

THE MINUTES OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH MARCH 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

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

1. **To Receive Apologies**

No apologies.

2. **To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments** - None received.

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 8th February 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **To Receive Community Police Report**

Speeding Traffic - The Chief Constable's office reports that the local Police Inspector and the Head of the Roads Policing Officers have been emailed with a request that they respond to the issues raised.

Speed Camera - The local PCSO reports that the speed camera was recently deployed at Main Street and results were 144 vehicles monitored, with only 1 driver (senior citizen) being over the speed limit

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

Community Officer Mr. Racjan reported the following items:

- a) **Litter Pick** - A successful litter pick was recently carried out in Auckley Parish by 11 volunteers, with a large amount of rubbish being collected.
- b) **Carers' Group** - A suggestion has been made to form a Carers' Group with sessions being held in the the Parish Centre. This is supported by the local surgery.
- c) **Damaged Verge** - Mr. Racjan was asked to investigate the highway verge opposite the Hayfield School which has been repeatedly churned up by a large vehicle.
- d) **Bark Chippings** - Mr. Racjan will enquire whether any chippings are available for the steps at Riverside Park.

6. **Matters Arising from the February Meeting**

- a) **Blocked Gullies, Hurst Lane** - Street Scene Officer advises that Hurst Lane is swept weekly every Friday morning and the concrete grips are cleansed monthly to remove any build-up of sand. He suggests that a meeting is arranged in order for Council Members to observe the cleansing.
- b) **Parking at Lancaster Court** - A second car has now been dumped on the entrance road to the apartments. The Highways Officer has been made aware of this matter and hopefully the car will be removed and completion of the double yellow lines can then take place.
- c) **Land at Fir Tree Avenue** - Pending.
- d) **Dog Fouling of School Lane and Hurst Lane** - The Enforcement Officers advise that they have twice visited the areas in question, and will continue to monitor.
- e) **Land at Nisa** - The owner of the property has informed the Environmental Officer that he is unable to fill in the trenches until he knows whether gas is needed for the 4 units, as to re-dig the trench would endanger existing electric/water installations. The Officer advises that the planning application conditions and the Section 215 Notice served in July 2009 have not been contravened.
RESOLVED - It was agreed to leave this as a pending item.
- f) **Damaged Fencing, Hayfield Lane** - The Highways Officer agrees the problem of cars parking on grass verges, creating deep ruts and muddy areas, is an ongoing problem throughout the Borough. He has checked records but cannot find any orders made for putting in the fencing.
- g) **Hedging, Rear of Cambrian Estate** - DMBC Highways advises that when letters are required to be served on the owners, he will inform them of their responsibility at the time of writing.
- h) **Non-Functioning Street Lamp, Hurst Lane** - DMBC to be reminded that the lamp is still not working
- i) **Deteriorating Road Surface, Hurst Lane** - Highways Officer advises that the road is subject to regular inspections detailed in earlier correspondence. All areas are inspected and any defects present that meet intervention criteria are repaired.

6. **Matters Arising from February Meeting (continued)**

- j) **Re-Surfacing of Airport Runway** - Following a complaint regarding noisy workings at the airport late at night, Council made enquiries and was advised that the runway is being re-surfaced. Work should be completed by the end of the month.
- k) **Overhanging Hedge, Outside Hayfield Court** - DMBC's Highways Officer is investigating the hedge, as he does not believe that it forms part of the adopted highway and is maintained by the Local Authority. Once ownership is established he will write to all parties concerned, and if it is found to be under Council ownership, Outdoor Services will be requested to trim back the hedge.
- l) **Rubbish Left Outside Pavilion** - The Football Manager has agreed to remove this material.
- m) **New Planters** - The firm constructing the planters will apply the lettering once the invoice is paid.
RESOLVED - It was agreed to pay Amberol.
- n) **Unfinished Footway** - Pending.
- o) **Grassed Area, Fir Tree Avenue** - Pending.
- p) **Request for Skate Park** - Pending.

7. **To Consider Quotations to Undertake Work Outside Pavilion**

Quotations invited to provide a concrete hard standing in front of the pavilion and replace a damaged concrete manhole cover, plus any additional work.

'Need a Hand', and GNE Construction Ltd. have supplied quotations as follows:

'Need a Hand' quotes the sum of £1,350.00

GNE Construction quotes the sum of £795.87 + VAT

RESOLVED - Following discussion, Mrs. Platts proposed that the lowest quote supplied by GNE Construction be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Featherstone, and the motion carried.

8. **To Consider Application From Scouts for Financial Assistance Towards Scout Hut Renovation**

The representative from the Scouts and Brownies had earlier supplied a final statement of accounts for the 2015/2016 financial year, and had spoken during the Annual Parish Meeting regarding the dilapidated state of the Scout Hut. Council will await information from a Member of Council who is arranging for a builder to inspect the roof of the Scout Hut.

9. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Trees on Riverside Park**

a) **Conifer Trees Blocking Light at Ainsley Close**

A resident has been asked whether some tall conifer trees are on his land and confirms that they are not within the boundary of his property but are in fact on Council's Riverside Park. He also makes the point that the trees do block sunlight from his property.

RESOLVED - Following discussion, it was agreed to invite quotes from recognised tree surgeons to fell the trees and remove all material.

- b) **Tree Survey** - Council has been advised by DMBC's Tree Officer that there is nothing set in legislation about tree inspection frequency. The 5 year 'default' figure came from a Department of Transport paper aimed at Highway Authorities, but it seems to have been accepted as the norm. It was agreed that the tree surgeons being invited to give a quotation to fell trees are also asked for a quotation to undertake a tree survey of Riverside Park.

10. **To Receive Updates Relating to Pedestrian Crossing**

Applications have been made to several funding organisations, and Council is to write to Parish Councils within the Hayfield School catchment area to see if they might be willing to contribute towards a crossing. Letters to also be sent to builders developing off Hurst Lane and local businesses. A meeting to be requested with Christian Foster to discuss whether any S106 funds might be made available for this project.

11. **To Discuss Issues Relating to Demolished 'Auckley' Sign**

The sign situated on the highway verge at Hurst Lane was found demolished on 24th February, possibly blown down by Hurricane Doris the previous night. LMN has submitted a quote to construct a new plinth using some of the original stone, plus some new material. The nameplate is undamaged and can be used again.

RESOLVED - It was agreed to contact Council's insurance regarding this matter. There will be an excess payment of £100 on the item.

12. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) Potholes - DMBC to be informed of deep potholes outside nos. 14 and 16 Common Lane.
- b) Ponding, Junction of Hayfield Lane/First Avenue - Peel to be made aware that water is still collecting after heavy rain, although not as severely as previously.
- c) Potholes, Hayfield Lane/Sycamore Drive Junction - To be reported to Peel.
- d) Rubbish in Copse - Parish Handyman to be asked to collect.

13. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Rubbish Left Outside Pavilion - Football Manager to be asked to remove.
- b) DMBC Service Agreement - Council is advised that the annual cost of emptying 6 dog bins at Riverside Park will be increased by 2% from April to £1,056.24.
RESOLVED - The increase was accepted by Council.
- c) Molehills on Riverside Park - The Pest Control Officer to be informed of molehills on the river-bank near the outlet from the dyke.
- d) Dogs on Football Pitch - It was reported that some owners are allowing their dogs to run off the lead on or near the football pitch, even though there is a notice advising this is not allowed. Members agreed to monitor.

14. **To Identify Suitable Items for the 'Arrow' Newsletter**

It was agreed to submit information on the following:

Council's campaign for a pedestrian crossing at Hurst Lane

The address of Council's web site

Dogs to be kept on leads on and around the football pitch and children's play equipment

Suggestions invited from public to commemorate the ending of the First World War in 1918

Council is grateful for public support at meetings

15. **To Discuss Matters Relating to Web Site**

a) **To Decide Relevant Items/Consider Changes to Layout**

It was agreed that the items selected for the newsletter should feature on the web site.

It was decided that only minutes for the past 2 years should be left on the site. The Web Master to be asked if it would be possible to provide just one heading for each year, with the minutes then being placed under the appropriate heading.

b) **To Discuss a Suggestion That Council Links Up With Social Media**

A discussion took place as to whether the Parish Council should join a social media, e.g.

Facebook, Twitter, etc. Members agreed there would be a difficulty relating to social media because it would be unfair and impractical to nominate one person to answer queries, given that a Parish Council decides issues collectively.

RESOLVED Following discussion, Members decided unanimously that they did not wish Council to join social media.

16. **To Receive Information on Development of Speed Recording Equipment for Hire**

Council has been contacted by a local resident who has a plan to hire out mobile vehicle activated signs to Parish Councils in an effort to address speeding traffic. The signs would be fitted to a bracket on a designated lamp post and would read 'Slow Down' together with the speed limit of that particular area. The sign would remain for a period then be moved elsewhere, before returning at regular intervals. This is still only a plan until the organiser has spoken with Highways and Police. Council considered this was valuable information, and would be of interest, once he has received confirmation from the Local Authority.

17. **To Review Council's Risk Assessment**

Members of Council had each received a copy of the Risk Assessment to review, and this was approved without amendment.

18. **To Receive Update on Provision of Additional GP Surgery**

No further information has been received.

RESOLVED - It was decided to write to the Practice Manager of the local surgery to enquire whether they have any concerns regarding capacity, given the large number of developments currently taking place in the Parish.

19. **Result of Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Premises Licence Application**

A Premises Licence has been granted with certain terms as follows:

No sale of alcohol at events organised under the Premises Licence.

A maximum of 10,000 people will be permitted to these events.

The number of events to take place under licence will not exceed 12 per year & terminate at 10 p.m.

There will be no more than 4 events during the Summer 6 week school holidays.

20. **To Receive Reports From Members Who Have Attended Meetings**

a) IGas Meeting - Mrs. Worthington did not attend the latest meeting, but will be at the next one.

b) Airport Extraordinary Meeting - Mr. Swainston reported that the Committee had received a presentation regarding changes to navigation of aircraft in and out of the airport. A public consultation is to be held regarding these proposals.

The Civil Aviation Authority is to hold a consultation regarding the use of drones near an airport and Mr. Swainston has made comments on behalf of the Council.

c) YLCA Branch Meeting - Mrs. Worthington reported that Councils must obtain permission from the Planning Department before residents are allowed to see any plans which have been copied from the DMBC web site.

d) Auckley Parish Centre - Ms. Staniforth reported that there was no change of officers at the recent AGM. Regular bookings are slightly down.

21. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

a) No. 17/00463/FUL - Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use and erection of a stable block (3 horses) Mosham Farm, Mosham Road, Auckley

Council feels that the change to equestrian use might lead to additional traffic being generated as a result of various activities. This road has already seen a significant increase in the volume of traffic, and congestion at the Lidgett Crossroads, where a pedestrian crossing is badly needed.

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

The following planning applications have been granted by the Committee:

a) No. 16/02602/FUL - Proposed erection of two storey dwelling Walnut Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster

b) No. 17/00201/FUL - Proposed single storey rear extension to existing semi-detached dwelling 24 Elder Grove, Auckley, Doncaster

c) No. 16/01700/FUL - Erection of boundary fence (retrospective), relocation of vehicular entrance from Ellers Lane to Common Lane and erection of entrance piers to vehicular entrance 22 Common Lane, Auckley (Permission granted in November 2016)

DMBC's Planning Officer advises that the decision was granted with the understanding that the existing entrance on Ellers Lane will be closed up and relocated to Common Lane. The plan referenced in the permission shows the entrance closed up and that, as per condition 2, makes up part of the permission granted.

23. **To Authorise Banking transactions and Signing of Cheques**

BACS no. 109	Staff charges		£226.20
BACS no. 110	HMRC	Employee's tax	£4.80
BACS no. 111	Amberol	Supply 2 planters	£840.00
BACS no. 112	'Your Name Here'	Hosting web site	£59.34
BACS no. 113	Parish Centre	March meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 114	Mr. B. Brackenbury	Pest control operator	£150.00
BACS no. 115	RJ Electrical	Put up, take down lights	£384.00
BACS no. 116	Staff charges		2,287.49

24. **To Receive Correspondence**

DMBC's Draft Local Plan, Spring Grant Funding 'Cash for Kids', National Plant Monitoring Scheme, Rotherham Interchange Update, Vintage Tea Party, Rossington, Increased S137 to £7.57 per elector

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

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

Chairperson

