

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH JANUARY 2019, 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
DMBC Stronger Community Officers S. Racjan and I. Wagstaff
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting

1. **To Receive Apologies**

Received and accepted from Cllr. Butterfield.

2. **To Receive Declarations of 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 12th December 2018**

It was agreed that: a) the airport report should be amended, b) that Cllr. Payne be recorded as the person who had consulted with the Head Teacher of the Hayfield Lane Primary School regarding possible meetings in the school. The minutes were then signed as a true record.

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

Community Officer S. Racjan reported there has been an upsurge of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Hayfield Lane and Finningley play park, also verbal abuse on social media and substance abuse. Some of the youths are from other local areas such as Cantley and Rossington. S. Racjan and his colleague, I. Wagstaff, have been patrolling the district, and planned to visit again that evening after leaving the meeting..

Community Officers, Ward Members and P.C.S.O's are to meet and discuss these local problems.

A series of Action Days will be held in the Finningley Ward commencing on 21st January. Council was asked to suggest any areas in need of tidying up, renovation, collecting litter, etc. and listed the following locations where there is a litter problem:

Marr Flatts Wood; Eastern and Western ends of Hayfield Lane; Parts of the Great Yorkshire Way.

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

Police Inspector Lancaster advises that her staff have been tasked with carrying out speed operations across the central area on a regular basis and have undertaken 2 checks in Auckley since November. Over 200 vehicles were monitored over this period and 6 vehicles found to be exceeding the speed limit with a top recorded speed of 37 mph. The registered keepers will be dealt with and more checks made over coming months.

RESOLVED - Members of Council were surprised at the low number of motorists logged driving over the speed limit, and it was agreed to write and suggest this might be due to monitoring staff being too visible, resulting in drivers slowing down.

Crime Figures - The Clerk reported that 15 incidents occurring in Auckley during November were reported to the Police.

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

- a) **Select Convenience Store** - DMBC Environmental Officer has enquired whether planning legislation could be utilised to resolve some of the issues at this location, but has been advised that, in this instance, the legislation cannot be used to deal with the current state of the premises. He is now assessing whether or not an alternative piece of legislation could be utilised to resolve some of the issues around the untidiness of the site, and has arranged a visit in the New Year. Subsequent to this, a decision will be made in relation to Enforcement Action which can be taken.
- b) **Litter at Eastern End of Hayfield Lane** - The Highways Officer has been asked to confirm ownership of and responsibility for the area.
- c) **Damaged Grass Verge, Hurst Lane** - It was reported that work to verges is currently taking place.
- d) **Meeting to Discuss Inert Waste Quarry, Finningley** - Cllr. Cox is to arrange a meeting in February.
- e) **Overgrown Hedges** - Council waiting to see whether these are trimmed.

7. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- f) Car Park Outside Co-operative Store - It was reported that parking continues to be a problem, and it was agreed to write to the owner of the car park and the Manager of the store.
- g) Proposed Recreation Ground, Hayfield Lane - Pending.
- h) Appointment of Internal Auditor - Mr. Dennis replies that he is willing to carry out the audit.
- i) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing, Hurst Lane - A reminder to be sent to DMBC.
- j) Proposed Signalled Crossing - Yorkshire Wildlife Park replies that Council will be contacted in the near future by one of their advisors.
- k) Tree from Riverside Park Blown Onto Resident's Property - The tree has now been removed without any damage to resident 's garden.
- l) Cable Laying Before Christmas - DMBC's Highways Officer apologises for the issues raised and assures Council that Highways Network Management are aware of the problems and have already issued Fixed Penalty Fines for various offences which contravene Streetworks Legislation, and have also informed Northern Powergrid that these works will be subject to monitoring over and above that required, to which further fines may be issued. Minor works will be carried out in the New Year to complete re-instatements on some verge areas, and once works are complete a thorough inspection of all sites will be carried out to ensure these are returned to acceptable standards,
- m) Blocked Gullies Following Cable Laying - Highways Officer has inspected gullies in all the areas where operations were undertaken. The majority were running and silt was below the outlet, therefore they will be left to be picked up during the cyclical gulley cleansing scheme, and the footways will be swept.
- n) Uneven Road Surface Outside Auckley Fish Shop - Highways Officer advises they are aware of the area referred to which had been assessed for re-surfacing this year. However, there are drainage works planned which will impact on the area, therefore re-surfacing works have been deferred until this work is completed.
- o) Provision of Litter/Dog Bins on New Housing Estates - DMBC advises that if highways have not been adopted, then it will be the responsibility of the developer to provide and empty bins. Should the site become adopted, the Local Authority would request that the developer pays for bins to be installed, and then the responsibility is taken over by the L.A.
- p) Post Office Provision - The Post Office Operation Manager confirms that the Ellers Lane Post Office currently operating in the Spar Store will remain open and continue to provide a service.
- q) Encroachment of Land Rear of Rushley Close - Pending.
- r) Maintenance of Play Equipment, Riverside Park - Pending.

8. **To Decide Council's Precept for 2019/2020**

Following discussion regarding the budget formulated in December 2018, Cllr. Staniforth proposed that Council precepts for the sum of £39,000 (consisting of £38,380 precept and £620 Council Grant). This will allow for inflation, and the implementation of a number of projects including the provision of new Christmas lighting decorations and clearance of several trees on Riverside Park. Cllr. Featherstone seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

9. **To Consider Tenders to Undertake Maintenance of Riverside Park**

Three firms were invited to tender for the maintenance contract of the Riverside recreation ground which consists of grass cutting the whole 14 acre site, strimming round the boundary, of the site, plus around trees, bollards, etc., removing, painting and re-instating goal posts and renovation of the goal mouths.

Quotations were received from DMBC, North Notts Landscapes and Glendale as follows:

DMBC	£10,753.00
North Notts Landscapes	£6,410.00
Glendale	£3,512.00

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Cllr. Featherstone proposed that Council accepts the lowest quotation from Glendale, this was seconded by Cllr. Payne, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Discuss Provision of Benches for Recreation Grounds** - Council was informed that a local contractor will provide a quotation in time for the February Council meeting.

11. **To Consider Giving a Donation to Local Drama Group**
Council discussed the I.C.E. Theatre Ltd., a local group which supports children with special needs. The group stages a pantomime at Christmas and other productions during the year.
RESOLVED - Following discussion, Cllr. Warrender proposed that a donation in the sum of £100 be given, this was seconded by Cllr. Swainston, and the motion was carried.
12. **To Consider Provision of New Christmas Lighting**
A resident of the Parish has written to suggest that trees on the grassed area alongside the B1396 loop road would look very festive if they were festooned with lights during the Christmas period, and offered to ask local businesses for funding.
RESOLVED - The resident to be thanked for her suggestions, but Council has already agreed to liaise with members of Cantley with Branton Council, and members from both Councils will shortly be meeting with a representative from a firm specialising in outdoor Christmas decorations to ask for a survey to be under taken and advice given on possible Christmas decorations for the 2 Parishes.
13. **To Consider Terms and Conditions of Hiring School for Meetings**
Members of Council studied the terms and conditions for hiring a room at the Hayfield Lane Primary School in order to hold some Parish Council meetings there. Cllr. Payne has spoken with the Head Teacher of the School who is keen for Council to use the school's community centre, and hopefully a compromise can be reached.
14. **To Discuss Maintenance of Trees on Riverside Park**
Members of Council discussed a group of trees on the park which are tall and close to a property. Concerns have been expressed re. possibility of one or more being blown down by a strong wind.
RESOLVED - It was agreed to ask the tree surgeon who earlier carried out a tree survey to advise what remedial work he would recommend, e.g. reducing the height, removing ivy, etc. and the cost of the operation.
15. **To Discuss Possible Installation of a Defibrillator**
Members of Council have recently met with an advisor regarding the possible installation of a defibrillator outside the Hayfield Lane Primary School on Hayfield Lane. Members were initially advised the equipment could be attached to one of the posts bearing a traffic sign, however, DMBC's Highways Officer has advised this is not a practical solution.
RESOLVED - Following discussion, Cllr Featherstone proposed that consideration should be given to siting the defibrillator on a post outside the new proposed recreation ground at Hayfield Lane. Cllr, Payne seconded the proposal, and this was agreed.
16. **To Discuss Highway Matters**
a) **Resident's Request For Litter Bin** - A resident has asked whether a litter bin could be provided alongside the new bus stop outbound to Doncaster on the Great Yorkshire Way, due to rubbish accumulating at this location. DMBC to be contacted.
b) **Cycle Lanes** - Blaxton Parish Council has written to DMBC to ask if consideration could be given to providing a cycle lane on Mosham Road on the stretch between Lidgett Gardens and Walkers Garden Centre. DMBC replies that this is a very good idea, however, the cost of providing a cycle lane could be in the region of £200,000, and therefore is not currently feasible.
c) **Road Blocked Due to Irresponsible Parking** - Council was informed that the previous week the Doncaster - Finningley service bus was blocked from accessing the B1396 from the loop road, outside the Auckley Fish Shop due to vehicles parked either side of the road. There are double yellow lines at the entrance to Main Street, but these are faded. DMBC to be asked to re-paint.
d) **Entrance to Ellers Lane Car Park** - Several years ago, following damage to the highway verge, a hard standing was constructed by DMBC at the entrance to the Ellers Lane car park, in order to allow large delivery lorries room to manoeuvre. However, damage is still occurring further on the ground, and it was decided to ask whether DMBC would be able to continue the concreting along the whole side of the verge.
e) **Damaged Stop Tap Cover** - The Clerk to report a damaged stop tap cover on Common Lane.
17. **To Discuss Recreation Issues**
a) **Public Footpath No. 2** - The Footpaths Officer to be asked for suggestions to improve the surface of the path leading from River Way to Riverside where the path slopes and is slippery.

18. **To Decide Items for the February Newsletter**
The following items were suggested for the newsletter: Precept; Christmas carol singing; Update on Neighbourhood Plan meetings; Police 101 Telephone; Additional Christmas lighting decorations; Consultation with school regarding meetings.
19. **To Receive Report on Neighbourhood Plan Development Group**
The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th February at the Parish Centre.
RESOLVED - Council agreed that up to the sum of £50 could be spent on software from N. Grant.
20. **To Receive Report of Meetings Attended by Members of Council**
a) Parish Centre Meeting - Cllr. Warrender reported that bookings have increased. The lease is still pending. The Parish Centre news needs updating on the web site with new addresses and telephone numbers.
21. **To Consider Planning Applications:**
a) No. 18/03058/COU - Change of use of garage to form an office, w c and kitchen space for community support business - 4 Myrtle Grove, Auckley, Doncaster.
b) No. 18/02973/FUL - Erection of detached garage and store - 1 Hurst Lane, Auckley, Doncaster
c) No. 18/03085/ADV - Display of one internally illuminated fascia sign and one non-illuminated fascia sign - Orchard Farm, Hurst Lane, Auckley, Doncaster
Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the above applications
d) No. 18/02070/FUL - Erection of a detached two storey dwelling
Land Adjacent 17 Riverside Gardens, Auckley, Doncaster.
In addition to earlier comments, this is considered over-development which will dominate the street scene and will not be in keeping with existing buildings.
e) No. 18/01476/MIN - Extension to existing sand and gravel quarry
Bank End Quarry, Bank End Road, Blaxton, Doncaster
Council has concerns that there is the potential for HGV's to travel to and from the quarry through Auckley where roads are already congested.
22. **To Report Decisions Made by DMBC's Planning Committee**
Planning permission granted
Conversion of existing garage to study and replacement of existing flat roof with pitched roof
4 Myrtle Grove, Auckley, Doncaster.
23. **To Authorise Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**
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| BACS no. 97 | Staff remuneration | | £325.94 |
| BACS no. 98 | DMBC | Empty dog bins | £472.75 |
| BACS no. 99 | Parish Centre | January Council meeting | £24.75 |
| BACS no. 100 | Mrs. M. Caygill | Reimbursed for N Power payment | £74.36 |
| BACS no. 101 | Lexis Nexis | 'Local Council' publication | £110.99 |
| BACS no. 102 | Mat & Mouse | Computer corrections | £45.00 |
24. **CPRE Renewal of Annual Membership**
RESOLVED - It was agreed to cancel Council's membership of the CPRE.
25. **Parish Meeting - Change of Date** - It was agreed to hold the Parish Meeting on 10th April rather than in March.
26. **To Receive Correspondence** - NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletins and publications; SYPTE-Arriva Rail North proposed strikes; DMBC - Holmescar Centre Drop-In Sessions
27. **To Confirm Date and Time of Next Meeting**
It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 13th February 2019, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre

Chairperson

Date

