

THE MINUTES OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

- Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), Mr. I. Butterfield
Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- Community Officer Mr. S. Racjan
- One member of the public
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for public participation prior to the meeting

A resident remarked that planning permission has been given for up to 80 caravans/tents to be sited on land at the Hayfield Lakes Complex. He notes that the Public Footpath is now more clearly defined and hopes the path will not be blocked as a result of the parking. He also reported there is barbed wire along the top of the hedge leading from the railway line to the lakeside area, and was advised that the Public Rights of Way Team is aware of the problem, and the wire will be removed in the near future.

The resident enquired whether progress had been made towards providing a pedestrian crossing at the Lidgett Crossroads and was advised that, following a request by residents and the Parish Council, DMBC Highways has agreed to carry out a traffic survey some time after the Easter holidays.

1. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Mrs. D. Fiddler and Ms. J. Staniforth.

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

Mr. Warrender declared an interest in Item No. 21(b) Planning application at Dart Grove.

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 8th March 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **To Receive Community Police Report**

Council was informed that a local property has recently suffered a break-in and 3 cars have been stolen from Auckley residents.

The Police have been contacted regarding a car that was recently parked for over a week at Ellers Lane and also for a similar period in Autumn 2016, and is most probably owned by an airport visitor. The Clerk has been advised that the car is taxed, insured, has not been stolen and is not obstructing the highway, therefore no action can be taken against the driver.

5. **To Receive Report from District Councillors/Community Officers**

Community Officer Mr. Racjan reported the following items:

- a) Parking at Spitfire Way - A resident of Spitfire Way has again expressed concerns regarding irresponsible parking on the estate roads and been advised that he must report these matters to the police and DMBC Highways.
- b) Bark Chippings - It may be possible to obtain some chippings as a result of tree work in progress.
- c) Dogs Fouling Pavements - Community Officer will monitor School Lane and Hurst Lane

6. **Matters Arising from the March Meeting**

- a) Blocked Gullies, Hurst Lane - The Cleansing Team will arrange for members of Council to meet with them and observe how the drains are cleaned out.
- b) Parking at Lancaster Court - The second parked car has now been removed. DMBC's Highways Officer to be reminded that the double yellow lines are still awaiting completion.
- c) Land at Fir Tree Avenue - Pending.
- d) Land at Nisa - DMBC has advised the local M.P. that, following complaints from the Parish Council as to the length of time the premises have been mid-refurbishment, a visit was made in December when the owner was not available but a response was later received. An Environmental Health Officer visited in December and was of the opinion that the site was secure from public access and reasonably maintained for a site under development. DMBC is to be asked for more information.
- e) Overhanging Hedge Outside Hayfield Court - The hedge has now been trimmed.
- f) Unfinished Footway at Hurst Lane - The Clerk to remind DMBC Highways that this is outstanding and presents a serious road safety issue for residents - particularly those taking children to school.
- g) Rubbish Left On Football Area - Council to write to Football Manager, following a recent football match, when a quantity of plastic cups, sandwich wraps, etc were found around the pitch.

6. **Matters Arising from the March Meeting (continued)**

- h) Potholes at Hayfield Lane/Sycamore Drive - The potholes to be reported to Peel.
- i) GP Surgery - The Auckley Practice Manager advises that new dwellings in the area are having an impact on a number of local surgeries, however, Doncaster Practices are looking at forming a Federation of GP Practices which will mean they can share ideas on better ways of working, sharing staff, etc. **RESOLVED** - Agreed to write and ask whether Council can be of help.
- j) Speeding Traffic - Ms. Flint has been advised by Highways Officer that, following complaints from P. Council and others, various measures have been implemented over the years which have helped to maintain a good long term safety record. In this situation, and in view of the good safety record, it is difficult for the Council to be able to give priority to further improvements in Auckley, ahead of treating other areas with more pressing needs. Any on-going concerns should be referred to the Police, and he notes the PCC is suggesting that further enforcement operations are planned.
- m) Request for Skatepark - Pending.
- n) Molehills on Riverside Park - The Pest Controller has dealt with the moles on the river banking. **RESOLVED** - It was agreed to engage him for the current financial year.

7. **To Approve the Fourth Quarter Budget Monitoring Report**

It was agreed to remove the sum of £700 from the 'Community' heading, due to this payment having been funded by a bequest and therefore not part of the budget. The budget was then approved.

8. **To Consider Application for a Financial Contribution Towards Renovation of Scout Hut**

Two members of Council have been to look at the building and found it to be in a very bad state due to a leaking roof. The roof has since been inspected by a qualified roofer who reports that a temporary repair will not solve the problem, and the longer it is left the worse it will become. To repair properly will cost an estimated £5,000.

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mr. Payne proposed that a donation of £1,000 be given but this was not seconded. Mr. Swainston proposed an amendment that Council gives the sum of £2,000 towards repairing the roof, with the proviso that a professional roofer undertakes the work. This was seconded by Mr. Featherstone, and the motion was carried.

Council to suggest that the Scout Committee contacts other Parishes where scouts and guides reside to ask whether they might give financial support towards the project.

9. **To Consider Application For Financial Contribution Towards Auckley Show**

The Show Committee asks, in view of Council's commitment to support village events, whether it would consider supporting them with a donation towards the marquee in order that they can continue to keep the Show as "Free Entry". Councillors have received and studied the accounts for the 2016 Show

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mr. Warrender proposed that a donation in the sum of £1,000 be given, this was seconded by Mr. Featherstone, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Consider Quotations to Fell Conifer Trees**

Three quotations invited to fell 2 x Leylandi and 1 x Silver Birch Tree at Riverside Park, tree stumps to be left 2 foot high, and all material to be removed from site. These are as follows:

Urban Arborist	£750.00 + VAT
Advanced Tree Care Ltd.	£490.00 + VAT
Mark Bell	£400.00

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mr. Featherstone proposed that the lowest quotation from Mark Bell, who has carried out work satisfactorily in the past for Council, is accepted. Mr. Butterfield seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

11. **To Consider Quotations to Construct New Village Sign**

Following the demolition of the "Auckley" village sign by Hurricane Doris, two quotations have been sent to Council's insurance company for a claim. Quotations are to remove remaining old sign and base, clean ready old stone for re-use, and build new sign to same design. Quotations as follows:

LMN Construction	£1,200.00 + VAT
Need a Hand	£1,150.00

RESOLVED - Mr. Payne proposed that LMN Construction's quotation be accepted, in view of the fact that the firm has built 2 other similar signs on Main Street which have been proved satisfactory. The proposal was seconded by Mrs. Platts, and the motion was carried.

12. **To Discuss Matters Relating to Pedestrian Crossing at Hurst Lane and Lidgett Crossroads**

- a) Request for Crossing at Lidgett Crossroads - Following Council's request, DMBC Highways has agreed to undertake a traffic survey near the crossroads after the Easter holidays.
- b) Request for Funding towards Crossing Outside Hayfield School - Council has written to several local businesses, and Parish Councils in the school's catchment area, for a possible donation. Cantley with Branton Parish Council has generously pledged the sum of £2,000 towards the scheme. Contractor, Glendale Grounds Maintenance is unable to give any funds.

RESOLVED - Council agreed to write to a District Councillor who is a member of the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership to ask for his support regarding the provision of crossings at these locations.

13. **To Receive Report of Meeting to Discuss Provision of Recreational Facilities at Hayfield Lane**

The meeting was attended by Ward Members, Stronger Communities Manager, Assistant Director of Development, three Representatives from Peel Holdings and four Members of Auckley Parish Council. The meeting was informed that Peel has agreed to provide all the items requested by Parish Council i.e.

- Football pitch
- MUGA
- Children's play equipment
- Changing rooms with dual purpose
- Car park
- Maintenance of area for 15 years
- Transfer of land to Parish Council

Peel will undertake costings 2-3 weeks after Easter in order for the Parish Council to discuss the scheme at its meeting on 10th May. There are 2 plans as follows:

Plan A - Peel to deliver a scheme and transfer title to the Parish Council on completion

Plan B - Peel to transfer title to Parish Council and Council will implement the scheme.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write and advise Mr. Cardwell that Council found the proposals very encouraging and welcomes the idea of Peel providing the appropriate facilities and future maintenance. Members look forward to hearing further information.

14. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) Potholes - DMBC to be informed of potholes at School Lane, Gatehouse Lane, Common Lane.
- b) Sign at A638/Hurst Lane Junction - The Clerk to report the sign is leaning and needs attention.
- c) Public Footpath No. 7 - PROW Officer to be informed the sign is leaning and vegetation on stile needs trimming back.

15. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) New Planters - Ms. Staniforth to be asked which plants would be suitable for the containers
- b) Arrangements for Watering Plants - DMBC to be consulted regarding cost of watering the plants on the village green and pinfold during the Summer months.
- c) Wild Flowers on Riverside Park - The local farmer, who originally ploughed the area prior to seeding, advises that the dried tops of the flowers should be chopped off in the Autumn and new seeds can be sown next Spring. Community Officer to be asked whether the team of unpaid workers will be able to undertake weeding of the patch.
- d) Goal Posts - The Clerk to check whether all football matches have been played in order for contractor to remove, store and paint the goal posts.

16. **To Discuss Matters Relating to Web Site**

The Clerk reported that all items have been updated.

17. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Local Broadband Service**

A resident who has recently moved into one of the new houses is unhappy with the slow speed of his broadband. DMBC's Digital & ICT Director advises that the new development falls into Phase 7 of the 'Superfast South Yorkshire Project' currently progressing across South Yorkshire which means it will receive the ability to access broadband in 2017. The project team will contact Council and other parties when the exact detail is known with regard to Auckley. The resident to be given an update.

18. **To Review Council's Assets Register**

Council approved the Assets Register.

19. **To Review the 'White Rose Update'**

The Review was noted.

20. **To Receive Report of Meetings/Seminars Attended by Council Members**

- a) PCJCC Meeting - Mrs. Worthington attended and reported the following issues were discussed: Potholes on highways. Grass cutting. Fly tipping. Care in the community. An update on planning policy. The Local Authority is also looking at covert cameras. A meeting was recently held at the Keepmoat Stadium to discuss 'fracking' but the meeting was not widely publicised, and therefore she did not attend.
- b) Airport Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee
Mr. Swainston reported the following issues were discussed:
Flights by Thompson and Flybe have increased. LED lights are to be provided in the car parks. Safety issues with regard to drones near airports were discussed. Over 9,000 tons of cargo was transported in 2016. Complaints are again being received concerning training flights. A general consultation is to be carried out on new satellite navigation.
- c) Planning Seminar - Mrs. Worthington reported on the following issues:
Permitted Development of agricultural buildings was discussed.
If a Council has a Neighbourhood Plan then 25% CIL will be awarded, if no Plan in place then this will be 15% CIL. DMBC has not yet adopted the award scheme.
Queries made as to whether members of the public are allowed to view copied plans at meetings.
- d) Public Rights of Way Meeting - Mr. Warrender reported that fencing alongside Public Footpath No. 7 was discussed.
- e) Clerks' Meeting - The Clerk reported that the attendees were asked whether their Councils used social media. Two Clerks present at the meeting advised that their Councils use 'Facebook', but only to circulate information about Parish activities.

21. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 17/00500/FUL - Erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling including replacement of garage with store - 29 Spey Drive, Auckley, Doncaster
Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of this application
- b) No. 17/00708/FUL - Erection of part single, part two storey extension to front, single storey extension to rear and detached garage to existing dwelling - 11 Dart Grove, Auckley, Doncaster
No objections or comments made.
- c) No. 17/00877/FUL - Erection of detached dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling (re-submission of 16/01043/FUL withdrawn 18.05.2016) - Trenton, Hayfield Lane, Auckley
Council has concerns that the proposed dwelling will significantly exceed the size of the original dwelling, and will be completely out of character with its surroundings.
- d) Inert Waste Transfer Station, Wroot Road, Finningley
Council to write to Planning Dept. to ask why a Liaison Group of local Parish Councils, specified in the S106, has not been formed, and expressed concerns that the development might already have commenced.

22. **To Report Decisions Made By DMBC's Planning Committee**

The following planning applications have been approved:

- a) No. 16/03103/FUL - Retrospective permission to retain existing rear extension under Section 73A Town & Country Planning Act 1990 - Roberts Golden Cod, Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster
- b) No. 17/00083/FUL - Proposed erection of rear and side extension and garage with workshop to rear of garden following demolition of existing garage - 2 Ash Grove, Auckley, Doncaster
- c) No. 16/02125/COU - Change of use for grassed area and grass paddock to allow camping and caravans - The Hayfield, Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

23. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme, b) Dementia Awareness Scheme, c) Diversity Doncaster, d) Rossington Grand Parade, e) Community Safety Strategy Questionnaire, f) Teenage Markets, g) Digital Councils Event h) Thorne Lions Mid-Summer Walk, Rossington's 'Your Day Life Engagement, i) Holocaust Memorial Day

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

BACS no. 116	Staff remuneration	Quarterly salary & expenses	£2,287.49
BACS no. 117	Garden & Allotments	Supply compost	£36.00
BACS no. 118	N Power	Pavilion electricity supply	£64.62
BACS no. 119	Yorkshire Water	Pavilion water rates	£17.66
BACS no. 120	Yorkshire Water	Allotments water rates	£12.51
BACS no. 121	HMRC	Employee's tax & N.I.	£200.29
BACS no. 122	Staff remuneration	Handyman's wages	£226.20
BACS no. 123	HMRC	Employee's tax	£4.80
BACS no. 1	'Need a Hand'	Transport planters & compost	£65.00
BACS no. 2	DMBC	Empty dog bins	£254.40
BACS no. 3	J.W. Bichan	Clean out Riverside dyke	£240.00
BACS no. 4	Auckley Parish Centre	Hire for April meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 5	YLCA	Annual Subscriptions	£754.00
BACS no. 6	Arrow Publications	Print items in newsletter	£114.00
BACS no. 7	Auckley Show Committee	Donation towards Show	£1,000.00

25. **To Confirm Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, 10th May 2017, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

26. **To Discuss Handyman's Hours and Terms of Employment**

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1969), Council resolved to ask members of the public and press to leave the room during discussion of the above, due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed.

Chairman

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