

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER 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  
Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender  
Community Officer Mr. S. Racjan  
DMBC's Environmental Enforcement Officer  
Three Members of the Public  
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**Public Participation**

**Reduction of Trees** - A resident of Sandhill Rise asked whether Council would be reducing the height of tall trees to the rear of his property, following his earlier request, and was advised that this would be considered when a Tree Survey has been undertaken. He also mentioned that he was aware of some people recently behaving in a suspicious manner on Riverside Park close to his property. He was advised to ring the Police on 101 if he witnessed a similar incident.

**Planning Application, Hayfield Lane** - Residents of Willow Crescent reported their concerns regarding a proposal to site a building on the car park at Hayfield Lane in front of their home. The planning application does not specify the use of the building, and they wonder whether this might be for a coffee shop or takeaway which would create late night problems with noise and cars parked directly outside their house. The fence between the car park and gardens is broken and the owner of the land has informed them that this is the responsibility of the residents of Willow Crescent.

1. **To Receive Apologies** - Received and accepted from Ms. Staniforth and Mr. Payne.

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

No declarations received.

3. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 12th July 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **To Receive Community Police Report**

a) **Police Inspector's Report Following July Council Meeting** - The Inspector reports he was aware that there had been a number of thefts from vehicles during July, but unfortunately no offenders have been identified.

Regarding Council's request for traffic speeds in Auckley to be monitored, the Police will endeavour to undertake more speeding operations to raise motorists' awareness of this issue.

b) **Crime Report** - The Police web site of reported incidents lists Auckley as having had a total of 15 incidents reported during June 2017.

5. **Report From DMBC Officers/Ward Councillors**

**Environment Officer Re. Nisa Store**

A DMBC Environmental Officer attended the meeting, following Council's concerns regarding the land surrounding the Nisa Supermarket which has been left in an unkempt condition for more than 8 years and, despite requests to the owner, there has been very little attempt to tidy up the areas to the side and rear of the store. When the pre-fabricated Families' Office was finally demolished a structure was left in the middle of the site which presumably is an electrical supply, and could be dangerous if anyone was to break into the compound. Council wondered whether fencing could be erected around the two areas to screen them from nearby residents.

The Environmental Officer reported that a 215 Order has been served on the owner, to hopefully move progress - particularly with the pipe work to the rear. He will visit the site again and report back.

**Community Officer's Report**

The Community Officer reported there are currently no recreational facilities provided for teenagers in the rural areas, and he is attempting to liaise with officers to try and obtain some for the villages.

Notices have been posted around the village regarding the new Dog Laws recently adopted by DMBC. He has checked and found that the clothes bank outside the Nisa Store is a legitimate container.

6. **Matters Arising From the July Meeting**

a) **Dogs Fouling Football Pitch** - Enforcement Officers advise that they will monitor the area.

b) **Demolished Village Sign** - Council was informed that Zurich Insurance has paid the sum of £975 for the damaged sign.

6. Matters Arising (continued)

- c) Unfinished Footway, Hurst Lane - DMBC's Highways Engineer has confirmed that the assessment has been undertaken and the Section 278 Agreement is now with their legal team for signing/ completion. Once this has been signed the works will be able to proceed, however, he doesn't currently have any dates or timescales, but will contact Council when he knows a works programme
- d) Damaged 'Hurst Lane' Sign - DMBC advises that the sign is damaged and will be replaced.
- e) Telegraph Pole on Main Street - DMBC Highways Officer reports that although there are no wires attached to the pole, it is not redundant - there is apparatus fixed to it that serves property No. 99 via an underground feed from the pole and, should property No. 101 require a service, it would also be used to affect this.
- f) Yellow Lines Around Potholes - The Highway Officer advises that tenders for work on potholes are due back soon after which works will be programmed in and road space booked. There are also drainage works to be completed on the loop road off Main Street before patching can be done. The paint marks round the potholes, though faded, are still visible and complete records of the damage were made at the time of identification, so there will be no problem locating the holes.
- g) Water Ponding on Verge, Rear of Cambrian, Hayfield Lane - A reminder to be sent to DMBC.
- h) Sunken Highway Verges, Hayfield Lane - Highways Officer has been made aware of this matter.
- i) Planting of Flowers/Bulbs Round Trees at Ellers Lane Verge - The Clerk has signed the Licence granting permission for the planting and is waiting for the Highways Officer to sign and return.
- j) Condition of River Torne - It was reported that the overgrown vegetation on the river banking appears to have been trimmed, following Council's letter to Environment Agency in July. However, the river currently looks stagnant with a very high water level, and it was agreed to write again to enquire whether it might be possible for the E. A. to carry out dredging or at least send out a boat to remove weeds growing in the river.
- k) Overhanging Hedge, Mosham Road - DMBC Highways Officer advises that a notice went out in mid September giving the owner 2 weeks to cut back the vegetation. If this is not done the L.A. will look to cutting back themselves on a rechargeable basis, however, their grounds maintenance teams are extremely busy, so they cannot guarantee when it will be done.

7. To Approve Quarterly Internal Audit

The Quarterly Internal Audit for the April - June period has been checked and validated by the two appointed Council Members.

**RESOLVED** - Council approved the Audit.

8. To Discuss Provision of Recreational Facilities at Hayfield Lane

Earlier correspondence with Peel's Development Planner in June had shown that Council's suggestions were over budget, and these were revised and put forward at a meeting held on 17th August with Peel's Land & Property Director and Planner, Ward Councillors and Members of the Parish Council. Peel subsequently contacted Council on 12th September with the following revised scheme:

Sports Pavilion - Remove from scheme but ensure that it can be accommodated on the layout. Pavilion will be part of future funding bid (phase 2)

Under 5's Play Area - Retain and enhance to accommodate teen play e.g. basket swing, table tennis tables and include litter bin and seating

Grass Football Pitch/Games Area - Retain and enlarge to accommodate goalmouth moving to avoid wear and tear. Needs 4 goal sockets each end.

MUGA - The proposed MUGA is too small and needs enlarging. It cannot be made of wood and needs to be vandal-resistant. The MUGA should be lit.

Car Park - Retain but ensure layout can accommodate more cars once the pavilion is built at a future date

Soft Landscaping - This should be as low maintenance as possible. Potentially grassed with just a few trees which are slow growing and columnar to avoid need for maintenance.

Fencing - Retain 2m high paladin fencing and gate.

Peel will instruct consultants to revise the layout and re-estimate the costs, and then submit the revised layout to DMBC's play equipment officer for a formal vet to ensure it complies with Council standards.

**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Mrs. Platts proposed that Council accepts the revisions and costs and wishes Peel to proceed with the project as soon as possible. This was agreed by Council.

9. **Report of Meeting To Discuss Proposals to Extend Yorkshire Wildlife Park**

Two Members of Council attended a meeting on 30th August and reported that it was not very informative, other than the Yorkshire Wildlife Park aims to increase the number of visitors from 750,000 to 1 million. The first phase will consist of the construction of an entrance and car park, the second phase will be the construction of a hotel.

Concerns were expressed regarding the proposal to base the main access on Hurst Lane which is an extremely busy road, with the volume of traffic increasing all the time.

A further invitation has been received for Council representatives to attend a meeting on 20th September to discuss this matter.

10. **Report of Proposals to Develop Land at Common Lane**

Council reported that no planning application has yet been submitted by the Strategic Land Group, but once the application is on the planning portal, Council will put details on its web site.

11. **To Discuss Progress Regarding Provision of Pedestrian Crossing at Hurst Lane**

The Clerk reported that so far the sum of £8,250 has been pledged towards a crossing, with a reply awaited from the Co-operative Store and the Tesco Fund.

It was reported that during the previous week 4 members of staff in 'high visibility' jackets were observed controlling traffic and marshalling pupils from school across Hurst Lane at school closing time. No doubt the situation will be exacerbated when the new Sixth Form College opens.

12. **To Report on Section 106 Funds**

DMBC's Head of Planning reports that the Local Authority is aware of the Parish Council's request for a crossing outside the Hayfield School. Further work is being done with the new College and the prospect of a crossing being necessary as part of this development is still under review. If it is not deemed reasonable to do this, as discussed the previous week, it is something to be looked at again when the Yorkshire Wildlife Park's application is submitted and highway impacts are considered. Existing S106 funds for Auckley will have been required to deliver particular types of off-site mitigation works which he believes are for public open spaces and leisure facilities, not pedestrian crossings. The money can only be used for the purposes it is deemed necessary to mitigate the effects of those developments, it cannot be re-directed to fund a crossing. If the money cannot be spent on such projects, it should be returned to the developer.

Members of Council discussed whether there might be some way of substantially increasing the precept as a "one-off" in an attempt to generate additional funds. This matter to be considered when the budget is decided in December.

13. **To Report Proposed Changes to Local G.P. Surgery**

The Practice Manager advises that it is intended to fully merge with the Village Practice at Armthorpe, which has a similar ethos to the Auckley Surgery. The intention is to make alterations to the building by reconfiguring the reception desk area and making it more friendly in terms of improved disability access. Members of Council are welcome to ring or write if they wish to discuss these plans.

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to thank the Practice Manager for updating Council on the merger with Armthorpe, plus proposals to improve the building, and wish the Practice every success for the future.

14. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

- a) **Traffic Survey** - DMBC will undertake a pedestrian/traffic survey on 19th September near the Lidgett Crossroads.
- b) **Bollards at Fir Tree Avenue** - A resident has informed the Clerk that 3 collapsible bollards have been installed across the highway at Fir Tree Avenue at the end nearest to Willow Crescent. DMBC's Highway Officer advises that Fir Tree Avenue is private, does not form part of the "Adopted Public Highway" and maintenance and upkeep of the area does not fall within the remit of the Highway Authority. The question of whether a resident's Deeds ensure that the road is kept open would be for the individual to take up privately as a civil matter, not the local Highway Authority. It was agreed to write and advise the concerned resident to contact Peel.
- c) **Blocked Drain, Hurst Lane** - DMBC to be informed that water is ponding opposite the Hayfield School near the bus shelter and it would appear that the nearby gully is blocked.
- d) **Spraying of Vegetation** - DMBC Grounds Maintenance to be asked to spray vegetation growing on footpaths and in gutters throughout the village.

15. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Removal of Grafitti - Members discussed what would be the most practical method of removing grafitti that had been carved into the concrete fronting the pavilion when the concrete was still wet. Mr. Warrender kindly offered to make enquiries.
- b) Drains Blocked Following Show - Council was informed that shortly after the Auckley Show, residents of Torne View found their communal drain was blocked and had to call out Severn Trent to investigate. This is the second year they have experienced drainage problems after this event, and wonder whether paper towels or disposable nappies may have possibly been flushed down the toilet. **RESOLVED** - It was agreed to report this matter to the Chairman of the Show Committee.
- c) Bag for Rubbish in Copse - The Parish Handyman to be asked to provide a black plastic bag in the copse for rubbish.
- d) Christmas Carols - The Armthorpe Elmfield Band is free to play on Tuesday, 12th December, and this is an acceptable night for the carol singing to be held in the car park of the Eagle and Child. **RESOLVED** - The 12th December was approved.
- e) Northern Powergrid Operations - The Clerk reported that Northern Powergrid has applied to replace an electricity pole on the Riverside Park and also reduce the height of a number of trees which have branches almost reaching power lines. The Clerk has specified this work must not be done during the school holidays.
- f) Rubbish Outside Pavilion - It was reported there was a number of items left outside the pavilion. The Clerk will arrange for these to be removed.

16. **To Decide Suitable Items To Print in Newsletter**

It was agreed to publish the following items: Information regarding 2 planning applications that are due to be submitted shortly, i.e. Expansion of Yorkshire Wildlife Park with access on Hurst Lane, Auckley Outline planning permission to build 82 dwellings on land at Common Lane. CAA Consultation. Traffic Survey to be undertaken at Lidgett Crossroads, 19th September. Problems of blocked drains.

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

It was agreed to submit the items to be featured in the newsletter.

18. **To Receive Reports From Members who Have Attended Meetings/Seminars**

- a) Public Rights of Way Meeting - Mr. Warrender reported Public Footpath No 3 is to be Wayleaved. Public Footpath No. 7 to the rear of the Charity Land is overgrown and needs some attention, but DMBC staff have been seen there recently, and could possibly have been spraying the vegetation.
- b) IGas Meeting at Misson - Mrs. Worthington reported that if drilling is approved, the traffic route from the rocket site for HGV's would be through Blaxton and North through Hatfield Woodhouse. Railway crossings at Misson and Finningley would be closed. A noise survey will be carried out and acoustic screening provided.
- c) Airport Meeting - CAA Questionnaire. A Member of Blaxton Parish Council has raised objections to the suggestion that the Airport Community Fund should go to a wider area, rather than be used for the local Parishes. Anterov 737 planes are transporting freight.
- d) Parish Centre - Mr. Warrender reported it had come to the committee's notice that the land on which the Church and Parish Centre stands was given to the village in 1887, originally for a school.
- e) SLCC Seminar - The Clerk reported on a very interesting seminar which included items on the use of social media, business rates, byelaws for drones, etc.

19. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 17/01813/FUL - Erection of a single storey commercial unit (B1 use class) Land Opposite Hayfield Lane Primary School, Hayfield Lane, Auckley  
Council had concerns that the building is close to existing dwellings at Willow Crescent and will affect the amenity of residents. The proposed use of the building is not specified which means there is the possibility of it being used as a coffee shop/takeaway and cause disturbance to residents, particularly at night. Traffic problems already exist in and around this location, and an additional building will exacerbate the situation.
- b) No. 17/02028/FUL - Extension of existing bungalow to front and rear of property. Replacement of the existing roof to form a duo pitch roof with raised ridge to accommodate attic space within roof  
Council had no objections/comments in respect of this application. DMBC was informed in August.

19. **Planning Applications (continued)**

Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the following applications:

- c) No. 17/02203/FUL - Erection of two storey side extension  
6 Larch Square, Auckley, Doncaster
- d) No. 17/02174/FUL - Erection of extensions to the principle elevation at first and ground floor level - 118 Common Lane, Auckley, Doncaster
- e) No. 17/02113/FUL - Erection of single storey 'Granny Flat' annex with basement garage and single storey swimming pool complex - Bozeman Lodge, Hurst Lane, Auckley, Doncaster
- f) 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

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

Planning permission has been granted for the following applications:

- a) No. 17/01491/FUL - Erection of single storey side and rear extension, plus erection of porch to front elevation of a semi-detached dwelling house  
4 Ash Grove, Auckley, Doncaster
- b) No. 17/02028/FUL - Extension of existing bungalow to front and rear of property. Replacement of the existing roof to form a due pitch roof with raised ridge to accommodate attic space in roof  
3 School Lane, Auckley, Doncaster

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

BACS no. 42	Yorkshire Water	Allotments water rates	£76.44
BACS no. 43	Elliott Group	Hire of disabled toilet	£162.00
BACS no. 44	SLCC	Seminar	£82.80
BACS no. 45	LMN Contracts	Construct new village sign	£1,440.00
BACS no. 46	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£458.04
BACS no. 47	Arrow Publications	Print items in newsletter	£114.00
BACS no. 48	HMRC	Employee's tax	£25.80
BACS no. 49	Staff charges		£309.40
BACS no. 50	RJ Electrical	Pavilion electrical inspection	£72.00
BACS no. 51	Parish Centre	Hire for meeting in August	£16.50
BACS no. 52	N Power	Pavilion electricity charges	£60.88
BACS no. 53	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£289.69
BACS no. 54	Parish Centre	September Council meeting	£24.75
BACS no. 55	Arrow Publications	Items printed in newsletter	£66.00
BACS no. 56	DMBC	Emptying dog waste bins	£389.99

22. **To Receive Correspondence**

NALC's Chief Executive Bulletins

YLCA - South Yorkshire Branch Meeting 4th October, September White Rose Update

Training sessions.

DMBC - Free 3 hour post test driving course, Thorne Bereavement Group, Public Space Protection Order in Relation to Dogs, Community -Led Support Information, Activities at Holmescar Centre, October events at the Mansion House, Sleep Clinics

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

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

Chairperson .....

Dated .....