

**THE MINUTES OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**  
**AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE**

- Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts,
- Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- DMBC Highway Officers Mr. Watkinson and Mr. Morley
- District Councillor Steve Cox
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**FARRRS Highway Phase 2**

Before the formal meeting began, DMBC Highways Officers updated Council on the progress of the Phase 2 project which will finally connect the section of FARRRS Road now at Bawtry Road to the airport link road at Hurst Lane where existing traffic lights will be replaced with a roundabout. Any surface water run-off from the road will drain into ponds where it will be stored and later discharged, and all landowners affected by the road will be asked to keep dykes clear to assist drainage. Bats living on the route will be protected by an underpass. Phase 2 is due to be completed within a year. The Charity Trustees were assured that the access and hedge relating to the Charity Land will not be affected, and Highways will provide a concreted parking area at the entrance to the field.

**Public Participation**

A resident of Common Lane reported there a number of residents had expressed concerns that a field at Common Lane is to be developed for housing, after men were seen surveying the land. Cllr. S. Cox reported that he has spoken with the Senior Planning Officer regarding this site who has advised that currently he has no information on this matter. Cllr. Cox will check to see whether the landowner has placed the land on the 'Call For Sites' list, part of DMBC's draft Local Plan which is still being processed to be finalised later this year. The land is in a Countryside Area and outside the village boundary.

1. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Mr. S. Featherstone.

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

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 11th January 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **To Receive Community Police Report**

SY Police and Crime Commissioner writes, in reply to Council's concerns relating to speeding traffic, and advises that South Yorkshire Police will be implementing further speed reduction operations in Auckley throughout the calendar year.

The PCSO who normally carries out local monitoring of traffic with the speed gun advises that her group has been busy with other duties, but they hope to visit Auckley in the near future.

The Clerk is to write to the South Yorkshire Chief Constable regarding this matter.

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

**Operation of Speed Cameras** - Cllr Cox has been making enquiries into the possibility of more frequent operations being carried out with speed cameras in the local villages.

**Incomplete Footway, Hurst Lane** - Highways Officer who has been dealing with this matter is to be contacted once again.

**Section 106 Funding** - Cllr Cox has been unable to locate any S106 funds to be used for a crossing.

6. **To Discuss Matters Arising from the January Meeting**

a) **Blocked Gullies, Hurst Lane** - DMBC Drainage Officer advises that an inspection of the gullies on Hurst Lane will be undertaken and they will be cleaned as required. He will also speak to the quarry regarding their obligation to minimise sand off their site blocking the gullies.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to write and ask how often the gullies are cleaned out.

b) **Parking at Lancaster Court** - The dumped car has now been removed and DMBC's Highways Officer has been asked if the double yellow lines can now be completed.

c) **Land at Fir Tree Avenue** - Pending.

d) **Dog Fouling at School Lane and Hurst Lane** - The Clerk to write again to Enforcement Officers.

6. **Matters Arising from January Meeting (continued)**

- e) Problems, Spitfire Way - Planning Investigation Officer has carried out several visits over the last few weeks and also been to a property in connection with an allegation that a business is being run from there. From his observations he is satisfied there is no material change in the use of the premises. He has checked historic planning permissions for the development and found no conditions attached which restricts the size of a vehicle that can be parked at or adjacent to any dwelling - if there is a restriction it will be attached to the Deeds of the properties concerned.
- f) Land at Nisa Store - Environmental Health Officer has visited the site but was unable to speak to the owner and has received no reply when telephoning or writing letters to discuss the untidy site. **RESOLVED** - Agreed to write to Caroline Flint, M.P. regarding this matter.
- g) Washing of Wheelie Bins - DMBC's Flood Risk Engineer advises it would be a matter for him if the highway gullies are being blocked due to debris being washed into them. He will arrange to have them inspected as a matter of course. From past experience, it is very difficult to enforce these types of issues even when a registration number is provided unless there is concrete evidence, i.e. video, caught in the act by an Officer, etc. He will advise Council if there are any issues with the gullies.
- h) Highway Potholes - Highways advises that all adopted highways are inspected at regular intervals. Criteria for actionable repairs are 40mm deep holes in the carriageway and 20mm in the footway. An order has been raised to repair a deep pothole at School Lane.
- i) Damaged Fencing, Church Close - St. Leger Homes advises that an inspection will be carried out on 8th February and work orders raised for later in the month.
- j) Damaged Fencing, Hayfield Lane - Highway Maintenance Officer reports he has arranged an order for the stump and top section laid in the grass to be removed. There is no reason for fencing at this location and, due to budgets, they will not be replaced. **RESOLVED** - Clerk to reply that fencing was installed to prevent parents parking their cars on the verge when collecting their children from the Junior School at closing time.
- k) Hedging, Rear of Cambrian Estate - Highways Officer has inspected the hedges and they are not obstructing the footway. For this reason he cannot request residents to trim them back. They may appear to be aesthetically displeasing to the eye, but this is not grounds to write to residents to cut back using Highways Enforcement Powers. **RESOLVED** - Council is to ask if he could arrange for residents to be informed by letter that they are responsible for the hedges.
- l) Request for Skate Park - East Area's Stronger Communities Co-ordinator advises that a recently-installed skate park at Rossington cost approx. £66,000 + fees of approx. 13.5%. The Clerk has also been advised by a Blaxton resident involved with the Finningley/Blaxton Park that a basic skate ramp was installed at the park in 2003, but was provided by DMBC, so he is unaware of the cost.
- m) Non-Functioning Street Lamp, Hurst Lane - DMBC advises the case is still open so the team are aware that the light still requires fixing and a follow-up has been requested.

7. **To Consider Quotations For Concreting Work and Replacement of Manhole Cover Near Pavilion**  
One quotation received and 2 more to be invited in time for next meeting.

8. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Trees on Riverside Park**

- a) Conifers Blocking Light - A resident of Ainsley Close writes with regard to a group of large conifers which are blocking light from his garden, and asks whether they can be either removed or pruned. A member of Council has inspected the trees and it is unclear whether some of the trees are in gardens or on the recreation ground. It was agreed to write to one of the residents whose garden appears to have some of the trees in question, and ask him whether he is prepared to remove or trim the trees.
- b) Overhanging Trees - A recent site meeting was held to inspect trees overhanging 2 gardens, one at Main Street and one at River Way. The residents were asked whether they wished the trees to be trimmed, and both advised that the trees were no problem and were happy leaving them in that state.
- c) Tall Trees to Rear of Sandhill Rise - Following a resident's request for tall trees to be trimmed, due to leaves blocking out sunlight, Council Members met on site and decided that although the trees are tall they are some distance from the property and will only block sunshine for a limited period during the afternoon. Their recommendation would be that no pruning is necessary. **RESOLVED** - Following discussion, it was agreed that no pruning is to be undertaken.

8. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Trees (continued)**

d) **To Discuss Possible Tree Survey at Riverside Park**

A tree survey was carried out in 2010 and Council discussed whether it was necessary to arrange for another survey to be done. DMBC's Tree Officer to be asked to advise on this matter.

9. **Report of Meeting Re. Provision of Play Equipment at Hayfield Lane**

Parish Council Members and Clerk met with Ward Members, Planning Officers and Peel representative to discuss whether the facilities already suggested could be provided on the sports field at Hayfield Lane. Facilities consist of: Football pitch, MUGA, Small children's play equipment, Dual-purpose building for changing and community use, Possible car park, Maintenance for 15 year and transfer of ownership to Parish Council. Mention was made of secure fencing, but this did not meet with approval.

The Peel representative will take the list of suggested requirements back for consideration and hopefully a further meeting can be held in 6 week's time.

10. **To Receive Report of Visit to "Steel Ceremony" for New Doncaster College**

Mrs. Worthington attended the event, together with Head of College, Mr. Brendon Fletcher, and other interested parties who were invited to climb up the steel structure to watch while a steel girder, signed by students, was winched into position. Mr. Fletcher is keen for the college to be open for community activities, and it might be possible for some Parish Council meetings to be held in the building.

Mrs. Worthington has spoken with the Head of College and asked for his support regarding provision of a pedestrian crossing at Hurst Lane.

11. **Report of Site Visit to Hurst Lane Quarry**

Mr. Payne met with the Manager and his colleagues to discuss problems of sand deposits and blocked gullies. The quarry is funding DMBC to carry out road sweeping and is awaiting a reply from the Authority regarding this matter. A wheel wash was again mentioned, but it was pointed out that this would result in more water ponding on the road. Council agreed to write and ask DMBC how often road sweeping is being undertaken and whether gullies are being emptied at regular intervals.

12. **To Report Progress Regarding Possible Provision of Pedestrian Crossing**

The Highways Officer, who met with Council Members on site outside the Hayfield School, writes to advise that Doncaster Council has not made any further progress in relation to the provision of a pedestrian crossing. Whilst it was discussed in principle that a zebra crossing could be located on Hurst Lane outside the Hayfield School, between the two existing bus stops, it was agreed that DMBC would not carry out any work until the Parish Council could confirm that the significant funds for the scheme had been secured.

**RESOLVED** - Council will now begin applying for grants from various organisations, and has reserved the sum of £5,000 from its funds towards a crossing.

13. **To Discuss Update on Provision of Additional Surgery**

A reply from the DMBC's Director of Public Health is similar to one received previously, and does not offer any further information. Members are to make further enquiries.

14. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) **Asphalt Plant** - The airport has advised that a temporary asphalt plant has been installed in order to re-surface the runway.

b) **Road Surface, Hurst Lane** - DMBC to informed of deteriorating road surface between bridge/quarry

c) **Rubbish, Hayfield Lane Sports Field** - This to be reported to Peel's staff.

d) **Cars Parked on Verge Outside Crossroads Garage** - Probably this is due to vehicles owned by builders constructing a wall at a nearby property. Members to monitor.

e) **Litter on Hurst Lane** - DMBC to be asked to remove.

f) **Overhanging Hedge Outside Hayfield Court on Hayfield Lane** - To be reported to DMBC.

15. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

a) **Rubbish Left Outside Pavilion** - Council was informed that 5 bags of rubbish have been left by the the footballers outside the pavilion and within the fencing. It was agreed to write and ask the Manager to arrange for this material to be removed forthwith.

b) **New Planters** - It has been suggested that the gold lettering to be applied to the new planters should be in a different font and some additional wording applied to one of the containers, acknowledging that funding has been provided from a former resident's legacy. The firm to be advised accordingly

15. **To Discuss Recreation Matters (continued)**

c) Bark Chippings for Riverside Steps - The Clerk has written to the DMBC Officer who previously provided chippings, but without success. Cllr Cox is to be asked if he can help,

16. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Web Site**

The new Web Master began duties on 1st February and agendas, minutes etc. have been promptly featured on the site as requested. Members were invited to look and see if they have any ideas to improve the format of the site. A suggestion to possibly connect to social media was not pursued because it was not an agenda item and would need to be discussed at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** - Council approved a payment in the sum of £238.50 to the previous Web Master.

17. **To Make Comments on the Police Budget Consultation**

Individuals were invited to make comments on the Consultation.

18. **To Consider Training Seminars in Planning and Development**

Approval given for Mrs. Worthington to attend a Planning Seminar on 1st April. Auckley Council and Cantley with Branton Council will each pay half of the £115 fee.

19. **To Receive Reports from Members Who Have Attended Meetings**

Parish Centre Meeting Ms. Staniforth reported that the committee is currently experiencing difficulties making improvements to the building and car park because of administration difficulties. Hopefully these will soon be resolved.

20. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

a) No. 17/00201/FUL - Proposed single storey rear extension to existing dwelling  
24 Elder Grove, Auckley, Doncaster. DN9 3EP

Council supports the advice of the Internal Drainage Board regarding discharge of water from site

b) No. 17/00083/FUL - Proposed erection of rear and side extension and garage with workshop to rear of garden following the demolition of existing garage  
2 Ash Grove, Auckley, Doncaster. DN9 3LN

Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the application

c) No. 16/03103/FUL - To seek planning permission to retain existing rear extension under Section 73A Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Retrospective)  
Roberts Golden Cod, Hayfield Lane, Auckley Doncaster  
No objections or comments made in respect of the above.

21. **To Report Decisions Made by DMBC's Planning Committee** - None received

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

BACS no. 100	DMBC	Empty Dog Bins	£222.60
BACS no. 101	Auckley Junior School	Donation towards Defibrillator	£450.00
BACS no. 102	Staff Remuneration		£226.20
BACS no. 103	HMRC	Employee's tax	£4.80
BACS no. 104	Abbie Cadman	Web Master payment	£238.50
BACS no. 105	Parish Centre	Hire fee for February meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 106	N Power	Christmas lights (Oak Tree Road)	£87.34
BACS no. 107	Arrow Publications	Items printed in newsletter	£90.00
BACS no. 108	YLCA	Planning seminar	£115.00

An invoice has been received in the sum of £486 inc.VAT for festooning of Christmas lights which includes a return visit to move some lights from village green to the tree at Hurst Lane including cost of lifter. The Clerk has questioned this amount, and another invoice is to be sent.

23. **To Receive Correspondence**

a) January White Rose Update    b) World War I Beacons of Light    c) NALC Grants & Funding  
d) 'One Stop Shops' Grants        e) SY Branch Meeting 25th Feb.

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

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre. This will be immediately followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

