

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 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, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender  
DMBC's Environmental Enforcement Officer  
Eight members of the Public  
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**Public Participation**

**Hayfield Lane Recreational Facilities**

Several residents expressed concerns regarding the lack of any play equipment or community building in the Hayfield Lane area, even though a committee was formed over 15 years ago to work towards this goal. The residents were advised that unfortunately, over time, contributors such as Sport England and other similar bodies had pulled out of the scheme, and eventually more committee members left due to the amount of work required, until the plan was no longer viable. The Parish Council has now re-engaged with Peel and DMBC officers to establish a project and, at the last meeting in August 2017, a plan was drafted which will provide play facilities to cater for Under 5's to teenagers, a football pitch and a MUGA. Finances will not currently stretch to provision of building as yet, a pavilion, but there is room on the site for one to be constructed at a later date.

**Unfinished Footway at Hurst Lane**

A number of residents, now living in the new houses off Hurst Lane expressed their concerns that work has still not been undertaken to complete the footway over the dyke at Hurst Lane, and this is very dangerous, particularly for children walking to school. Since September some children have been seen walking on the road, rather than crossing to the other side. Highways Officer to be made aware of this.

1. **To Receive Apologies** - Received and accepted from Cllr. Fiddler, Cllr. Platts and Community Officer. Stephen Racjan.
2. **To Receive Declarations of Any Other Interests and Any Amendments**  
No declarations received.
3. **To Determine Exclusion of Public and Press**  
It was agreed that members of the public and the press be asked to leave when Item No. 23 is discussed.
4. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 11th October 2017**  
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Report From DMBC Officers/Ward Councillors**  
**Former Nisa Supermarket**  
The Environment Enforcement Officer reported that, after attending the September Council meeting, he spoke with the owner of the store which has now been re-named and some of the units are to be leased. The owner agreed to board round the untidy land at the side and make safe the electrical box, both of which have now been undertaken. He also requested tarmac to be laid at the front of the store. Health and Safety Officers have since visited and found there is nothing further they can do, now the untidy land has been boarded round and is secure. The En. Officer advised that the air conditioner units have to be on the rear wall however, if the noise is troublesome, he will have to look again.
6. **Community Police Report**  
Council has received the latest Police and Crime Commissioner's Report.
7. **Matters Arising From the October Meeting**
  - a) **Sandwich Van Parked on A638 Lay-By** - Council was advised that the van is used for selling sandwiches during the day and is parked on land adjacent to the lay-by. The land is owned by a local farmer and the van is parked with his full permission.
  - b) **Potholes on Village Roads** - Highways Officer advises that the successful contractor has now submitted the required TTRO applications to allow works to be completed in a safe manner - closures require 3 months advance notice. The works have therefore been planned to be completed during the school half term in February 2018.
  - c) **Highway Verge, Rear of Cambrian Estate** - DMBC's Highways Officer is waiting for soil and mud to be removed from the footway, and there is the possibility that a soakaway might be installed.

7. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- d) **Condition of River Torne** - Members reported that the water level has dropped substantially, and the water is now flowing freely.
- e) **Overhanging Hedge, Mosham Road** - A reminder to be sent to DMBC.
- f) **Footway at Mosham Road** - DMBC Grounds Maintenance to be asked to grub back the vegetation.
- g) **Blocked Gullies** - Clerk to report that gullies on Hurst Lane are blocked with sand and grass.
- h) **Speeding Traffic** - Following a request from a resident for enforcement on Main Street, the Safety Cameras Manager replies that the road appears to have a good safety record, and it is not something they will be dedicating resources to at present.

In respect of Hayfield Lane, there are parking restrictions along the majority of the road and to enforce this route an area of hard standing would have to be provided. However, it is unlikely that DMBC would agree to a hard standing.

The Cameras Manager will contact DMBC regarding Hurst Lane to see whether any speed surveys have been undertaken since the introduction of the 30 mph speed limit.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to enquire whether fixed cameras could be installed on the B1396 and Hurst Lane to give a more accurate picture of traffic speeds.

- i) **Tree Inspection** - Quotations to be obtained in time for next meeting.
- j) **Removal of Dog Waste From Copse** - The Clerk has spoken with the Street Cleansing Manager who will consider whether it would be practicable for staff to empty a bin at this location.
- k) **Overgrown Public Footpath No. 1** - PROW Officer will arrange for vegetation to be trimmed back.
- l) **Missing 20 mph Sign, School Lane** - District Councillor Jones has taken this up with Highways.
- m) **Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Planning Application** - Cllr. Worthington has asked Cllr. Jones if he would be prepared to speak to the Planning Committee when the outline planning application is considered, and he has replied that he is willing to speak in support of Council's objections.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to ask other Ward Councillors whether they would be willing to support Parish Council in opposing the planning application for a new access.

- n) **Planning Application for Land at Common Lane** - The application is still going through planning. A large number of residents have written to DMBC Planning to express their opposition to the plans.

8. **To Consider Quarterly Internal Audit**

**RESOLVED** - Council approved the Quarterly Internal Audit.

9. **To Discuss Progress With Regard to Provision of Pedestrian Crossings**

Hurst Lane - Council has been advised that the Section 106 Agreement for the college development has been varied to allow for funding to be made available to provide a pedestrian crossing at Hurst Lane. The Clerk to ask for this to be clarified.

Lidgett Crossroads - Council to write to Highways Officer to ask whether a crossing can be installed.

10. **To Receive Report of Visit to New Sixth Form College**

Members of Council and Clerk visited the College and met with the Principal, Brendon Foster, who was very welcoming and gave them a tour of the building. There are parts of the college which are still under construction, but those being used appear to be very well-equipped.

The Clerk to write and ask whether Council might be able to hold some meetings in College next year.

11. **To Consider Quotation to Clean & Tidy Recreation Car Park**

'Need a Hand' has quoted the sum of £295 to clear moss from the park and jet wash the surface, plus trim back all the surrounding overhanging vegetation.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr. Butterfield proposed that the quotation be accepted.

Cllr. Swainston seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

12. **To Discuss Planting of Flower Tubs**

Discussion took place on what bulbs/plants need to be planted in the containers situated on the highway verge at Ellers Lane, now that the Summer plants are dying off.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to ask Walkers Nurseries to provide a quotation to plant suitable bulbs/plants in the tubs and around 3 trees and allow a budget of not more than £500. This to be funded from the legacy bequeathed to Council.

DMBC's Community Officer advises that the Authority does not have any spare concrete tubs to replace those on the village green which are deteriorating and beginning to crumble.

13. **To Receive an Update on the Auckley Neighbourhood Plan Meeting**

An initial meeting held on 7 November was attended by 8 members of the public, 3 Parish Councillors and DMBC Officer, Jane Stimpson, who chaired the meeting and advised those present what the project would entail, and mentioned there is funding available towards the plan in the sum of £9,000.

The meeting was advised that the Parish Council would have to decide whether the plan is to encompass the whole of Auckley Parish or only a part of it.

The residents who have formed a group are planning to set up a free web site to publicise the venture.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr. Warrender proposed that the Parish Council adopts a Neighbourhood Plan which will encompass the whole of Auckley Parish, Mr. Featherstone seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

14. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) Overhanging Trees at The Hollows Estate - DMBC to be informed that a line of conifers in the front garden of a property is overhanging the footway and obstructing pedestrians.

b) Untidy Hedges at Hayfield Lane Car Park - DMBC to be made aware of the untidy hedges around the overflow car park situated in front of Willow Crescent.

c) Quarry at Hurst Plantation - The Clerk to write to the Minerals Planning Officer to report that the position of a large concrete barrier placed in front of the quarry gates is frequently being changed, leading to speculation as to whether any activities are taking place at the quarry.

d) A638/Hurst Lane Crossroads - It was reported that some accidents have occurred at the junction of the A638 and Hurst Lane. Highways Officer to be informed this might be due to a problem with the traffic lights for drivers coming from the direction of Bawtry and waiting to turn right into Hurst Lane, i.e. behind the double light in the middle of the road is a single light (the inbound secondary signal head) which signals traffic to go straight on to Doncaster. However, this light can also be partially seen by drivers waiting to turn right into Hurst Lane and drivers unfamiliar with the junction might think it is their signal to go when the single light turns to green, thereby leading to collisions with oncoming traffic.

DMBC Highways Officer to be made aware of this matter.

15. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

a) Request for Dog Stencils - Community Officer advises that DMBC staff need to know which locations need stencils renewing. Members to give details to the Clerk.

b) Conifers on Riverside Park - Members to inspect some overgrown conifers on Riverside Park.

c) Christmas Carol Singing - This event will be held on Tuesday, 12th December at 7.00 p.m., under cover, in the Eagle and Child car park with the Armthorpe Elmfield Band accompanying the singing.

d) Riverside Park Contract - It was agreed to increase strimming operations from 6 to 7 times during the contract period April - October 2018.

e) Litter Left on Football Field - Auckley Football Manager to be asked to make sure no litter is left on and around the pitch after a game has been played.

f) Renovation of Steps - Quotations to be obtained for construction of concrete steps on Riverside Park.

g) New Dog Laws - Community Officer to be asked to advise on how the new Dog Laws will apply to Riverside Park.

h) Provision of Christmas Trees - Two quotations received as follows:

Plevey & Son:

Supply, deliver, erect and subsequently remove a 20 foot Christmas Tree - £590 + VAT

Bawtry Forest

Supply, deliver, erect and subsequently remove a 20 foot Christmas Tree - £437.50 + VAT

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr. Payne proposed that Council accept the lower quote supplied by Bawtry Forest. This was seconded by Cllr. Featherstone, and the motion was carried.

16. **To Determine Items for Printing in the 'Arrow' Newsletter**

It was agreed to feature information regarding the proposal to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan and details of the Christmas Carol Singing on 12th December.

17. **To Discuss Matters Associated With Parish Web Site**

It was decided to send items that will be featured in the newsletter.

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

- a) Igas Meeting - Cllr. Worthington reported on the meeting held on 19th October. Evidently Misson Parish Council has submitted questions to the contractors regarding proposed operations, and a response is awaited.
- b) Parish Centre Meeting - Cllr. Warrender attended the meeting which was held on 6th November, and reported that the car park is in need of renovation. The Centre has a healthy bank balance.

19. **To Consider Planning Applications**

No applications received.

20. **To Report Decisions Made by DMBC Planning Committee**

No planning decisions received.

21. **To Authorise Electronic Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**

BACS no. 69	Staff Charges		£285.87
BACS no. 70	HMRC	Employee's tax	£20.00
BACS no. 71	Royal British Legion	Donation for poppy wreath, etc.	£100.00
BACS no. 72	Parish Centre	October meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 73	DMBC	Empty dog bins	£454.94
BACS no. 74	Parish Centre	November meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 75	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£193.13
BACS no. 76	Arrow Publications	Print newsletter items	£66.00
BACS no. 77	SLCC	Annual membership	£121.00
BACS no. 78	SLCC	ALCC membership	£10.00
BACS no. 79	Staff Charges		£279.09
BACS no. 80	HMRC	Employee's tax	£18.40

22. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) DMBC - Great Northern Energy Initiative, SY Police Commissioner's Community Grant Scheme, Doncaster Carers' Service, Community-Led Drop in Session, Holmescarr Centre, YLCA - Bulletins

23. **Excluded From Public and Press - Clerk's Hours of Working**

It was agreed that the Clerk will record her times of working for the next 2 months.

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

To be held on Wednesday, 13th December 2017, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson .....

Dated .....