

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 TH FEBRUARY 2020, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth,
Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

Public Participation

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Received and accepted from Cllr Butterfield, Cllr Fiddler and Cllr Featherstone.

2. **To Receive Declarations of Interest and Any Amendments**

No declarations were received.

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

No items were considered in need of exclusion.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 11th December 2019**

Council was informed that Cllr Staniforth's name was misspelt in Item No. 22, - this to be amended.
The minutes were then approved and signed as a true record.

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

There were no District Councillors or DMBC Officers in attendance at the meeting.

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

Crime Report - 35 incidents occurring in Auckley during December were reported to the Police.
The Doncaster Central Members Updates received.

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

a) Flooding at The Green - This matter is still ongoing.

It was reported that flash flooding had occurred earlier in the week resulting in flooding of some areas of Main Street and the Ellers Lane car park.

b) Nisa Store – It was reported that there is still some rubbish to the rear of the store.

c) Sunken Gully/ Blocked Drains on Hurst Lane – The Flood Risk Dept. has been asked to investigate.

d) Overgrown Public Footpaths Numbered 6 and 7 - Cllr Warrender reported that some clearance has been undertaken.

e) Christmas Lights – Christmas Plus plans to remove lights from the 3 small deciduous trees on the grass verge adjacent to the B1396 and village green when weather conditions improve.

f) Possible Employment of Part-Time Police Officer - Council awaiting a reply from Ward Member.

g) Damaged Bollards on Main Street – New bollards have been installed.

h) Possible Purchase of Christmas Trees for Planting – The Clerk of Rossington Parish Council advises that a grant of £2,000 was obtained from Tesco's 'Bags of Help' grant.

RESOLVED – Following discussion, it was decided to write to two local nurseries to ask if they could give details on the supply of trees for planting, approximate cost and what size would survive.

i) Issues Relating to New Roundabout at Entrance to YWLP – DMBC's Highways Officer writes to acknowledge Council's concerns re. poor lighting around the roundabout and has forwarded the email to the Street Lighting Department. It was reported that wooden fencing has now been erected round the run-off pond adjacent to the roundabout. A reminder re. overhanging hedge to be sent.

j) Potholes at Spey Drive and Loop Road – Highways Officer advises that neither of the potholes meet intervention criteria, so no action will be taken. With regard to re-surfacing of the loop road, they will be going ahead sometime between March and May 2020. There are problems with water standing outside nearby bungalows, and this will need to be addressed before work can begin.

k) Entrance to Church and Parish Centre – Request for Reflective Strips – The local Vicar regrets that providing extra lighting or reflective strips isn't straightforward as the land and buildings belong to the Church of England, and any addition requires legal permission from the Diocesan Chancellor.

l) Correspondence with HMRC regarding Corporation Tax – Pending.

8. **To Approve Council's Quarterly Internal Audit**

The Audit had been checked by the 2 delegated Councillors and been approved.

RESOLVED – Members of Council approved the Internal Audit.

9. **To Decide Council's Internal Auditor for 2020/2021**
Members agreed unanimously to appoint Mr. D (Blaxton Clerk) to act as Council's Internal Auditor.
10. **To Consider Making a Donation to Thorne Rural Lions**
Council discussed making a donation to the Thorne Rural Lions, an organisation which raises money for various charitable causes. One way that members collect funds is to travel round local areas during December on a decorated sleigh and play Christmas carols. Residents, particularly children, look forward to this yearly visit.
RESOLVED – Following discussion, Cllr Payne proposed that a donation in the sum of £100 be given, this was seconded by Cllr Platts, and the motion carried.
11. **To Consider Quotation to Provide New Computer with Windows 10 and Screen**
The Computer Engineer had earlier discovered that the i5 model had disappeared from the system, However, he has found an equivalent model costing a similar amount, i.e. computer £490, Screen £75, new keyboard and mouse, plus labour costs of approx. £125.
RESOLVED – Members approved this quotation.
12. **To Consider Quotation to Clean Out Dyke at Riverside Park**
A local farmer quotes the sum of £200 + VAT which remains the same price as last year.
RESOLVED – Council agreed to accept the quotation.
13. **To Consider Contract Charges for Emptying Dog Waste Bins**
DMBC Street Scene Services advises that the current charge for weekly emptying of 6 bins on Riverside Park is £1,791.00, and this will be increased by 2% in April 2020.
RESOLVED – Council agreed to the increase.
14. **Consider Provision of HV Jackets/Tabards for Residents Undergoing Speed Camera Training**
The Police are inviting residents to undergo training to operate a speed gun and, once trained, they will be able to accompany local PCSO's and assist with carrying out speed checks. One volunteer has written to ask whether the Council would be willing to fund the purchase of jackets or tabards.
RESOLVED - Council agreed in principle. The Clerk is to check how many garments will be required and what colour.
15. **To Discuss Progress of Hayfield Park Project**
Peel's Development Manager advises that the park will be opened in approx. 2 months when weather conditions improve. They will open the playground, MUGA and sports pitch all at the same time when the pitch has been de-stoned and seeded. Council's request for a locked open facility to the vehicle gate has been considered and should not be a problem.
A list of play equipment included on the site is as follows: A multi person swing; Outdoor table tennis table; A slide with log stepping stones; Fallen tree trunk; A cup which swizzles around; Rocking snail; Glacial boulders.
Provision of Swings Cllr Staniforth expressed disappointment that no swings are to be provided on the site for small children, and it was agreed to ask the Development Manager if she could identify a suitable area within the park to site 2 cradle swings and 2 normal swings.
Defibrillator – The Clerk reported that the firm chosen to provide a defibrillator is unable to give a date when a mounting block/post will be produced, as it is still in the design stages, and she has therefore written to the Ambulance Advisor who met with Councillors some time ago to advise on appropriate sites for outdoor defibrillators.
16. **To Discuss Highway Matters**
a) **Highway Gullies** – It was reported that some of the highway gullies adjacent to the Quarry on Hurst Lane appear to be blocked with sand. Council to write to DMBC and also ask whether the Quarry still funds a weekly sweep of Hurst Lane.
b) **Hurst Lane Verges** – The Clerk to write to DMBC Highways Officer responsible for works on the new roundabout, and ask if the uneven verges could be levelled and re-seeded.
c) **Leaves on Roads and Footways** – Council to ask for the roads and footways to be swept in order to remove fallen leaves.

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

- d) Parking on Grass Verges at Hayfield Lane – Two residents have written to report that parents of children attending the Hayfield Lane Primary School are parking on the verge adjacent to the school and the large grassed area fronting Fir Tree Avenue. As a result, the grass is being damaged.

RESOLVED – It was agreed to write and ask the Police to monitor parking outside the school. With regard to the area fronting Fir Tree Avenue – a footway is scheduled to be constructed in the near future which will hopefully prevent further parking on the grass.

17. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Query Regarding S106 Funds – DMBC’s Stronger Communities Co-ordinator advises there is a total sum of £53,033 of S106 funds to spend on recreational purposes, and asks whether Council has any plans. The Clerk to reply that Council will be looking to provide some recreational equipment within the next 12 months.

- b) The Great British Clean Up – A resident of Common Lane who has participated in previous Clean Up schemes is willing to volunteer for the one in March.

- c) Repair of Riverside Car Park Gate – The Clerk reported that the damaged post needed to be uprooted and re-set in concrete in order for it to be aligned with the gate to allow for closure. Unfortunately, the gate was closed before the concrete had completely set, which meant the whole process had to be undertaken for a second time, and consequently Council had been billed for double the amount, i.e. £1,200.

RESOLVED – It was agreed to contact the contractor concerned and ask whether he could possibly consider making a reduction in the payment.

- d) Provision of Smart Meter for Pavilion – A provisional date of 3rd March has been made.

- e) Additional Planters for Village Green – This item to be discussed in March.

18. **To Discuss Alternative Venues for Council Meetings**

Cllr Featherstone has written to a local establishment, but unfortunately has not received a response. It was agreed to write again to the Head Teacher of the Hayfield Lane Primary School to enquire whether there might now be an opportunity to use one of the classrooms or possibly the Zone.

19. **To Receive Report on Neighbourhood Plan Group**

Cllr Swainston reported that the group is looking into what are the defined boundaries for the Airport. The web site is not up to date, but is improving.

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

Re: Public Sector Bodies Access to Regulation – Council was informed that the person who will be able to re-design the web site to make it more accessible for disabled viewers is currently ill but hopefully should be back at work shortly.

21. **To Receive a Report on Meetings/Seminars Attended by Members of Council**

- a) PCJCC Meeting Held 17th January – The items discussed were Planning Enforcement, Air Quality, Devolved Locality Budgets for Ward Councillors and Local Commission on Climate Change.

- b) Yorkshire Wildlife Park – Cllr Featherstone reported that this was merely an update on progress, however, he did mention the poor lighting on the new roundabout giving access to the Park.

- c) YLCA Branch Meeting – Cllr Staniforth reported that information was given re. the new YLCA web site, and protection from loan sharks. The next meeting will be held at Braithwaite.

- d) Meeting with Local Member of Parliament – Cllr Worthington met with Mr. Nick Fletcher, the new M.P. for the Don Valley Constituency who was very personable and not political. He was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting because of being in London all that week.

- e) Community Action Group Meeting – Cllr Worthington reported that Cllrs Cox and Jones, plus two PCSO’s were present at the meeting. Licensed premises have been given advice on not selling to under-age young people, and the committee was advised that one way of preventing drinks being spiked was to distribute ‘Spikeys’ to put in the tops of bottles.

22. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 20/00234/FUL – Erection of ground floor rear extension 97 Main Street, Auckley, Doncaster. - Council had no objections or comments to make re. app.

22. **To Consider Planning Applications (continued)**

b) No. 20/00175/FUL

Installation of two external air-conditioning units with screening (Retrospective)
Unit 2, Phantom Court, Hayfield Lane, Auckley

Concerns expressed concerns regarding the overall state of the site, and the lack of any screening of the air-conditioning units and recommends that closed-boarded fencing should be installed within 28 days.

c) No. 20/00022/OUTM – Outline application for the erection of up to 160 dwellings (approval being sought for access)

Land Off Gatehouse Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

Council is vehemently opposed to this application. Although most of the site is in Blaxton Parish, the impact of the development will be extremely detrimental to Auckley, due to the additional amount of traffic generated – possibly as many as 300 vehicles onto an already congested road, with a level crossing where waiting times can be as long as 10 minutes. The site is a valuable green space in a Countryside Policy Area, and the Doncaster Local Plan has identified that there are already sufficient developments to satisfy local needs.

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

The following planning applications were granted planning permission:

- a) No. 19/02880/FUL – Erection of 2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage - 9 Thorncliffe Gardens, Auckley, Doncaster
- b) No. 19/02972/TPO – Consent to crown lift secondary branches of one oak to 4m from ground level, crown clean and selectively reduce to provide for 3m property clearance; the tree being subject to T1 of Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order (No. 318) 2008
9 Ivy House Court, Auckley, Doncaster
- c) No. 20/00078/PD – Erection of single storey extension to side elevation
Maple House, 1A Maple Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster.
This is permitted development.

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

BACS no. 109	Handyman’s wages	Work in Parish	£270.45
BACS no. 110	HMRC	Employee’s tax	£67.60
BACS no. 111	Web Master	Neighbourhood Plan	£180.00
BACS no. 112	Arrow Publications	Items in newsletter	£114.00
BACS no. 113	Parish Centre	N. Plan meeting	£8.25
BACS no. 114	Parish Centre	P. Council meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 115	Christmas Plus	Remove lights	£3,484.80
BACS no. 116	Thorne Rural Lions	Donation	£100.00
BACS no. 117	Mat and Mouse	Supply/install computer	£694.00
BACS no. 118	DMBC	Empty dog waste bins	£371.95

Banking Transaction - Neighbourhood Plan Grant

BACS no. N33	L.A.B. Planning Services	Support N. Plan Group	£150.00
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25. **To Receive Correspondence**

YLCA – NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletins and White Rose Update, Planning Seminars
Spring Training Conference and SY Branch Meeting
Police – Doncaster Central Reports.

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

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th March 2020, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre. This will be followed immediately by the Auckley Parish Council Meeting.

Chairperson

Date