CDC (owner of the properties) from July 2023. Following discussion, the clerk is to write to CDC informing them of the current situation, asking for their intentions and expressing concern that there is an empty property in the area which could be lived in, copying in Historic England- **AGREED**.

- b) Consideration of the maintenance of the trees on the green- Clerk to contact CDC requesting the removal of saplings from around the trees and the cutting back of a holly bush near the bus stop on the green- **AGREED**.

12. **Consideration of Administrative Matters**

- a) Police Report and Crime Figures – 21 in December.

- b) Attendance of Cllr Dobson at the Royal Garden Party- Congratulations given to Cllr Dobson- **NOTED**

- c) Discussion of matters associated with the Parish Council Website/Facebook-  
Former Cllr Smith is to be removed from the Admin on the Facebook page- **AGREED**

- d) Police drop in sessions at the Auckley Parish Centre coffee morning-Fridays 13<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> June- **NOTED**

- e) Consideration of Items for submission to the Arrow/ Newsletter-

i) Precept

i) Thank you to local residents for work around parish

ii) Request for Community Speedwatch volunteers

iii) Police drop in sessions at the Auckley Parish Centre coffee morning

iv) Councillor vacancy

v) Hayfield Park play equipment

vi) Update on planning applications

with the addition of the Parish meeting- **AGREED**

- f) Reports of meetings attended by Members of the Council:

i) YLCA Annual meeting- attended by Cllr Staniforth- Reported the appointment of a new Chief Officer (starts in March) and Training Officer. There will be a change to the quorate for future annual meetings.

ii) YLCA JEB- attended by Cllr Staniforth

iii) Airport Consultative Committee- attended by Cllr Staniforth- reported that the ACC is a legal requirement. They now have lots of people in post. Highways issues in the area will be monitored. It was noted that a new person would be needed as a representative for the ACC due to the resignation of Cllr Smith.

iv) YLCA Website Accessibility webinar- Attended by Cllr Worthington- shouldn't use acronyms on website and a full description should be used in titles.

- g) Consideration of the attendance/payment of webinar training courses:

• YLCA Website Accessibility webinar by Cllr Worthington- **AGREED**

• YLCA Planning webinar by Cllr Caygill- **AGREED**

- h) Consideration of items for referral to Ward Councillors- covered by attendance of Ward Cllr.

- i) Receipt of and Consideration other correspondence:

YLCA -Weekly News, Training programmes, Law & Governance Bulletin

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin

STEP Fusion – Pre-Application Stage One Consultation- **NOTED**

Pageantmaster- Lamp Light of Peace in Remembrance- 11<sup>th</sup> of November- brief discussion. Cllr Dobson to approach vicar to see if could light in church or could approach the local school children.

Richard Metcalfe Charity Committee - Certification of time extension for Deed of Variation- Chair had signed- **NOTED**

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Auckley Parish Centre, at 6.30pm, following the Annual Parish Meeting

Chair.....

Date: .....