

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH JANUARY 2020, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), Mr. I. Butterfield, Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
Community Safety Officers Mr. S. Racjan and Ms. Alex Tighe
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 Payne.

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

Cllr Warrender declared an interest in Item No. 25 (b)

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

There were no items considered in need of exclusion.

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

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

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

Community Officer S. Racjan reported on the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Committee Meeting held earlier that day to discuss licensing at the new hub development and indoor events. The next meeting will be held on 28th January.

Two acts of vandalism had recently been committed, i.e.

- a) All the glass panels of the new bus shelter at Hurst Lane were recently broken by a group of unidentified young people
- b) The large front window at the Nisa Store has been smashed by a 15 year old youth, the perpetrator is known.

Cllr Worthington had received complaints from residents regarding speeding vehicles on Main Street, and the Community Officer agreed to check on when speed cameras could be deployed in Auckley.

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

Crime Report - 46 incidents occurring in Auckley during November were reported to the Police. The Doncaster Central Members Update received.

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

- a) Flooding at The Green - This matter is still being investigated by Severn Trent .
- b) Nisa Store - DMBC Environmental Health Officer reports that the area to the side of the shop would not be suitable for Enforcement Action at this stage. He has forwarded photos of the fencing to the Planning Team to see whether they consider it would be possible for a S215 Notice to be served, due to the adverse effect on the locality.
- c) Gully on Hurst Lane - The Clerk to report a sunken gully near the brick bus shelter at Hurst Lane
- d) Overgrown Public Footpaths Numbered 6 and 7 - Pending.
- e) Christmas Lights - A number of compliments received from residents regarding the Christmas lights.
- f) Ponding of Water, First Avenue - The Peel Group advises that they are aware of the flooding, but it is not going to be a quick fix. They have been liaising with DMBC to try and understand the extent of their adopted drainage in Hayfield Lane, but do not have any plans of this. Peel did undertake work in 2014 to install 2 new soakaways with a capacity of 7 cu. metres. At this stage, no specific works or surveys are scheduled, but they will liaise with DMBC and see if a resolution can be found.
- g) Banners Displayed at Hurst/Hayfield Lane Junction - Pending.
- h) Possible Employment of Part-Time Police Officer - Council awaiting a reply from Ward Member.
- i) Query Re. S106 Funds - It was agreed to write to DMBC's Stronger Communities Officer.
- j) Damaged Gate at Riverside Car Park -This will be repaired in the near future.

8. **To Consider Council's Budget Forecast for 2000/2021**

It was agreed to amend the draft budget by reducing the predicted cost of Riverside Park's grounds maintenance to £9,000 and donations to £1,500, but increasing room hire and legal costs, making a predicted budget of £40,000.

9. **To Decide Council's Precept for 2020/2021**

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Cllr Staniforth proposed that Council precept for the sum of £40,000. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Featherstone, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Consider Tenders to Undertake Grounds Maintenance of Riverside Park**

Three organisations were invited to tender for the grounds maintenance of Riverside Park, this work consists of grass cutting, strimming round the boundary and play equipment, etc., removing, painting, and re-instating goal posts, and renovation of goal mouths. Quotations were as follows:

DMBC £8,311.33

North Notts Landscapes £6,149.00

Glendale Countryside £3,539.28

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Cllr. Featherstone proposed that the lowest quotation from Glendale Countryside be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Platts, and agreed unanimously.

11. **To Consider Quotation To Provide New Computer With Windows 10 and Screen**

The computer engineer advises that the i5 model has disappeared from the system, and he will look around for an equivalent model.

12. **To Consider Making a Donation to 'Firefly'**

Council considered making a donation to 'Firefly', a worthwhile charity which provides transport for patients from the Doncaster area who are attending Sheffield Weston Park Hospital for treatment.

RESOLVED - Cllr Featherstone proposed that a donation in the sum of £100 be given to 'Firefly'.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Staniforth, and the motion was carried.

13. **To Discuss Possible Purchase and Planting of Christmas Trees**

Members discussed the possible cost of purchasing 2 trees to plant at Hurst Lane, rather than funding the yearly transportation, installation and removal of the trees.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to contact Rossington Parish Council and ask for details of a local scheme they have used to obtain funding for a Christmas tree.

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

Cllr Featherstone has written regarding a potential venue, and is awaiting a response.

15. **To Discuss Progress of Hayfield Park**

- a) **Gate at Hayfield Park** - The Clerk was instructed to contact the Building Manager and enquire whether it would be possible to provide a facility to lock open the entrance gate, in the interests of safety. In addition, it was agreed to request a list of all the play items to be provided at the park
- b) **Purchase of Defibrillator** - A firm confirms the cost of their equipment is £1,250 + VAT for the iPad SP1 defibrillator with DefibSafe cabinet. Their cabinet design engineer has drawings for a free-standing post and he is hopeful the firm can bring these items into production fairly soon.
RESOLVED - Members of Council expressed interest in the model, but this would be dependent on the provision of a backing post.
- c) **Opening and Closing of Park Gate** - The Planning Permission states that the hours of operation shall be limited to 0900 - 21.30 hours Monday - Sunday, and not at all at any other time, to ensure that the development does not prejudice the local amenity.

16. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) **Run-Off Pond Adjacent to New Roundabout** - Council has written to express safety concerns with regard to water which has collected adjacent to the roundabout which is approx. 2 foot deep. Highways Officer replies that DMBC has looked after the project awarded to them and will pass on to the client what is to be done regarding fencing of the retention pond.
- b) **Relocation of Seat and Bin** - P. Council has suggested re-locating the seat and bin, currently at the Mosham Road/School Lane Junction, and siting these near the Mosham Road bus stop opposite Lidgett Gardens. DMBC Highways Officer confirms that Council's proposal is acceptable to L. A.
- c) **Possible Blocked Drains, Hurst Lane** - Ponding occurs round gullies near the sixth form car park, DMBC to be asked to investigate.
- d) **Dislodged Waste Bin** - DMBC to be informed of a dislodged bin at Hurst Lane opposite the quarry.
- e) **Footway, Hurst Lane** - The Clerk to ask DMBC Officer dealing with new roundabout development if he could arrange for hedge overhanging footway to be trimmed back.
- f) **Pothole, Mosham Road** - The pothole to be reported to Highways Dept.

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- g) Car Parked Across Emergency Entrance - It was reported that an Audi car is regularly being parked across the emergency access to the Pembridge Estate. This matter to be brought to notice of Police.
- h) Poor Lighting on New Roundabout at Hurst Lane - Highways Officer to be informed of residents' concerns regarding the poor lighting at the roundabout.

17. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Location of Poppy Seat - A position near the swings at Riverside Park was agreed.
- b) Times of Opening/Closing of Gate at Riverside Car Park - A resident had complained to the Clerk that the gate to the car park was locked at 3.00 p.m. during one December afternoon. Opening Times are generally specified as dawn until dusk, but in the winter months it can be dark at 3.00 p.m.
RESOLVED - Members agreed that nearby residents who voluntarily open and close the gate are preventing vehicles entering after dark and keeping the park safe at night. They suggested that the Clerk speaks with residents who are involved with the scheme and ascertain what their views are on this matter.

18. **To Discuss Suitable Items for Newsletter**

Items suggested were: Parish Precept; Contacting Police on 101 or emailing; Riverside Park tenders; Alternative venues for meetings; Information on proposed traffic control system work at Mosham Road/Hurst Lane Junction; Lighting on new roundabout; Remembrance wreath; Donation to 'Firefly'

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

Cllr Swainston advised that the ACOM report only identifies one area for possible development. The criteria has to relate to DMBC's Plan, and the N. Plan Group must also refer to a nearby area's Neighbourhood Plan.

Unfortunately the Group does not have any input in planning matters associated with the Airport or the Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

The Group is attempting to find out where all the Parish boundaries lie, DMBC is to be contacted.

The next meeting will be Monday 3rd February.

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

Council is awaiting advice regarding the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations.

21. **YLCA Spring Training Conference 28th March**

Noted.

22. **NALC Legal Topic Note 22 - Disciplinary and Grievance Arrangements**

NALC recommends that a staff committee of 2 or 3 members be established, and it was agreed that the committee should consist of the following members:

Cllr Swainston

Cllr Staniland

Cllr Featherstone

23. **Consultation on Public Space Protection Amended Order** - The amended order was noted.

24. **To Receive Report of Meetings/Seminars Attended by Council Members**

- a) Extraordinary Meeting of Yorkshire Wildlife Park 8th January - No one was able to attend.

- b) Parish Centre - Cllr Warrender reported that there is still no news on the lease.

Concerns were expressed that the entrance to the Church/Parish Centre car park is poorly lit at night, and one suggestion made was to possibly apply reflective strips to highlight the area.

The Clerk to write to the Rev. Redeyoff regarding this matter.

25. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 19/02884/FULM - Use of land as a commercial crane hire business including re- profiling of ground levels, construction of a new office and welfare building, workshop, prep, blast and paint areas, crane tracks, car parking, landscaping and means of access

Land at Former Blaxton Quarry, Mosham Road, Auckley, Doncaster

The Transport and Assessment Statement advises operational times in the yard will be 0800 - 16.30 Monday - Friday, but movement of crane parts can take place between 0500 - 22.00 to suit erection

Council feels that activities undertaken at 5.00 a.m. will be a noise nuisance for nearby residents

The Transport Assessment lists a bus stop on Gatehouse Lane close to the site. However, although there is a bus shelter, Gatehouse Lane is no longer a route used by local buses.

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

b) No. 19/03107/FUL - Erection of single storey side/rear extension to form granny flat, new garage to side/front and porch to front of dwelling - 16 Avon Court, Auckley, Doncaster

Concerns expressed that the extension will reduce vehicular parking on the applicant's drive and lead to "overflow" parking at the end of the cul-de-sac, thus blocking access to the grass cutting machines which are used on the adjacent play area.

c) No. 19/03066/FUL - Section 73 application for variation of condition 3 of planning application 19/00486/FUL (to update the restoration strategy)

Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Brockholes Lane, Branton, Doncaster

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

26. **To Report Decisions Made by Planning Committee** - No planning decisions received.

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

BACS no. 100	N Power	Christmas lights	£39.09
BACS no. 101	Auckley School	Donation for leisure room	£500.00
BACS no. 102	HMRC	Employee's tax	£71.00
BACS no. 103	Handyman's wages	Work in Parish	£285.62
BACS no. 104	Parish Centre	Neighbourhood Plan Meeting	£8.25
BACS no. 105	YNH Ltd.	Web site domain fees	£11.00
BACS no. 106	Parish Centre	P. Council meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 107	Arrow Publication	Items in newsletter	£66.00
Cheque 002356	Business Stream	Pavilion water rates	£27.81
Cheque 002357	'Firefly'	Donation	£100.00
BACS no.108	Advance Tree Care	Trim trees/bushes	£438.00

Banking Transaction - Neighbourhood Plan Grant

BACS no. N32	L.A.B. Planning Services	Support N.P. Group	£150.00
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Letter from HMRC Re. Corporation Tax

The Clerk had received a letter from HMRC for payment of Corporation Tax and replied that Parish Councils are not liable for this tax, but a demand notice was then sent with information that a fine of £100 would be served if the correct form was not completed. YLCA advises to write back quoting the relevant legislation listed under the Act as 'Exemptions'

28. **To Receive Correspondence**

NALC - Chief Executive's Briefs;

YLCA - January editions of White Rose Update; South Yorkshire Branch Meeting 8th February

YLCA - Spring Training Conference 28th March at Ossett

DMBC - Doncaster Carers - 'Reach Out'

Police - Police and Crime Commissioner's Report; Doncaster Central Reports

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 12th February 2020, at the Auckley Parish Centre, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Chairperson

Date