

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH 2019, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

Present: Mr. S. Featherstone (Acting Chairman), Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth,
Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
DMBC Community Officer S. Racjan
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

Public Participation

No issues were raised by members of the public.

1. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Cllr Worthington and Cllr Butterfield.

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

None received.

3. **To Determine Exclusion of Public and Press**

There were no matters determined as being in need of exclusion.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 13th February 2019**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **To Receive Report From District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers**

Community Officer S. Racjan reported that some incidents of anti-social behaviour have occurred in the vicinity of the Co-operative Store, and it is understood that a number of these young people are from other local areas.

One Saturday night incident resulted in the response team attending, and the names of several people were taken. Council was reminded of Litter Picks - the first one scheduled for 5th April in the local area, and a second one on 6th April at Marr Flatts Plantation.

Holmescar Centre is holding a drop-in session to give advice on prostate cancer awareness.

6. **To Receive Police Report and Latest Crime Statistics**

No crime figures have been published since the December Police Report.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Report has been received and circulated.

7. **Matters Arising From the February Meeting**

- a) **Select Convenience Store** - Environment Officer reports the site was assessed at the beginning of January and again in February in order to evidence that there has been no change in the site. He will therefore now be looking at utilising a Community Protection Notice Warning in order to address the issues in the fenced area of the site. He will not be able to take any action with regard to the shuttered and closed store.
- b) **Encroachment of Land Adjacent to Church Close** - A reminder to be sent to DMBC.
- c) **Public Footpath No. 2** - DMBC's Footpaths Officer has asked her colleague to inspect the path.
- d) **Road Markings on Loop Road** - Highways Officer advises that renewal of road markings is not generally undertaken in the Winter months due to damp/wet weather and grit/salt which prevent the thermoplastic sticking to the surface. In addition, there are plans to resurface this area, once drainage works have been completed. The Officer will enquire whether markings can be renewed as part of the resurfacing works. It was agreed to ask the Police to monitor parking at this location in an attempt to prevent further congestion.
- f) **Request for Litter Bin at Great Yorkshire Way** - The Street Scene Officer has asked for the site to be monitored for litter and, if needed, a bin can be installed.
- g) **Proposed Pedestrian Crossing, Hurst Lane** - A reminder to be sent to DMBC.
- h) **Entrance to Eilers Lane Car Park** - A reminder to DMBC.
- i) **Blocked Gullies, Hurst Lane** - Council was informed these have now been cleaned out.
- J) **Renovation of Blaxton War Memorial** - Blaxton Parish Council's Clerk advises that the architect is hoping to submit quotations for consideration at their next Parish Council meeting on 21st March.
- k) **Overgrown Hedges** - Pending.
- l) **Renovation Work to Trees on Riverside Park** - The Tree Surgeon is hoping to undertake the work on 14th and 15th March, weather permitting.
- m) **Students at Auckley College** - The Principal advises there are approximately 950 students attending college.
- n) **Condition of Gatehouse Highway Surface** - Highways Officer reports the road has a safety inspection every 3 months to ensure it is safe for public use. Any safety defects identified are scheduled for repair. The road will also be included, along with many others in the Borough, for a value management survey in the following months when it will be assessed and prioritised against other Borough-wide sites.
- o) **Leaves on Footway** - DMBC Street Cleansing Team to be asked to clear leaves on footway at junction of Mosham Road/Gatehouse Lane.
- p) **Grassed Area Fronting Fir Tree Avenue** - The Clerk has contacted the Environment Officer who dealt with this site in the past and she will investigate possible fencing in order to prevent parking damaging the grass.

8. **To Consider Quotation to Clean Dyke**

Mr. Bichan quotes the sum of £200 + VAT, as in previous years, to clean out the dyke on Riverside Park and remove all debris.

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Cllr. Warrender proposed that the quotation be accepted. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Platts, and the motion was carried.

9. **To Consider Contract for Hayfield Lane Recreation Area and Warranties for Play Equipment**

The Development Manager of the project has been asked to provide information regarding guarantees for the play equipment, and a list of 6 play items has been sent all with guarantees from 10 - 15 years. However, the MUGA only appears to be guaranteed for 1 year, and therefore clarification has been sought on this.

The Clerk to write and ask Council's solicitor if the contract and approved amendments have been received.

RESOLVED - Cllr Platts proposed that when the amended contract and other documentation is received, that the Clerk signs it and returns it to the solicitor to hold, pending confirmation that Members of Council are happy with the warranties for the equipment. Cllr Warrender seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Consider Further Information on New Illuminated Christmas Decorations**

Council has received quotations from 2 firms for the following :

a) To supply LED lights for 2 Christmas trees

b) To festoon 4 trees on the village green

However, Council is still awaiting DMBC's Lighting Officer to make an assessment of what is needed with regard to an additional electricity supply to the trees. In addition, a reply is awaited from Highways on whether it would be feasible to site a Christmas tree on the roundabout at the Great Yorkshire Way/Hurst Lane junction.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write again to Highways regarding a possible tree on the roundabout, and contact Christmas Plus to ask what power supply would be required for the additional trees on the village green.

11. **To Consider Quotations to Provide Benches for the Play Areas**

Cllr Featherstone has advised that his contact is unable to compete with the quotation from the Scottish firm of David Ogilvie Engineering. The Sales Director advises that Council's suggestion for 2 poppies mounted on plaques attached to the back of the seat would protrude and be uncomfortable.

RESOLVED - Council made 2 further suggestions, as follows:

a) One poppy in the middle and flush to the seat back

b) To use the Branton model but without the butterflies and plaque.

The Clerk to ask for quotations and a sketch with a single poppy.

12. **To Consider Information on Planters**

Members considered a range of planters featured in various catalogues which might be suitable for the village green and pinfold. Cllr Staniforth and Clerk to also visit local garden centres and see what other options are available. The containers are to be funded from a legacy kindly left to the Parish Council by a resident.

13. **To Consider Update on S106 Agreements**

The Clerk wrote to the Community Area Manager in June 2018 to ask for confirmation on what S106 Agreement funding was available for Auckley Parish and was advised that this consisted of the following:

a) The sum of £22,633 from Hayfield Green in lieu of open green space. This commuted sum is out of time scale by some 13 years, but he doesn't see a problem expanding this amount should a project arise.

b) The sum of £30,400 from the Cambrian development which is not tied to any restrictions.

Ward Councillor R. Jones advises that there is currently no other funding available, and it was agreed to wait until the new Hayfield Lane recreation ground is up and running before further pursuing this matter .

14. **To Discuss Closure of Catholic Church, off First Avenue**

Council discussed a report in the local press that the Church, originally built when the RAF was operational, is closing at Easter, and the congregation will have to worship elsewhere.

Cllr Staniforth suggested the Church could potentially serve as a community centre, given that the old community building was demolished to make way for the Cambrian development, and it was agreed to make enquiries with Peel to see whether the Church is to be demolished or designated for other uses.

15. **To Review Council's Risk Assessment**

RESOLVED - Council approved the updated Risk Assessment.

16. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) **Cycle Lanes** - Blaxton Parish Council has written to DMBC to ask if consideration could be given to providing a cycle lane on Mosham Road in the interests of safety, and asks whether Auckley Council would give its support.

RESOLVED - Members of Council discussed the matter in detail and agreed that they could not support the project because they consider it is not a viable proposition.

b) **Remains of Litter Bin Outside School** - The Clerk to write again and report that a post from a litter bin still remains outside the main entrance to Hayfield Lane Primary School, and enquire whether it will be replaced.

c) **Highway Surface, Spey Drive** - DMBC to be made aware of a damaged area of highway surface.

16. **To Discuss Highway Matters (continued)**

- d) **Volume and Speed of Traffic at Blaxton** - Blaxton Parish Council raises concerns regarding the increased volume and speed of traffic travelling through Blaxton and the lack of any speed/volume counts which could show changes in traffic statistics over the years. Their Clerk has written to nearby Councils to ask if they have concerns and might consider meeting with other Parish Councils and possibly Ward Members to discuss this type of issue, with a view to engaging DMBC.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to reply that Auckley PC has experienced a massive increase in the volume of traffic, due to a number of factors including the air port and associated commercial businesses, housing development, etc. and campaigned with success for a reduction in the speed limit outside the Hayfield School and a proposed pedestrian crossing. However, although traffic/pedestrian assessments have been carried out on the B1396, Auckley has been advised that there is no significant increase in the volume of traffic. The Council can only suggest that Blaxton contacts DMBC and requests that a survey is undertaken.

17. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) **Junior Football Manager's Suggestion for Defibrillator** - The resident who coaches the Under 8's football team has asked if it would be acceptable to site a defibrillator on the wall of the pavilion. So far the team have raised £200, given by Spar Auckley, and are also attempting to persuade Tesco to allow the boys to pack customers' bags. The landlord of the local public house is fully behind them and suggested ways to proceed.

RESOLVED - Members of Council agreed that they had no objection to a defibrillator being attached to the wall of the pavilion, and will fund the work involved to provide an electricity supply to the equipment. However, it was stipulated that the defib. must be installed on the side wall facing the car park. Council has asked to be kept informed of the boys' progress in obtaining funding.

- b) **Football Posts** - Council is to ask its contractor to remove, paint and store the goal posts, now that the Auckley Adult Team has finished playing.

18. **To Receive Update on Neighbourhood Plan Group**

The next meeting has been delayed until the 19th March, and therefore there was nothing to report.

19. **To Decide Items for Newsletter**

It was agreed to feature the following items:

- a) Annual Parish Meeting date changed to 10th April
- b) Information on Community Transport
- c) Litter Pick at Marr Flatts Plantation on 6th April
- d) Plan to provide new planters for village green and

d pinfold

20. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Parish Web Site**

No matters highlighted.

21. **To Receive Report of Meetings Attended by Council Members**

Parish Centre Meeting 4th March - Cllr Warrender reported that the committee is still awaiting the lease in order for renovation of the car park to be undertaken.

DMBC's Tree Officer has been consulted regarding trees to the rear of the building.

22. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) **No. 19/00337/FUL - Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension 8 Ash Grove, Auckley, Doncaster.**

No objections or comments made in respect of this application.

- b) **No.19/00344/FUL - Erection of a rear single storey extension and side garage link extension to existing detached dwelling house**

1 Laurel Square, Auckley, Doncaster

No objections or comments made.

- c) **No. 19/00328/FUL - Erection of 1 No. pair of 3 bedroom semi - detached houses and formation of parking bays and drive access**

6 Walnut Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster

Council considers this will be over - development for the size of the site. It also appears that, in the front car park, one bay is straddling the boundary.

- d) **No. 19/00513/FUL - Erection of a two storey extension to side and rear elevation and raising roof ridge height creating rooms in the roof space (resubmission of planning permission 18/01763/FUL 40 Spitfire Way, Auckley, Doncaster**

Council reiterates its earlier concerns that raising the roof height might mean loss of privacy for residents living in close proximity to the property.

23. **To Report Planning Decisions Made by DMBC's Planning Committee**

None reported.

24. **To Authorise Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**

BACS no. 113	Parish Centre	March Council meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 114	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase stationery	£9.39
BACS no. 115	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase cleaning materials	£6.65
BACS no. 116	ICE Theatre Ltd.	Donation	£100.00
BACS no. 117	Advanced Tree Care	Tree work, Riverside Park	£1,493.77
BACS no. 118	Staff remuneration		£2,493.77
BACS no. 119	HMRC	Tax & Nat Ins.	£236.16
BACS no. 120	Staff remuneration		317.02

Banking Transactions Neighbourhood Development Plan Fund

BACS no. N15	L.A.B. Planning Services	Supporting N.P. Group	£150.00
BACS no. N16	Parish Centre	N. Plan meeting (March)	£12.35

25. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletins,
- b) YLCA - White Rose Update; Planning Seminars
- c) DMBC - Community Showcase 4th April at the Wool Market, Prostate Awareness Month at the Holmescar Centre, Faith Sector Newsletter, Doncaster Walking details, Carers' information Litter Pick at the Marr Flatts Plantation 6th April; Tia Rescue Centre Spring Fair and Plant Sale
- d) SYPTE - April bus and fare changes

26. **To Confirm Date and Times of Next Meetings**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th April. commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre. This will be followed immediately by the Auckley Parish Council meeting.

Chairperson

Date