

THE MINUTES OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH JUNE 2017, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

- Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), Mr. I. Butterfield
Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
- Community Officer Mr. S. Racjan
- In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for public participation prior to the meeting

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

1. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Mrs. Worthington signed a Declaration of Office after being elected as Chairperson at the May meeting

2. **To Receive Apologies**

Apologies received and accepted from Mrs. D. Fiddler and Ms. J. Staniforth.

3. **To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments**

None declared.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 10th May 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **To Receive Report from District Councillors/Community Officers**

DMBC Officer, J. Johnson - Writes to apologise for not attending the meeting as intended to discuss the Local Plan, as a decision has been made to have a wider public consultation with draft site proposals before the final plan is prepared later this year by the Council. It would therefore be more appropriate to meet with the Parish Council at this consultation stage when they can be clearer on the proposal for the Parish and enable them to have a more productive meeting.

District Councillor S. Cox - Sends his apologies and informs the Clerk that he has contacted DMBC's Highways Officer regarding the unfinished footway on Hurst Lane who advises that this could probably be tied in with construction of the new roundabout.

RESOLVED - The Clerk instructed to write to Highways and stress that the footway needs to be completed before the schools re-open in September.

Mr. Cox to be asked for an update on speed cameras.

Community Officer, S. Racjan - Mr. Racjan reported that he is currently working with school children who are liaising with a special needs group in the local area.

6. **To Receive Community Police Report**

Council was informed that the March Police Web Site reports several crime incidents have occurred in Auckley.

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

a) Potholes, Hayfield Lane/Sycamore Drive Junction - The area has now been surfaced with Tarmac.

b) Parking at Lancaster Court Approach Road - Three dumped vehicles have been removed in recent weeks and the double yellow lines have now been completed. However an old van has since been left in the adjacent space, and this has been reported to the Highways Officer who advises that DMBC/Police/DVLA will take further action once it is established that the vehicle is not road legal.

c) Untidy Land Adjacent to Nisa Store - A reply is awaited from the local M.P.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to write to DMBC with a detailed resume of Council's dealings with the owner and the lack of response.

d) Grass Cutting, Fir Tree Avenue - It was reported that the grass has recently been cut.

e) Felling of Trees on Riverside Park - This has been completed. The contractor to be asked when he is likely to undertake an informal tree survey.

f) Weeding of Wild Flower Area - Council was advised that the Reparation Team is due to carry out weeding later in the week.

g) Enquiries Regarding Additional Surgery - No response received from the Auckley Surgery's Practice Manager, following Council's offer of assistance.

RESOLVED - It was agreed that Council has done all it can for the moment, and to wait and see.

h) Renovation of Scout Building - Council has been informed that the roof has now been repaired by a recognised contractor at a cost of £5,500. Council's pledge of £2,000 approved for payment.

7. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- i) **Purchase of Hosepipe** - The Parish Handyman has purchased a hosepipe and adaptor for the sum of £33.00. Payment approved.
- j) **Co-operative Car Parks** - The Clerk reports that a firm known as 'Denton's Pensions' is responsible for maintenance of the vegetation and fencing in the car parks, and they advise that their contractor will undertake any necessary work and repeat on a regular basis.
- k) **Irrigation of Flower Tubs** - DMBC quotes the sum of £51.10 for weekly irrigation of the plants, including those in the large planters, and this sum has been approved.
- l) **Weed Treatment** - DMBC to be reminded to spray vegetation around the Hayfield Village area.
- m) **Dogs on Football Pitch** - The Enforcement Officers have replied that they will monitor the area.
- n) **Demolished Village Sign** - Pending.
- o) **Leaning 'Hurst Lane' Sign** - Pending.

8. **To Consider Report From Internal Auditor**

Council was advised that the Auditor is still working on the accounts and will report in time for the next meeting.

9. **To Consider Application From Show Committee for Additional Financial Support**

The Committee believes that damage to one of the toilets in the pavilion last year was due to a disabled person having difficulties using the facilities, as the toilets are not designed for wheelchair users, and have concluded that there is a need to hire a portable unit for the event. A quotation has been received in the sum of £135.00 + VAT for a unit to be delivered on Friday before Show and removed Monday.

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mrs. Platts proposed that Council pays the cost of hiring the portable unit, this was seconded by Mr. Featherstone, and the motion was carried.

10. **To Decide Football Fees for 2017/2018 Season**

Council discussed the football fees for the Auckley Team which have been £260 for the past 2 years. The yearly maintenance of the facilities, including removal of goal posts, renovation of goal mouths, etc. is currently £1,345.00.

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mr. Payne proposed that the annual fees are increased to £300, this was seconded by Mr. Butterfield, and the motion was carried.

11. **To Discuss Correspondence Relating to Hayfield Lane Recreational Facilities**

No response as yet has been received regarding this matter. The Clerk to ask for an update.

12. **To Consider Traffic Restriction Proposals With Regard to FARRRS Road**

DMBC proposes to make a Traffic Order to amend the existing length of the 50 mph speed limit from Rossington to Hurst Lane and amend the existing length of 40 mph speed limit on Hurst Lane from Hayfield Lane to a point 60m from its junction with Great Yorkshire Way

RESOLVED - Members agreed that they did not wish to make objections to these proposals.

13. **To Discuss Matters Relating to Pedestrian Crossing at Hurst Lane & Traffic Survey Lidgett**

Council is informed that Finningley Parish Council has generously pledged the sum of £250 towards the cost of a pedestrian crossing at Hurst Lane, and other offers are in the pipeline.

DMBC's Highways Officer advises that the traffic/pedestrian survey at Main Street will now take place in September when the new school term begins.

14. **To Receive Report of Meeting With DMBC Officer in Respect of S106 Funding**

Two Members of Council and the Clerk met with DMBC's Head of Service, Strategy & Performance Unit, to discuss whether any Auckley S106 funds might be made available towards the construction of a pedestrian crossing. The Officer advised that the 2 current allocations are problematic in there are other schemes potentially wanting to utilise these monies. However, he would be speaking with the Head of Planning to discuss the option of future S106 Agreements being worded similar to the Branton crossing, i.e. 'to public open space', and he would keep Council informed of progress.

15. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

Following recent road works, a number of large boards warning of loose chippings had been left on Main Street footways and were obstructing pedestrians. However, the boards were promptly removed when the Chairperson brought this to the attention of the Highways Officer.

16. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Request For Provision of Skate Park - A resident who previously made enquiries regarding the provision of a skate park in Auckley, has written to ask whether Council has any funds for a project of this nature and, if not, she is willing to look into obtaining money from the Big Lottery Fund.
RESOLVED - Council confirmed that it currently has other priorities, the most pressing being the provision of a pedestrian crossing, and thanked her for offering to look into lottery funding, as local groups not aligned to public bodies are often more successful in applying for grants.

17. **To Discuss Possible Funding of Clerk to Attend SLCC Seminar**

It was agreed to fund the Clerk to attend an SLCC Regional Training Seminar at Barnsley on 16 August
Total cost £69.00 + VAT.

18. **To Receive Report of Non-Domestic Rates Bill**

The Parish Council recently received an invoice from DMBC indicating that the sum of £2,594.14 was owed for business rates in respect of the grounds and pavilion at Riverside Park from 2015 -2017. An Application for Small Business Rates Relief was completed, and Council has been subsequently informed that these payments have been cancelled.

19. **To Discuss Any Issues Relating to Parish Web Site**

The Web Master to be asked to delete a notice from the 2016 audit.

20. **To Receive Reports from Council Members who Have Attended Meetings/Seminars**

- a) Parish Centre - Mr. Warrender reported that the hall is currently in a satisfactory state.
- b) Yorkshire Wildlife Park - Mrs. Worthington, in her role as Chairperson, had been invited the previous day to a consultation at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to discuss proposals to considerably extend the area by constructing an access road from Hurst Lane, Auckley to the Park, which would include constructing a bridge over the River Torne, and providing a hotel and additional leisure services. The main entrance to the new road will be located on Hurst Lane somewhere between the Hanson Quarry and the humpback railway bridge.
Members of Council expressed their grave concerns regarding the proposed access from Hurst Lane a road already used by a large volume of traffic, including HGV's. The dangerous location of the access near to the railway bridge which seriously reduces the line of sight along Hurst Lane, could present a danger of collision into slow moving vehicles waiting to enter the Wildlife Park
RESOLVED - In view of these concerns, Council agreed to contact a professional who is familiar with planning applications and ask him/her to produce some constructive comments relating to these proposals.

21. **To Consider Planning Applications**

- a) No. 17/01217/ADV - Display of LED, halo illuminated, college name letters and logo and Sports Centre lettering, illuminated with exterior building mounted spot lights.
New College (Doncaster), Hurst Lane, Auckley, Doncaster.
Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the application.
- b) No. 17/01322/FUL - Erection of two storey extension to rear and single storey extension to front of existing dwelling
11 Dart Grove, Auckley, Doncaster
No objections or comments made.
- c) Land at Common Lane, Auckley
A number of residents have contacted Council to express their concerns that a 15 acre plot of agricultural land at Common Lane, adjacent to the local allotments, is being considered for development in view of various activities which have recently been carried out, i.e. soil samples taken and holes drilled. The Strategic Land Group's web site highlights the land as potentially one that it can promote through the new Local Authority Plan process and will attempt to secure a development allocation for the site.
RESOLVED - The Planning Officer is to be made aware of SLG's intentions, and Council to point out that it submitted comments last year re. the Local Plan with a recommendation that the majority of new dwellings should be concentrated in the main Urban Area and main Towns, and development in rural villages should be accompanied by a radical improvement to the road infrastructure, and the provision of additional services such as schools, surgeries, etc.

22. To Report Decisions Made by DMBC's Planning Committee

The following planning applications have been approved:

- a) No. 17/01015/FUL - Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to side and conservatory to rear, and garage following the demolition of existing detached concrete double garage
9 Walnut Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster
- b) No. 17/01081/FUL - Erection of two storey side extension
5A Beech Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster
- c) No. 17/00708/FUL - Erection of single storey extension to rear and detached garage to existing semi-detached dwelling - 11 Dart Grove, Auckley, Doncaster
- d) No. 16/02032.CPE - Certificate for existing lawful use of dwelling house without compliance with Condition 7 of Planning Permission D/74/1690/AU as subsequently approved under Reserved Matters D/77/409/AU - 'Trenton', Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

23. To Authorise Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques

BACS no. 17	Walkers Nurseries	Supply & plant 2 tubs	£100.00
BACS no. 18	Mark Bell	Fell Conifer Trees	£400.00
BACS no. 19	Mr. C. Humphreys	Purchase hosepipe	£33.00
BACS no. 20.	Garden & Allotments	Supply plants, compost, etc.	£105.92
BACS no. 21	Glendale Countryside	Grounds maintenance	£723.25
BACS no. 22	Mat & Mouse	Web Site maintenance	£225.00
BACS no. 23	GNE Contracting	Pavilion concrete base, etc.	£955.04
BACS no. 24	Mat & Mouse	Repair and re-set outlet format	£40.00
BACS no. 25	Auckley Parish Centre	Hire of room for meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 26	Arrow Publications	Items printed in newsletter	£66.00
BACS no. 27	Staff charges		£309.40
BACS no. 28	HMRC	Employee's tax	£25.80
BACS no. 29	Staff Charges		£2,315.88
BACS no. 30	HMRC	Employee's tax & N.I.	£188.89

24. To Receive Correspondence

Dr. Billing's Report, YLCA Joint Annual Meeting 15 July, Reform of Data Protection Regulations
PCJCC Minutes for 15 March, SYPTD Doncaster Bus Service Changes, DMBC's Great Get Together
YLCA - New 'Good Councillor Guide 2017' priced £4.69 inc. postage and packaging.
It was agreed to purchase one copy for the Clerk and Members will be able to look on line.

25. To Confirm Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 12th July 2017, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson

Date

