

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2018, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.  
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE**

- Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman),
- Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston,
- Mr. G. Warrender
- District Councillor A. Jones
- Community Officer S. Racjan
- In attendance: Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**Public Participation**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

1. **To Receive Apologies** - Received and accepted from Mr. I. Butterfield
2. **To Receive Declarations of Any 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 December 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

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

Apologies received from Cllr. S. Cox and Cllr. J. Cox

Community Officer S. Racjan reported on the following issues:

**SEC Centre, Hayfield Lane**

The remaining students from the SEC Centre have been re-located to the Holmescar Centre and have settled in well. The former caretaker's bungalow is possibly earmarked for a community project.

**Re-organisation of the Borough**

The Borough will now be divided into 4 regions, and Mr. S. Thomas will be Communities Area Manager for local villages. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Ridge who is currently in post.

**The Tour de Yorkshire**

The community is asked to suggest projects to highlight this event.

Ward Councillor A. Jones - Reported that the public footpaths alongside the River Torne need some attention. This matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr. Jones was thanked for speaking at the Planning Committee meeting the previous day to oppose the Yorkshire Wildlife Park's application to construct a new access from Hurst Lane to the Park.

6. **Community Police Report**

A newsletter has been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The November Police Report lists 24 incidents which occurred in Auckley and been reported to Police

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

- a) **Unfinished Footway, Hurst Lane** - Highways Officer reports that a meeting is scheduled for 12th January between DMBC Engineers, Carillion (who are delivering Phase 2 of the Great Yorkshire Way) and Barratt/David Wilson Homes to discuss timescales for delivery of the footway works. As the Phase 2 works include the construction of a roundabout on Hurst Lane, there is a need for all works to be co-ordinated. Once the meeting has taken place he will be in a position to provide a further update.
- b) **Former Nisa Store** - A reminder to be sent to the Environmental Enforcement Officer.
- c) **Blocked Gullies** - Cllr Swainston reported most of the gullies appear to have been cleaned, including the one opposite the Hayfield School where water has been ponding. Members to monitor.
- d) **Highway Verge, Rear of Cambrian Estate** - DMBC's Highways Officer advises that the hedges running along the rear of the Cambrian properties are the responsibility of the Local Authority, these have been cut back and all the silt cleaned off the footway. He has since been out to inspect, and some drainage work will be undertaken around the area to put a French drain in the verge. This will be done in early April when the new budget begins.
- e) **Overgrown Footway, Mosham Road** - It was reported that part of the footway has been grubbed back but there is one area still waiting to be done. Community Officer S. Racjan will report to L.A.

7. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- f) **A638/Hurst Lane Junction** - A reminder to be sent to DMBC's Highways Officer regarding issues associated with traffic signals at this location.
- g) **Request For Driver Feedback Sign** - Highways Officer advises that the existing Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) are in good working order and there are no plans to replace them until such time as they become life-expired or are too costly to maintain. There are no plans for routine replacement of existing signs, however, the Parish Council can fund the replacement of the VAS with Driver Feedback Signs (DFS). The likely cost of each new DFS unit would be in the region of £3,000.
- h) **Renewal of Dog Stencils** - The Clerk to report locations where these are required.
- i) **Untidy Hedges at The Hollows and Hayfield Lane** - A reminder to DMBC.
- j) **Tree Survey** - Tree Surgeon Steve Burrows will undertake a tree survey in week beginning 12 March
- k) **Damaged Allotment Shed Door** - Garden & Allotment Secretary advises that this issue will be discussed at their AGM in January and they will establish someone to undertake the work.
- l) **New Address for Web Site** - Awaiting a reply from the office which provides hosting for web site
- m) **Bags of Rubbish Left Near Bus Shelter** - The Parish Handyman has advised the Clerk that these were left by unknown persons and were not in DMBC bags. He has since disposed of the material.
- n) **Green Wheelie Bins** - DMBC reports that the green wheelie bins will be retained for garden refuse, but will not be deployed during January. A new calendar will shortly be provided giving dates when the black, green, and new blue bins will be emptied.

8. **To Determine Council's 2018/2019 Annual Precept**

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr. Featherstone proposed that Council precept for the sum of £38,000 (consisting of £36,760 precept and £1,240 Council grant), This will allow for inflation and the implementation of a number of projects, i.e. possible renovation of the football pitch, a tree survey, followed by subsequent work to trees, and possibly the installation of Driver Feedback Signs. Cllr. Payne seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

9. **To Consider Quotations to Construct Concrete Steps at Riverside Park**

Quotations invited from 'Need A Hand', LMN Contracts and GNE Construction. Only one quotation received from GNE Construction in the sum of £2,064.47 + VAT.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, and mindful of the current state of the steps which could be a risk to users of the park, Cllr. Featherstone proposed that Council accept the quotation. Cllr. Platts seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Consider Possible Donation Towards a New Building for Armthorpe Elmfield Band**

The band is looking towards having a new building constructed at Armthorpe where band practices can take place and equipment stored. Council has been asked whether it would be prepared to give a donation towards this project. Following discussion, it was agreed to hold any donation in abeyance until further information is received on progress of the planning application submitted for the building.

11. **To Consider Quotation to Clean Out Riverside Park Dyke**

Mr. J. Bichan quoted the sum of £200 + VAT to clean out the dyke at Riverside Park. This price has remained the same since 2013

**RESOLVED** - Council agreed to accept Mr. Bichan's quotation in the sum of £200 + VAT.

12. **To Discuss Provision of Pedestrian Crossings, Hurst Lane and Lidgett Crossroads**

Council has been advised by the Local Authority that there are ongoing procedures which could potentially result in development-funded improvements to both locations. To await further information.

13. **To Discuss Proposals for Recreational Facilities at Hayfield Lane**

Peel's Development Manager, has consulted with DMBC's Green Spaces Officer prior to plans for the site being submitted to the Planning Committee, and he has given advice on what rules the equipment and safer surfacing should comply with and the management of various wooden items. In his opinion the play equipment is weighted towards the teens/juniors and lacks a little on the toddler side, however, it is a good natural play facility.

Council to ask the Development Manager for details of the MUGA, i.e. the name of the manufacturer, height of the fencing and whether there are any contents provided inside such as a climbing frame, etc.

14. **To Discuss Result of Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Planning Application**

Cllr. Payne and the Clerk attended the Planning Committee meeting on 9th January 2018 at the Civic Centre, when the application to extend the Wildlife Park, including construction of a new access from Hurst Lane was discussed for 1.5 hours. All 3 Ward Councillors, plus an Auckley resident, spoke to oppose the plan, however, the application was narrowly approved when 3 members of the Planning Committee voted in favour, with 2 members against the decision and 2 members abstaining.

**RESOLVED** - Members of Council discussed whether there would be any grounds for challenging the decision, other than a Judicial Review which would be very costly. It was agreed to write and ask YLCA for advice on this matter.

15. **To Receive Progress Report on Activities of Neighbourhood Plan Group**

It was reported that the latest meeting was held on 9th January with an increased attendance. The Council, on behalf of the Group, is to apply for a grant to fund the hire of the Centre, creation of a web site, stationery, etc. The next meeting will be on 5th February.

16. **To Make Comments on Nottinghamshire's Minerals Local Plan**

The plan was noted.

17. **To Discuss Highway Matters:**

- a) **Ponding on First Avenue** - Council was informed that water is again ponding on First Avenue at the entrance to the airport, and nearby drains are full of soil which is probably preventing the water from draining away. It was agreed to inform Peel of this matter.
- b) **Potholes on Hayfield Lane** - DMBC to be advised there are potholes on the highway in front of the Hayfield Lane Primary School.
- c) **Damaged Grass Verge** - The Clerk to report that the highway verge in front of Oak Tree Avenue has an area which has subsided and is without grass as a result of road-repairing equipment being stored during construction of the College, and some renovation is required.
- d) **Footway, Gatehouse Lane** - DMBC to be asked to grub back the footway.
- e) **Provision of Grit Bins** - Members discussed purchasing a grit bin from DMBC. However, after consideration, it was agreed there were some risks, for example, where to site a bin on the footway, whether the permission would be needed from the Local Authority, the problem of grit/salt being stolen, and who would spread the material.

**RESOLVED** - In view of the problems identified, Council decided it would not purchase a grit bin.

18. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) **Tour de Yorkshire** - The Tour is set to return to Doncaster, with the first stage of the men's and women's race taking place on Thursday, 3rd May. The route will take in local towns and villages and, in the case of Auckley, the riders will be cycling along Mosham Road, from the direction of Blaxton, before turning left into Hurst Lane and travelling its length before emerging onto the A638 Great North Road. Council is to discuss what publicity can be arranged for the event.
- b) **Riverside Park Site Visit** - A meeting to be arranged during February for members to inspect several areas within the recreation ground and decide what work is required regarding management of trees, football pitch, etc.

19. **To Decide Items to Feature in February Newsletter**

It was agreed to include the following items:

Precept for 2018/2019

The Tour de Yorkshire

Yorkshire Wildlife Park's planning application decision

Date and time of the Neighbourhood Plan Group's next meeting.

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

It was agreed to display the newsletter items on the web site.

21. **To Receive Report of Meetings/Seminars attended by Council Members**

- a) **Auckley Parish Centre** - Cllr. Warrender reported that minor maintenance has been undertaken, and investigations are ongoing regarding the leak in the roof. The car park is still awaiting renovation, and hopefully a lease will soon be in place.

**22. To Consider Planning Applications**

No. 17/03159/FUL - The Construction of a Mono-Pitched Metal Covered Walkway between Hayfield Lane Primary School and the former Social Education Centre (SEC)

Hayfield Social Education Centre, Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster.

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

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

The following planning applications have been approved by the committee:

a) No. 17/02595/FUL - Extension to rear and side of existing dwelling  
19 Dursley Court, Auckley, Doncaster.

b) No. 17/02113/FUL - Erection of single storey 'Granny Flat' annexe and basement floor garage  
Bozeman Lodge, Hurst Lane, Auckley, Doncaster.

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

BACS no. 93	'Need A Hand'	Clean car park/trim bushes	£295.00
BACS no. 94	N Power	Standing charge for meter	£7.11
BACS no. 95	Staff remuneration		£319.06
BACS no. 96	Parish Centre	January meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 97	Mr. C. Humphreys	Purchase working boots	£37.99
BACS no. 98	Parish Centre	December meeting	£24.75

**25. To Receive Correspondence**

a) Re-alignment of DMBC Communities Service

DMBC - DN Festival of Dance and Drama,

Exhibition at The Museum - 'The Road to Victory', the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry,

The People's Choice - Final Award regarding practice nurses and health care practitioners

b) YLCA - Government to defer the setting of referendum principles for Town and Parish Councils for 3 years.

Data Protection Regulations coming into force on 25th May

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 14th February 2018, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson .....

Date .....