

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**  
**AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE**

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. I. Butterfield Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mr. G. Payne,  
Mrs. S. Platts, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender  
District Councillor A. Jones  
Thirteen Members of the Public  
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**Public Participation**

**Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Application**

Members of the public expressed serious concerns regarding the Yorkshire Wildlife Park's planning application to construct an entrance from Hurst Lane to the Park via a roundabout on this very busy road, where traffic has increased substantially over the years due to the airport, business complex, fishing lakes, a senior school and college and a large housing development. The road is frequently congested, and a further increase in vehicles would lead to a deteriorating situation and result in even more congestion and traffic hazards. The general consensus was that a roundabout should be built on Warning Tongue lane where there is less traffic, or a route made from the FARRRS Road.

**Planning Application for Common Lane**

Residents raised strong objections to this application. The land is out of the village envelope and in a Countryside Policy Area. The road is narrow and totally unsuitable for the large numbers of vehicles that would be generated by the proposed development.

Local schools and surgery are full, and the road infrastructure has not been improved to cope with the substantial amount of development currently taking place.

Councillor Jones suggested residents might consider forming a group to create a Neighbourhood Plan.

1. **To Receive Apologies** - Received and accepted from Ms. Staniforth and Mr. Featherstone.
2. **To Receive Declarations of Any Other Interests and Any Amendments**  
No declarations received.
3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 13th September 2017**  
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **Report From DMBC Officers/Ward Councillors**  
Councillor A. Jones reported that he has had discussions with the Planning Officer dealing with the Wildlife Park's application. The Officer is well aware of the problems and opposition to the plan and is working on conditions.  
Councillor Jones has also contacted the Planning Officer dealing with the Common Lane application to discuss environmental issues.
5. **Community Police Report**  
**Crime Report** - The Police web site records that a total of 32 incidents were reported in August for the Auckley Parish.  
**Van Parked in Lay-by** - Council was informed that a van has been seen, on a regular basis, parked on the A638 lay-by adjacent to Hurst Plantation. Members to monitor.
6. **Matters Arising From the September Meeting**
  - a) **Unfinished Footway, Hurst Lane** - Cllr. Platts has contacted the Highways Officer concerned and been advised that the 278 Agreement has still not been signed.  
The Clerk to write and ask when the Agreement will be signed.
  - b) **Nisa Store** - It was reported that the store is now in new ownership. The land to the rear appears slightly tidier, but air conditioner fans have been moved from the roof and placed on the wall facing Lime Avenue. The Environmental Enforcement Officer to be informed of this matter.
  - c) **Potholes on Village Roads** - It was reported that blue paint has been applied round the potholes identified for repairs. The Highways Officer to be asked when the work will commence.
  - d) **Highway Verge, Rear of Cambrian Estate** - DMBC's Highways Officer advises there appears to be an issue regarding debris over the footpath, and he has asked Street Cleaning to clear soil off the footway and sweep it in order for him to see why the verge is permanently wet. The Local Authority cannot put bollards/fencing in at this location because it is too large an area.  
**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to write and suggest that maybe a soakaway would stop the ponding.

6. **Matters Arising (continued)**

- e) Planting of Flowers/Bulbs on Ellers Lane Verge - The Licence permitting the planting of flowers and bulbs on the verge to a depth of 150mm has been signed and received back from DMBC.  
This matter to be discussed at the next meeting.
- f) Condition of River Torne - A reply is awaited from the Environment Agency. A reminder to be sent.
- g) Overhanging Hedge, Mosham Road - Pending.
- h) Bollards Erected On Fir Tree Avenue - Peel's Building Manager reports that the decision to close the road is for safety reasons. There have been numerous "near-misses" involving residents' children playing in the area, and fast cars taking short cuts to the main road. As this area belongs to Peel Investments North, it is their responsibility to keep the area safe, hence the bollards. All required signage is displayed at both ends of the road.
- i) Blocked Drain, Hurst Lane Opposite Hayfield School - DMBC's Grounds Maintenance Officer advises that all grips and gullies will be cleaned.
- j) Request for Vegetation to be Sprayed - Grounds Maintenance will carry this out in the Autumn.
- k) Drains Blocked Following Show - The Chairman of the Show Committee has been informed and will ensure that signs are displayed in all toilets at next year's Show with a warning not to put paper towels, etc. down the toilets.

7. **To Receive External Auditor's Report**

The Auditor reports that the audit is satisfactory, and there were no matters requiring the attention of Council.

**RESOLVED** - Council accepted the report.

8. **To Consider Budget Monitoring Report**

**RESOLVED** - Council approved the report.

9. **To Consider Update Regarding Hayfield Lane Recreational Facilities**

No correspondence received as yet.

10. **To Receive Report of Meeting Held 20 September Re. Wildlife Park Application**

Cllr. Warrender reported that the congestion at the Lidgett Crossroads and other traffic issues were mentioned, but the Wildlife representatives were convinced that the new access would not be a traffic hazard.

11. **To Consider Making a Donation to Royal British Legion**

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr. Warrender proposed that a donation in the sum of £100 be given for the provision of a poppy wreath, with the remainder going to British Legion funds.  
Cllr. Platts seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

12. **To Report Progress Regarding Provision of Pedestrian Crossing**

Council was informed that the Hanson Group has pledged the sum of £1,000 towards the crossing, and a letter has been sent to thank them for their very generous offer.

Cllr. Swainston suggested that applying for funding is a slow process, and in order to reach the target it might be necessary to considerably increase the precept as a "one-off".

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr. Swainston proposed that Council increases the precept in January and publicises this in the 'Arrow'. Cllr. Payne seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

13. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) Traffic Survey - DMBC carried out a 12 hour traffic/pedestrian survey on the B1396 close to the Lidgett Crossroads on 19th September. Council had received a letter earlier that day advising on the results, but some of the statistics were difficult to interpret, and it was agreed to ask for specific tables of traffic and pedestrian movements, and whether the survey measured all four roads that converge at the crossroads.

b) Speeding Traffic - A local resident has written to the Police Safety Cameras Manager to ask for speed calming measures to be implemented on Main Street to deter motorists who exceed the speed limit on Main Street. The Cameras Manager replies that, having looked at the personal injury collision records for this road, he feels there is no justification for it to be reviewed.

Agreed to write again to express Council's concerns regarding speeding traffic on Auckley roads.

- c) Damaged Highway Verges - DMBC to be informed that highway verges on Hurst Lane and the grassed area adjacent to the B1396 have been damaged as a result of equipment being left on them during recent road works. DMBC to be asked if the verges could be filled and re-seeded.

14. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Report of Pavilion Inspection - Cllr. Worthington and the Clerk recently visited the pavilion and found it to be clean and reasonably tidy inside and all rubbish left outside has now been removed.
- b) To Discuss Removal of Grafitti From Concrete - Council discussed what would be the most effective method of removing grafitti etched into the concrete base fronting the pavilion.

**RESOLVED** - Members decided that removing the lettering might leave the surface slippery, thereby posing a risk to members of the public. It was therefore agreed to leave it for the present and hopefully in time the lettering will be worn away by the elements.

- c) Removal of Waste From Copse - The Clerk reported that the black plastic bag which has always been left in the copse for litter such as plastic bottles, crisp bags, etc. is now being utilised by dog owners to dispose of dog excreta. The Handyman collects the bag of litter from the copse at regular intervals, but is not equipped to deal with dog waste.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr. Warrender proposed that the bag be permanently removed from the copse to avoid further problems.

Cllr. Platts proposed an amendment to the proposal that DMBC's Street Cleansing Officer be consulted on the possibility of a bin being emptied at this location, if Council provides a suitable container, and what would be the cost.

Voting took place on the amendment, and a majority supported the proposal.

- d) Request For Trimming of Trees - A resident of Sandhill Rise has asked if Council will reduce the height of 2/3 tall trees at the bottom of his garden on Riverside Park, due to leaves blocking out sunlight during the Summer months. The trees have been trimmed on 3 previous occasions.

**RESOLVED** - The resident to be advised that a tree inspection will be undertaken by a tree surgeon, and the Clerk will send him a reminder

Cllr. Butterfield proposed that a payment in the sum of £150 be offered for the informal tree survey, in order for Council to make some firm decisions, and this was agreed.

- e) Conifers to Rear of Sandhill Rise - Council has been asked to clarify the ownership of some conifer trees to the rear of the town houses at Sandhill Rise. To be discussed at the next meeting.

- f) Riverside Car Park - Council has received an anonymous letter from a resident who complains of slippery surfaces in some corners of the car park where moss has formed, due to overgrowing trees blocking out sunlight.

**RESOLVED** - Agreed to meet with 'Need a Hand' on site to discuss cleaning/tidying up the area.

- g) Overgrown Public Footpath - DMBC to be asked to trim nettles on part of Public Footpath No1

15. **To Decide Suitable Items for Newsletter**

It was agreed to feature the following items:

Details of the Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultation re. plans to install a new satellite system

Details of Outline Planning application submitted by Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Details of Outline Planning application to develop land at Common Lane

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

It was agreed to feature the newsletter items on the web site.

17. **To Consider Registering an Interest in the Igas Community Fund**

Unfortunately the areas covered by the Fund are all more than 5 miles from Auckley

18. **To Receive Reports of Meetings/Seminars**

- a) Airport Meeting - Cllr. Swainston reported that a Public Consultation will be running for 12 weeks regarding the Airport's initiative to use a new satellite navigation system to replace the ground-based equipment. Routes will be more consistent and keep away from populated areas. Council agreed to respond to the Consultation and support the new satellite system. Details to also be published in the newsletter.

Council was informed that more freight is now being transported by Antenov.

19. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 17/02278/OUTM - Application for Outline Planning Permission for Planning Permission for Residential Development (Circa 82 No. Dwellings) on approx. 3.04ha of land (Approval being sought for access) Land Off Common Lane, Auckley

Council is strongly opposed to this proposal for the following reasons:

Site lies within a Countryside Policy Area and outside the local envelope

Loss of agricultural land when there is brown field land available in the Parish

Narrow lane mainly used by agricultural vehicles and effluent tankers, the width of the lane outside the site is only 4 metres.

Proposal to build 82 dwellings will generate additional traffic on a village road with no pavement provision, and with a parking issue on the road, as some existing houses are without drives.

Lack of services - local schools are at capacity and village G.P. Surgery has had to combine with one elsewhere to ensure adequate provision of services.

- b) No. 17/02189/OUTA - Change of use of land to facilitate expansion of Yorkshire Wildlife Park, creation of new access, parking and associated works with outline approval for animal enclosures, visitor hub service compound, energy centre and connecting bridges Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Brockholes Lane, Branton, Doncaster

Council supports the Wildlife Park in general, but is strongly opposed to the proposal to construct a new access to the Park on Hurst Lane for the following reasons:

Severe traffic problems on Hurst Lane - this road serves the airport and ancillary offices, two schools and a college, fishing lakes, a quarry and a new housing development. A further increase in vehicles would lead to a deteriorating situation, resulting in even worsening traffic congestion. The hump back railway bridge seriously reduces the line of sight of drivers travelling from the direction of the Hayfield School and could present the danger of collision into slow-moving/stationery vehicles waiting to enter the Wildlife Park.

Danger to pupils walking over the railway bridge which only has one footpath narrow in width.

A more appropriate solution would be to create a link to the new FARRRS Road or improve the access from Warning Tongue Lane where traffic is substantially lower.

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

The following planning applications have been approved by the committee:

- a) No. 17/02174/FUL - Erection of extensions to the principle elevation at first and ground floor level and creation of new windows - 118 Common Lane, Auckley, Doncaster
- b) No. 17/01962/FUL - Erection of side and rear extension and garage with workshop to rear following demolition of existing garage - 2 Ash Grove, Auckley, Doncaster.

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

BACS no. 57	HMRC	Employee's tax	£21.60
BACS no. 58	Mr. C. Humphreys	Handyman's wages	£292.65
BACS no. 59	Staff charges		£2,321.00
BACS no. 60	HMRC	Tax & Nat. Ins.	£207.14
BACS no. 61	BDO LLP Auditor	External audit	240.00
BACS no. 62	Information Commission	Annual subs.	£35.00
BACS no. 63	Yorkshire Water	Pavilion water charge	£4.55
BACS no. 64	Yorkshire Water	Allotments water charge	£95.93
BACS no. 65	Arrow Publications	Print items in newsletter	£66.00
BACS no. 66	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase stationary	£33.43
BACS no. 67	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£193.13
BACS no. 68	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase mop & bucket	£19.50

22. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) NALC - Bulletins nos. 34 - 37
- b) DMBC - Great North Energy Scheme, Holmescar Centre Halloween Activities, Carers information, Community-led drop-in session, Thorne Library tea party on 11th November, Commissioner Community Grant Scheme, Robotics taster day, Male support group, White Rose Update for September
- c) Igas - 2018 Community fund details

23. **To Discuss Clerk's Working Hours**

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, Council made a resolution to ask members of the public and press to leave the meeting during discussion of the above, due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed.

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

To be held on Wednesday, 8th November 2017, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairperson .....

Dated .....