

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY 2019, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. Featherstone (Vice Chairman) Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth,
Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
Ten Members of the Public
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

Public Participation

A number of residents from The Hollows Estate expressed serious concerns regarding the planning application recently submitted to build 9 dwellings on the site of an existing property at 14 School Lane, Auckley. Residents reported that the site on which the proposed houses will be built is a great deal higher than the existing buildings and will result in loss of privacy and the possibility of flooding. The prospect of more vehicles accessing School Lane was also a cause for concern - particularly during school hours when the road becomes very congested. Council advised that it would be sending comments to DMBC's Planning Committee, and would also ask the Ward Members to arrange a site visit in order to ascertain the variance in levels which are not apparent from a map.

Co-operative Member, S. Deans, advised that the Society will be willing to assist Council with an Open Day Celebration, once the play park is opened at Hayfield Lane.

1. **Presentation Regarding Community Youth Provision**

Ms. C. Galliers of 'Youth Charity' has been in attendance at recent Community Alcohol Partnership meetings and advised that her role is to build up and increase youth provision or organise a youth club, in order to address anti-social behaviour in the local area. One reason could be lack of facilities in the Parish, and she will highlight the situation at a CAP meeting on 12th July. A local teenager has volunteered to engage with young people at the Auckley Show on 17th August and ascertain what suggestions they might have regarding activities they would like to be provided.

2. **To Receive Apologies for Absence**

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

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

None received.

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

There were no matters requiring the exclusion of the public or press.

5. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 12th June 2019**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

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

Apologies received from Community Safety Officer S. Racjan.

Members of Council were pleased to hear that former District Councillor and Auckley Parish Councillor, Mrs. Y. Woodcock has been awarded the BEM for her services to the local community and her work with a number of charities.

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

The Crime Report lists 45 incidents in Auckley that were reported to the Police during May 2019.

8. **Matters Arising From the June Meeting**

- a) Select Convenience Store - Environmental Officer reports that works have taken place to ensure clearance of the site, this issue appears to have now been resolved. However, he will visit to check progress when he is in the vicinity. With regards to concerns relating to the refrigeration units, he will forward Council's comments to the Enforcement Dept. who should be able to advise.
- b) Renovation of Blaxton War Memorial - The Clerk for Blaxton Parish Council reports that, after much deliberation regarding trees on the site, he was able to confirm the final requirements to the contractor last week and he is waiting for a revised (most likely a little higher) quotation and start date.
- c) Football Fees and Insurance - Football Fees in the sum of £300 have been paid, but no insurance documents have been produced. It was agreed that no training would be allowed until the team's Public Liability Policy is provided, containing details that members of the public are covered during football activities.
- d) Long-Standing Road Works Near Broad Lane - Peel's Building Officer reports that work is now taking place.
- e) Co-operative Car Park - Pending.
- f) Auckley Boys' Team - Insurance documents have now been provided.
- g) Repairs to Play Equipment at Riverside Park - Repairs have been undertaken.
- h) Car Parked on Norwood Avenue - Council was advised that the car in question has recently been parked further away from the junction.
- i) Blocked Soakaway, Hurst Lane - DMBC Street Scene staff to inspect.

8. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- j) **Flower Tubs, Ellers Lane** - Walkers Nurseries have planted geraniums between existing plants, cost £30.
- k) **Damaged Road Surface on Loop Road** - Highways Officer reports that no work can take place on the road until Cadent Gas confirms that all works affecting this stretch of road have been definitely completed. They are currently unable to give any specific dates, but it could be around November.
- l) **Draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan** - Finningley Parish Councillor Johnson is to arrange a meeting of Parish Councils to discuss the Notts. Local Plan and its implications for the local area.
- m) **Dogs Fouling Riverside Park** - This has been reported to the Enforcement Team.
- n) **Water Ponding on First Avenue** - DMBC's Flood Risk Engineer has carried out a survey of the gullies on First Avenue, Hayfield Lane and Hurst Lane. He reports that the First Avenue gullies were fully blocked and Peel has been asked to clear them. He will arrange for his jetting team to carry out works on Hayfield Lane, and will advise Hurst Lane Quarry that works are required on the road outside the Quarry.
- o) **Request For Information Under Freedom of Information** - The Clerk advised the applicant that a copy of Council's accounts showing income and expenditure for 2018/2019 could be provided if he supplied an address, however, no further communication has been received.

9. **To Review and Approve Report from Internal Auditor**

The Internal Auditor has completed the audit and is pleased to confirm that the records are comprehensive and well-kept and meet the statutory requirements.

RESOLVED - Council accepted the report.

10. **To Consider Budget Information April - June**

Council to review the information in September.

11. **To Consider Application from 'DIAL' For Financial Assistance**

DIAL Doncaster is a voluntary organisation which gives information and advice for disabled people to enable them to live independent lives. Recently the service has been funded by the Big Lottery Fund but, due to a re-structure of the Big Lottery, they can no longer fund the Charity. This will mean the loss of half the staff of the organisation, and Council is asked whether it would consider providing financial support .

RESOLVED - It was agreed to reply that Council has considered the application however, under its financial regulations, it would need to see the organisation's accounts for 2018/2019 and budget plan for 2019/2020.

12. **To Report Progress Regarding Provision of New Planters**

DMBC's Contracting Engineer reports that he has received a quotation to remove the existing damaged planters and construct concrete plinths for the new planters, however, this is too high, and he will seek further prices. The Clerk reported that Amberol who will supply the planters do not have the capacity to store them, and therefore an order cannot be made until progress is made with removal of planters/construction of plinths.

13. **To Decide the Design of the Poppy Seats for the Recreation Areas**

Members of Council debated the various designs from the David Ogilvie company and decided to choose two seats with poppies fabricated within the back seat at a cost of £995 +VAT each + Delivery of 2 seats.

14. **To Discuss Provision of Play Facilities at the Hayfield Lane Site**

Members reported that work has not yet commenced on the field.

15. **To Consider Provisional Quotation to Supply Christmas Lights**

Christmas Plus has provided a quotation for the installation and dismantling of Christmas lights on 3 Christmas trees. With regards to the 3 smaller trees on the verge - the advice is that they look rather small to have their thin branches wrapped, and it is recommended that draping the branches would look more attractive.

Cllr Warrender and the Clerk are due to meet with DMBC's Electrical Engineer who will advise on the current electricity supply, and a possible new supply on the verge fronting Larch Avenue.

16. **To Report Update on Proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Hurst Lane**

DMBC's Transport Planner and Cllr S. Cox have both indicated that hopefully the installation of the Zebra Crossing will be undertaken during the school Summer holiday when Hurst Lane is closed.

17. **To Discuss Application For Possible Meetings at The Hayfield School**

Cllr Featherstone has spoken with the Head Teacher, and the Deputy Head has been asked to make further enquiries. Cllr Featherstone has concerns regarding security of the building during an evening meeting and will discuss these with the Deputy Head. It might be possible to use the dining room conference room which is separate from the main building. Cllr Platts suggested it might be better to initially hold one session at the school to see whether or not this is well-supported.

18. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) **Concrete Blocks Across Old Bawtry Road** - Members were informed that Finningley Parish Council has contacted DMBC's PROW Officer regarding the blocks. Auckley Council will also write to DMBC.
- b) **Dogs Fouling Footways** - A resident has reported that the section of footway adjacent to the B1396 between School Lane and Church Close is regularly being fouled by dogs. The Enforcement Team is to be informed.

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

- c) Concrete Slabs On Highway Verge - Council was informed that a resident of Main Street has placed several concrete slabs on the grassed verge fronting the property and adjacent to the highway. DMBC has been made aware of this matter and will contact the resident concerned.
- d) Trees Overhanging Footway - Peel to be asked to trim back trees on the field at Hayfield Lane where work will soon commence to provide play facilities.
- e) Hedge to Rear and Sides of Cambrian Development - DMBC to be asked to trim back the untidy hedge.
- f) Banners Displayed at Hurst Lane/Hayfield Lane Junction - DMBC Enforcement to be advised that 2 banners advertising the Hayfield Lakes have been secured to barriers at the junction. In addition, there is a recruitment banner attached to railings in front of the New College.
- g) Advertisement Sign on Hayfield Lane - Council has contacted the Enforcement Dept. to report a new large sign advertising the Nisa Store has been erected on the wide grassed verge fronting the store at Hayfield Lane. No planning application has been submitted, and the position of the sign could block motorists' sight lines.
- h) Cars For Sale at Gatehouse Lane - DMBC's Enforcement Officer to be informed that cars are being parked on the highway verge outside a property at Gatehouse Lane with "For Sale" signs displayed on their windscreens

19. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Fallen Tree on Riverside Park - It was reported that a tree has been uprooted and is lying on the grass at the rear of Sandhill Rise properties. The tree might possibly have been weakened when a nearby tree was blown down earlier in the year.
RESOLVED - It was agreed to ask Mr. Burrows to chop the trunk up and chip the branches.
- b) Missing Basketball Nets - A resident writes to ask whether Council could provide some nets for the basketball posts, as the original fabric ones have disintegrated, and his son and friends have begun playing on the court.
RESOLVED - DMBC's Playground Inspector to be asked for a quotation to supply and fit metal nets.
- c) Wild Flower Area - It was reported that after the plants on Riverside have flowered, a large amount of vegetation grows up around the flowers which looks untidy.
RESOLVED - Following discussion, it was agreed to leave the area in its natural state.
- d) Horse Riders on Riverside Park - Council was informed that 2 people have recently been observed riding horses on the recreation ground, but their identities are unknown. Enquiries to be made.
- e) Public Footpath No. 7 Hurst Lane - The Clerk to write to PROW Officer to ask whether contact has been made with the developers regarding the re-instatement of the footpath.

20. **To Receive Update on Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr Swainston reported that the draft plan is ongoing, and green spaces have been defined. Members of the Group will be available in a mini marquee at the Auckley Show on 17th August to publicise the Plan.

21. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Parish Web Site**

Public Accessibility Regulations - awaiting further information.

22. **To Receive Report of Meetings Attended by Council Members**

- a) Yorkshire Wildlife Park Meeting 18th June - Cllr Featherstone reported that Hurst Lane will be closed for six weeks from 22nd July to 2nd September in order for the traffic roundabout to be constructed, including 2 bus stops, one with a bay and one without. It was confirmed that a pedestrian crossing will be provided during the closure. Cllr. Featherstone asked whether the Hurst Lane railway bridge had been checked for safety, noting that pedestrians are at risk when two large vehicles are passing on the bridge.
- b) Airport Noise Monitoring & Environment Sub-Committee 20th June
Cllr Swainston reported on the meeting. He has submitted comments for the Government's Green Paper. The proposed increased airspace has still not been approved.
Environmental matters - There was no information on the solar farm although this has been featured in the press.
No applications for Community Funds have been received.
- c) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Meeting 19th June
Cllr Staniforth reported on the following issues:
The 75th Anniversary of the organisation is to be incorporated into the Annual Conference on 13th September
Discussion took place regarding the possibility of reducing the cost of training seminars.
Details have been sent to Clerks informing them that website providers should be made aware of the Public Accessibility Regulations, in order to advise on any changes.
There is difficulty in attending some Branch Meetings, due to dates clashing with those of Parish Councils.
- d) Parish Centre Meeting
Cllr. Warrender reported that a quotation has been received to re-surface the car park, but still no lease.
Cllr Worthington suggested reflective strips would be helpful at the gateway as it is difficult to see after dark.

23. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

App.No.19/01563/FUL - Erection of 9 dwellings - 14 School Lane, Auckley, Doncaster. DN9 3JR
Council to express concerns that the site on which houses are proposed is higher than existing dwellings at The Hollows Estate, and a site meeting is recommended in order to ascertain the topography of the area. The development will be over-dominant and intrusive, and result in the loss of privacy and amenity for existing residents. Because of the differing levels, there could be flooding of surface water, after persistent rain, from the high ground to the properties below. There is the potential for an additional 18 vehicles accessing School Lane, an already busy which becomes seriously congested during school hours.

App. No. 19/01576/FUL - Erection of side extension to existing bungalow with associated landscaping work 49 Ravenswood Drive, Auckley, Doncaster. DN9 3PA

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

App. No. 19/00482/FUL - Change of use and re-configuration of retail units to 1 x Office (A2), 1 x Retail (A1), flexible space for Restaurant/bar/takeaway (A3/A4/A5) and retention of Nail Bar (sui generis) Unit 3 & 4 Phantom Court, Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

Comments made: The car park is inadequate to cater for up to 75 diners using the restaurant. Furthermore, the proposed hours of opening are considered far too long and not acceptable for a residential area.

App. No. 19/01567/FUL - Proposed side garage and roof extension, new dormer roof windows and roof lights and erection of rear single storey garden room extension

Comment made: The dormer roof windows will overlook the adjoining rear property and result in the loss of amenity for its residents.

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

None received.

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

BACS no. 35	DMBC	Repair of play equipment	£192.00
BACS no. 36	Parish Centre	Parish Council meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 37	Mr. P. Dennis	Internal Audit	£80.00
BACS no. 38	YLCA	Play Area Seminar	£50.00
BACS no. 39	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£376.03
BACS no. 40	Handyman	Wages for work in Parish	£274.14
BACS no. 41	Advanced Tree Care	Remove fallen tree from Riverside	£106.00
BACS no. 42	Walkers Nurseries	Supply plants	£30.00
BACS no. 43	Yorkshire Water	Garden & Allotments water rates	£105.45
BACS no. 44	HMRC	Employee's tax	£68.60

Banking Transactions - Neighbourhood Plan Grant

BACS no.N24	Parish Centre	Neighbourhood Plan meeting	£12.35
BACS no.N25	L.A.B.	Advisor to Group	£2,400.00

26. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) NALC - Chief Executive's Reports
- b) YLCA - Training Day for Playgrounds; White Rose Update for July; Protocol on Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure ; YLCA Annual Review
- c) South Yorkshire Police Alerts
- d) SYPTE - Possible bus strike
- e) Environment Agency re. weeds in river

27. **To Determine Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 11th September 2019, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson

Date