

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 10TH APRIL 2019, COMMENCING AT 6.30 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, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- Community Officer, S. Racjan
- In attendance: Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

1. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Cllr. Fiddler.

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

None declared.

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

There were no matters on the agenda that required exclusion of the public or press.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 13th March 2019**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **Report From DMBC Officers/Ward Councillors**

Community Officer S. Racjan reported on the following issues:

Anti-Social Behaviour - A large group of teenagers have been involved in anti-social behaviour both at Branton and Auckley in recent weeks. The situation is being monitored by the Police, PCSO's and DMBC Community Officers and, if this behaviour continues, yellow letters will be delivered to the parents of these young people and, if there is no improvement, this will be followed by red letters. Patrols by PCSO's and Community Officers are ongoing in an effort to try and address these problems.

Fires in Wood - Fire engines have been sent to Marr Flatts Plantation on several occasions recently to treat fires caused by vandals. A nearby resident has reported this matter on social media in the hope that the message might prevent further incidents.

Litter Picks - A successful Litter Pick took place at the Marr Flatts Plantation on 6th April. A further Litter Pick will take place in the Parish on 13th April.

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

The Crime Report for January lists 45 incidents which have occurred in Auckley during the month and been reported to the Police.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Report for March and the South Yorkshire Police Report for the Central Region received and circulated.

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

- a) Select Convenience Store - Environmental Officer reports that the Community Protection Notice Warning has now been served and he will be re-visiting the site to assess compliance upon expiry of the Notice on 1st April.

**RESOLVED** - Council to enquire whether a copy of the notice could be provided

- b) Encroachment of Land Alongside Church Close - DMBC's Encroachment Officer has visited the site and reports that 1 property has 2 concrete-pannelled sheds which extend approx. 2 feet past what would probably be considered the boundary. The sheds have been there in excess of 20 years and therefore would be immune from any enforcement action. The adjoining property has an extension to a shed which is online with the boundary to the neighbouring property and has been in place for 6 months. He will write to the owner regarding this matter.
- c) Slippery Surface, Public Footpath No. 2 - PROW Officer will inspect.
- d) Congestion of Loop Road - The local Police Inspector replies that she will ask her staff to look into this matter. Police can deal with obstruction issues, but cannot deal with double yellow lines, this is down to the Council, and she will copy them into the correspondence.
- e) Entrance to Ellers Lane Car Park - Pending.
- f) Overgrown Hedges - Members to inspect.
- g) Renovation of Blaxton War Memorial - Pending.
- h) Leaves on Footway, Gatehouse Lane - The leaves appear to have been cleared.
- i) Grassed Area Fronting Fir Tree Avenue - DMBC's Environmental Health Practitioner reports that Highways have been contacted regarding possible lengthening of the knee rail that currently protects some of the verge from parking of vehicles, but unfortunately there is no budget to facilitate this. Parking services have been alerted to illegal parking and have recently been monitoring anyone parked in the bus bay. Members to view.
- f) Closure of Catholic Church, Off First Avenue - Council was advised that the building is owned by Peel and will be rented out. There are already some people on the list wishing to rent the building, including one person who is interested in creating a cafe.

7. **Matters Arising (continued)**

g) Highway Surface, Spey Drive - Highways Officer reports that a site visit has been carried out and there is nothing present that meets any of their intervention criteria for safety, therefore no action will be taken.

h) Damaged Litter Bin, Hayfield Lane - A reminder to be sent.

8. **To Consider Quarterly Internal Audit and Budget Information**

The 2 designated Councillors had earlier checked and signed the quarterly internal audit. Members of Council considered the audit and this was approved, together with the budget information. Mention was made of funds in the bank, and it was decided to wait until the new play park is up and running before deciding what additional items might be considered for funding, plus proposals for new illuminated Christmas decorations for trees in the village.

9. **To Receive Update Report on New Illuminated Christmas Decorations**

Information re. Wattage - Council has been asked by Christmas Plus to define the amount of trees on the village green to be festooned and their height in order for the firm to work out how many strings per tree are required, each string using 6watt. Cllr Featherstone is to photograph the trees in order to work out their approx. height.

Possible Christmas Tree on Highway Roundabout - DMBC Highway Officers have expressed grave concerns in respect of sight lines and possible vehicle collisions occurring as a result of a tree being sited on a roundabout, plus problems with access arrangements for installing/removing the tree.

**RESOLVED** - Members of Council decided, in the light of this advice, not to go ahead with installing a tree on the roundabout but to concentrate on festooning trees which are on grassed areas.

Electricity Supply to Christmas Lights - DMBC's Electricity Maintenance Engineer advises he is still in the process of getting the new policy implemented, and the RCD Protection which is required under the new electrical installation regulations which came into force in January 2019. It has not yet been finalised what exact product they will be installing as yet, and therefore he cannot provide a cost at this time.

Tree at Larch Avenue - It was suggested that an additional Christmas Tree could be installed on the wide grass verge fronting Larch Avenue. Cllr Payne is to check and see if there is a suitable lamp post to supply electricity.

10. **To Discuss Latest Information Regarding Hayfield Lane Recreation Area**

Peel's Development Manager has reassured Council that, although there is only 1 year's guarantee on the steel for the MUGA, the manufacturer is an engineering company whose staff believe that if anything goes structurally wrong this will be evident within the first 12 months and will be covered under the Latent Damage Act. Council has received the contract from its solicitor relating to the recreation ground and this has been signed by the Clerk at the meeting and will be returned immediately in order for progress to be made.

11. **To Consider Information on Designs and Quotations for Seats**

Cllr. Featherstone has supplied a picture of several poppies affixed to a bench and will endeavour to find out details of the manufacturer who made the bench.

12. **To Discuss Schedules for Emptying Dog Bins on Riverside Park**

Council discussed DMBC's Service Level Agreement for the emptying of dog bins on the Riverside Park. An anomaly has come to light that figures have been based on emptying 5 bins within the park, but it has been established there are actually 7 bins within the grounds, although one is redundant.

A quotation has been supplied to empty 6 bins each week throughout the year in the sum of £1,791.00.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to accept the quotation to empty 6 bins weekly and review after a year.

The Clerk to ask 'Need a Hand' to provide a quotation to remove the redundant bin.

13. **To Consider Information Relating to Design and Cost of Planters**

Cllr Staniforth favours an octagonal planter featured in the Amberol catalogue which measures approx. 40 inches in diameter and is made of recycled material.

The supplier to be asked details of the cost to purchase and install the planters and whether there is a mechanism to secure the planter in the ground, plus if there are any drainage holes.

14. **To Consider Renewal of Council's Insurance Policy**

Council's Insurance Policy is due for renewal on 31st May and quotations have been received from Zurich and HBIH Insurance. The Clerk to obtain a quote from Came & Co. in time for May meeting

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

One change has been made to Council's assets, i.e. two basketball posts donated by the Basketball Society and previously valued at £2,123.00 have now been re-valued at a nominal £1, but are valued for insurance purposes at £2,635.00.

16. **To Ratify Payment for Removing Fallen Tree**

Following the fall of a large tree on the Riverside Park, due to high winds, it was agreed to ask a tree surgeon already undertaking work at the park to remove the fallen tree in the interests of health and safety, and payment was made in the sum of £240.00 inc.VAT.

**RESOLVED** - Council ratified the payment.

17. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) **Proposed Pedestrian Crossing** - Council had earlier been advised by DMBC's Design Manager that they were hoping for the work to be completed at Easter 2019 however, since then, an email has been received from the company managing the project to the effect that they have no firm dates but are now looking to use the Summer holidays.

**RESOLVED** - The Clerk to ask if they could give a definite date for the crossing, and would this be a Zebra crossing or a light-controlled crossing.

b) **Patching Work at Hayfield Lane** - Council members were pleased with the patching operation carried out to the surface of Hayfield Lane, and it was agreed to write to Highways to record their appreciation.

c) **Parking Outside Hayfield Lane School** - Council was informed that Enforcement Staff have issued tickets to several parents who have been parked in the bus bay outside the school.

d) **Van Parked on Common Lane** - It was reported that a large white van is being parked on occasions outside a dwelling on Common Lane and obstructing the footway. PCSO's to be asked to monitor.

e) **Request for Verges to be Sprayed** - DMBC to be contacted.

18. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

Members of the Under 8's football team are attempting to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator, they have obtained £200 from the Spar Store, and are hoping that Tesco will allow them to pack bags. Their trainer is a qualified electrician and has offered to install the electricity supply to the defibrillator at no cost to Council.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr Featherstone proposed that the Parish Council pays half the cost of providing the defibrillator, this was seconded by Cllr Payne, and the motion was carried.

19. **To Receive Report on Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting**

Cllr Swainston reported on the meeting held on 19th March. The ACOM Report, which will define the housing needs for the area, is still awaited. There appears to be plenty of 4/5 bedroom houses, but not enough 2/3 bedroom starter homes. In addition, the age profile for the area is changing, and there is a lack of sufficient dwellings suitable for disabled residents. The next meeting will be held on 15th April.

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

Members had no comments to make.

21. **To Consider a Response to the New Code of Audit Practice Consultation**

This item was noted.

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

a) **Airport Noise, Monitoring & Environment Sub-Committee - 15th March**

Cllr Swainston reported that new legislation relating to drones means it is illegal to fly them inside the airport's flight restriction zone.

Three Parish Councillors have been elected onto the A.C.C.

Training flights do follow the same path and can fly 40 circuits a day on only 2 consecutive days, per week, and there are no flights at weekends.

Cllr Swainston will respond to the Aviation Strategy Green Paper Consultation.

There is ongoing support for a railway station .

b) **PCJCC Meeting - 27th March** - Cllr Worthington reported that the Joint Charter is to be refreshed.

A presentation was given on Dementia, when it was mentioned that DMBC does give help and support when needed. Parish Councils will receive an email on this issue.

There was also a presentation on Customer Services.

c) **Inert Waste Site, 11th April** - Cllr Worthington reported that the site consists of 200 acres with 5 gates.

The owner was asked how many HGV movements will take place, and replied that he is waiting for an update from DMBC.

d) **Yorkshire Wildlife Park Meeting 10th April** - Cllr Warrender reported there are currently no plans

as yet to close the road and the footpath will be kept open. A start will be made on the car park and inlet road. The Wildlife Park is registered in Branton and has been given an award for conservation. A request has been made for plans of the access road to be made available.

It was agreed to write and enquire where the S106 funds for the road are to be allocated.

23. **To Consider Planning Applications** - No plans have been submitted.

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

Planning permission has been granted to the following applications:

- a) No. 19/00328/ FUL - Erection of 1No. pair of 3 bedroom semi-detached houses and formation of parking bays and drive access - 6 Walnut Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster
- b) No. 19/00337/FUL - Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side extension 8 Ash Grove, Auckley, Doncaster
- c) No. 18/02973/FUL - Erection of detached garage and store - 1 Hurst Lane, Auckley, Doncaster
- d) No. 19/00344/FUL - Erection of a rear single storey extension and side garage link extension to existing dwelling house - 1 Laurel Square, Auckley, Doncaster
- e) No. 18/02929/D OV - Deed of variation in connection with application 92/3697/P (disposal of land) - Land lying to the South and West of Bell Butts Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

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

BACS no. 1	Advanced Tree Company	Remove fallen tree	£240.00
BACS no. 2	J.W. Bichan	Mow, clean dyke	£240.00
BACS no. 3	DMBC	Empty dog bins	£101.30
BACS no. 4	Arrow Publications	Print items in newsletter	£66.00
BACS no. 5	YNH Ltd.	Hosting web site	£43.95
BACS no. 6	Yorkshire Water	Pavilion water rates	£14.29
BACS no. 7	YLCA	Annual membership	£798.00
BACS no. 8	Blyth Pest Control	Eradication of moles	£160.00
BACS no.9	Yorkshire Water	Allotment water rates	£13.22
BACS no.10	Taylor Bracewell	Fees for Hayfield Contract	£778.00
BACS no.11	Walkers Nurseries	Supply plants for tubs	£216.00
BACS no.12	Parish Centre	April Council meeting	£24.75

**Banking Transactions Neighbourhood Development Plan Fund**

BACS no. 17	Parish Centre	Neighbourhood Plan meeting	£12.35
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26. **To Receive Correspondence**

NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletins; NALC Conference and Exhibition

YLCA - White Rose Update; Infrastructure Levy for Parish Councils

DMBC - Doncaster Parents' Voice - 'What's On'; List of Carers' Groups; 'Lifeworks' support for ex-service personnel

Police - Survey Request for residents of Auckley and Finningley

27. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 8th May 2019, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson .....

Date .....