

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OF MARCH 2026, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

AT AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

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

In Attendance: E. Lear (Clerk) and five members of the public

1. Non-Attendance by Councillors

None received.

2. Approval of the Co-option of Two Parish Councillors- there were two eligible candidates who had expressed an interest in the seats, but neither were able to attend. Council to co-opt both candidates- **AGREED**

3. Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments- None.

4. Determination of the Exclusion of the Public and Press- 10 a) ii

5. Public Participation

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

i) A member of the public expressed concern about the drainage of the planters which had been sited on Hayfield Lane. The council do want them to be maintained so the Site Supervisor could check when passing.

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

i) Dog fouling on Hayfield Park- Members of the Asset Management Group had visited the site and found only a couple of piles. The situation will continue to be monitored and CDC Enforcement asked to attend- **AGREED**

ii) Speed of vehicles on Main Street- the resident was in attendance and explained that the letter had been sent to CDC as well, who had replied with the suggestion to take number plates. He mentioned that he had seen the New College buses speeding- Clerk to write to New College- **AGREED**

Discussion took place regarding using the Community Speed Watch but this required more volunteers to establish. It was asked if there were any reports of successes of the Community Speed Watch.

iii) Hanson's Quarry -storage of trailers and response to their Facebook post- through an online search, it was established that an Operators Licence had been issued on the 15th of February so opportunity to raise concerns via this route were now closed. The council would need to wait for the Change of Use planning application to comment (CDC Planning has advised the owners of the site that this is required).

iv) Gatehouse Lane closure- copied in on an email to the Doncaster Mayor. CDC have now issued the Road Closure Notice. Concerns were expressed about how the council was being notified about the works- Clerk to request that we are kept informed at an earlier stage- **AGREED**.

6. Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 11th February 2026

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

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

Previous Minutes:

CDC Highways Assets officer has said the bench on the green works seems to have been lost when the former employee left but he is arranging for a replacement bench- awaiting further update with regards to contact from Communities Team and funding.

4b) i) Hurst Lane soak-aways- Cllr Waller has received a response that the soak-aways will be inspected.

7 a) Cllr Waller's email went to the tree team who didn't know about the tree outside the Spar on Ellers lane.

b) Potholes reported to CDC- awaiting reply, after the original enquiry was missed.

d) CDC Planning replied that the footpath which is part of the charity land planning application belongs to the charity but also advised that a separate consent would be required to move the footpath, from the planning application.

8 b) ii – CDC do not own the path behind 41/43 Sandhill Rise. Awaiting further information if they can tell who does own it.

10a) CDC Highways Assets officer has said that he will arrange for the Highway works outside the Spar to be put into the budget for the next financial year and will keep council informed (including removal of the tree). Clerk has made enquiries about locating the new notice board in the grassed area and if we can do before the start of this job- awaiting reply. A miscellaneous license but will be required with a location plan and design.

The noticeboard doesn't need planning permission and as long as it's under 1.55m2, won't need advertising consent.

CDC own the land closest to the road, to the bollard line near the Co-op on Hayfield Lane.

11. a) Awaiting reply from the CDC Conservation team at CDC re Swedish houses.

11 b) Awaiting further reply from CDC re saplings on the green after chaser.

8. **Consideration of CDC Matters**

a) Report from District Councillors and/or CDC Officers

- i) Report from Neighbourhood Co-ordinator- Community Information Surveys undertaken on Hayfield Green identified dog fouling, littering, nuisance scooters and off road bikes as issues for local residents. Communities team have requested CDC Enforcement team visit the area. An operation was carried out by SY police which resulted in off road bikes being seized.
- ii) Report from Ward Councillors-
 - the bench on the green should be replaced.
 - the soakaways have been inspected.
 - the planters on Hayfield Lane have been planted including the addition of two trees and local residents adding their own planters. Issues exist on the other side of the road (Co-op side) due to ownership by Peel.
 - Don't want to organise Ward surgeries as feel residents want to discuss issues in private.

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

- i) Gatehouse Lane/ Mosham Road road works- the Clerk provided a brief overview on the works/plans which includes installation of two dedicated right turning lanes onto Gatehouse Lane and onto the site entrance, installation of drainage including new curb stones, new footpath from Mosham Road onto Gatehouse Lane, pedestrian refuges on Mosham road adjacent to site entrance and on Gatehouse Lane, installation of street lighting for whole area of scheme.
- ii) Invitation from Blaxton Parish Council to support pedestrian crossing improvements on Auckley side of the Mosham Road traffic lights- Clerk to write to CDC providing support for pedestrian crossing improvements- **AGREED**

c) Consideration of Planning Applications- None.

d) Decisions Made by CDC's Planning Committee- **NOTED**

9. **Consideration of Financial Matters**

a) Receipt of the February Bank Reconciliation against the bank statement- **NOTED**

b) Bank Account Balances at 28.2.26:

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| Natwest Reserve Account (...995) | £26,051.27 |
| Natwest Reserve Account (...560) | £1,045.65 |
| Cambridge & Counties 1 Year fixed rate bond (...588) | £50,000.00 |
| Cambridge & Counties 31 Day Notice Account (...668) | £73,032.28 |
| Cambridge & Counties 6 month fixed rate bond (...362) | £10,218.10 |
| Natwest Current Account (...360) | £200.00 |

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

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| DDCR 25/26 11 | British Gas | Pavilion Electricity | £20.14 |
| 25/26 137, 138 and DDP 25/26 12 | Site Supervisor, Clerk and Nest | February Salaries, plus mileage, travel expenses and Pension | £1495.41 |
| DDCL 25/26 11 | British Gas | Oak Tree Avenue Electricity | £15.12 |
| 25/26 139 | Arrow Publications Ltd | Single page newsletter | £126.00 |
| DDO 25/26 12 | O2 | Clerk's Mobile Phone | £15.42 |
| 25/26 140 | Auckley Parish Centre | February Meeting room Hire | £21.00 |

Hayfield Park

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| HP 25/26 24 | Jupiter Play | Ropes for basket swing and installation | £962.40 |
| DD HP 25/26 11 | British Gas | MUGA Electricity | £92.64 |

10. **Consideration of Recreational Matters**

a) Hayfield Park:

- i) Update from the Clerk on the installation of the play equipment- Works to commence week of 13th of April 2026 for approximately 2 weeks. Heras fencing will be used to close off area around the installation area (i.e. next to the MUGA), a container will be located on grassed area adjacent to car park and metal fence allowing access through the gate and QR codes will be added to site which access Sutcliffe's website with information about the plans and updates.
- ii) Consideration of quotes for the new metal fence- Discussion took place at end of meeting- Quotes had been received from two companies but awaiting quote from a third. Clerk given a delegated decision to go with the cheapest quote- **AGREED**
- iii) Consideration of the Peel owned fence adjacent to Hayfield Lane- members discussed that a lot of work would be needed to remove and make safe and therefore would advise Peel that they considered it cheaper and safer to retain the fence and maintain with the removal of the trees in the fence- **AGREED**. Clerk to remind Peel that it is their responsibility to maintain the trees and litter pick the treebelt- **AGREED**
- iv) Consideration of parking signage for Hayfield Park- Sign to include:
'For Use by Users of Hayfield Park Only
No Overnight Parking
Contact details for Clerk'
Clerk to order 1 sign and install at side of entrance gate- **AGREED**

b) Riverside Park:

- i) Consideration of further vegetation works in the copse behind Sandhill Rise- **DEFERRED**- awaiting further information regarding path ownership.
- ii) Consideration of the purchase of a cupboard for the pavilion- **DEFERRED**- the dimensions of the kitchen mean that there is not enough space. Asset Management Group to visit pavilion and make suggestions.
- iii) Consideration of correspondence from the Auckley Show Committee regarding fire extinguisher testing- Following discussion the council will remain with the current contractor- **AGREED** and noted that the Auckley Show committee will change contractor.

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

- a) Update on locating new noticeboard at the Ellers Lane parade of shops and near the Co-op on Hayfield Lane- Clerk to obtain quotes for double doors and top opening noticeboards in metal or composite material. It will be green- **AGREED**.
The Asset Management Group will revisit Hayfield Lane to consider location.
- b) Consideration of bulbs/plants for the Ellers Lane planters- Mostly bulbs with a few plants- **AGREED**

12. Consideration of Non Council Owned Assets-

- a) Consideration of request for new bins for the parish- Request for: Church Close replacement, corner of Hayefield Lane/Hurst Lane and to chase the request for near the bus stop near the entrance to Hayfield Park- **AGREED**
- b) Consideration of the operations at the former Hanson’s Quarry- awaiting planning application to make comments.
- c) Consideration the damage to the entrance to the Ellers Lane car park- **DEFERRED** to consider all items in area of the car park.

13. Consideration of Administrative Matters

- a) Police Report and Crime Figures – 18 in January.
- b) Discussion of matters associated with the Parish Council Website/Facebook- None
- c) Consideration of the Business Continuity Plan- **AGREED** to adopt. The document will be available digitally with access via dual authorisation.
- d) Consideration of participation in the Spring Clean (Doncaster) 2026- the week runs from 13th to 29th of March. The Rapid Response Team members who were in attendance offered to organise a litter pick. Clerk to liaise to organise- **AGREED**
- e) Consideration of participation in the Lamp Light of Peace event for Remembrance- the lamp will be lit at eleven minutes to eleven on the 11th of November. Cllr Dobson to make enquiries about the use of the church- **AGREED** with further arrangements to follow.
- f) Consideration of progress on biodiversity in the parish- the project to make improvements to the copse by the car park on Riverside Park has started- **NOTED**
- g) Consideration of a review of the Neighbourhood Plan- Cllr Dobson has made enquiries with the consultant used to compile the neighbourhood plan about a review. An estimate of between £8000 and £20000 has been obtained for the review. There is no Locality funding available. Without a review, the parish may not be able to use the neighbourhood plan if government makes lots of changes to their plan (awaiting publication in July 2026)- **NOTED**. Clerk to make enquiries about funding through the Ward Councillor’s budget- **AGREED**
- h) Reports of meetings attended by Members of the Council:
 - i) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch meeting- attended by Cllrs Caygill, Staniforth and Worthington- update on big planning changes but neighbourhood plans are still wanted.
 - ii) Airport Consultative Committee- Cllr Dobson was unable to log on.
 - iii) Parish Centre Meeting- attended by Cllr Warrender
- i) Consideration of the attendance/payment of webinar training courses:
 - YLCA Employment webinar by Cllr Staniforth and Worthington- **AGREED**
 - YLCA Planning webinar by Cllr Dobson- **AGREED**
- j) Consideration of items for referral to Ward Councillors- None.
- k) Receipt of and Consideration other correspondence:
YLCA -Weekly News, Training programmes, Law & Governance Bulletin
NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin

14. Confirmation of Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at Auckley Parish Centre, at 6.30pm.

Chair.....

Date: