

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**  
**AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE**

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. Featherstone (Vice Chairman) Mr. I. Butterfield, Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mr. G. Payne, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender  
Two members of the Public  
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**Public Participation**

Two residents of Sandhill Rise asked if it would be possible for Council to trim back bushes on Riverside Park which are growing to the rear and side of their property at Sandhill Rise and blocking light.

**RESOLVED** Council agreed to inspect and carry out any necessary trimming back of vegetation .

Mention was made of the River Torne where vegetation needs cutting back, the water is slow-moving, and complaints have been received regarding an unpleasant smell and an increase in the number of mosquitoes. The Environment Agency is to be contacted regarding these problems.

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence**

None received.

2. **To Receive Declarations of Interest and Any Amendments**

Cllr. Warrender declared an interest in Item no. 17a), Cllr. Featherstone Item No. 9

3. **To Determine Exclusion of Public and Press**

An item of correspondence regarding procedures to be taken in the event of the death of a prominent figure.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meetings Held on 10th and 31st July 2019**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

5. **To Receive Report From District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers**

Apologies received from Community Safety Officer S. Racjan and Ward Councillors Steve and Jane Cox.

6. **To Receive Police Report and Latest Crime Statistics**

Police and Crime Commissioner's Report.

Crime Report for July - 29 incidents occurring in Auckley reported to the Police.

7. **Matters Arising from the July Minutes**

a) **Renovation of Blaxton War Memorial** - A report received from the Blaxton Clerk of the ongoing work.

b) **Blocked Gully, Hurst Lane** - A reminder to be sent as water is still ponding around the gully.

c) **Dog Fouling, Riverside Park and Main Street** - A reminder to be sent to the Enforcement Officer.

d) **Concrete Blocks Blocking Old Bawtry Road** - It was reported that efforts are being made by several organisations for the blocks to be removed.

e) **Trees Overhanging Footways**

i) Trees on Hayfield Lane recreation ground - Peel will trim back and repair broken fencing.

ii) Hedge to rear of Common Lane/Rossmoor Close, St Leger Homes is responsible and has been informed.

f) **Banners Displayed at Hurst Lane/Hayfield Lane Junction** - Enforcement Officer acknowledges Council's message, but it may be some time before this matter is addressed, due to back log of work.

g) **Cars For Sale at Gatehouse Lane** - These have now been removed.

h) **Basketball Nets** - New metal nets have been fitted.

i) **Horse Riders on Riverside Park** - A resident writes that she has occasionally exercised her horse on the recreation ground, but not near the children's play equipment. Members to monitor.

j) **Public Footpath No. 7** - It was reported that contractors working for Barratt Homes have erected fencing to separate the footpath from the adjacent Charity Land. The Clerk has written to ask for the stile to be re-located to the front of the footway on Hurst Lane. .

k) **Nisa Store** - Pending.

l) **Co-operative Car Park** - The agent of the insurance company owning the car park has replied that planning permission was granted on the basis of the scheme and there was no obligation on the owner to make alterations to the premises. No complaint has been received from either of the tenants, and neither is there any responsibility on the part of his clients for difficulties experienced at busy times.

A copy of the letter to be sent to Planning and Co-operative Headquarters.

m) **Yorkshire Wildlife Park Christmas Functions** - DMBC Licensing Dept. advises that Christmas activities do not require the same licence as the outdoor evening events. The Christmas indoor events can carry on until 2.00 a.m., a maximum of 500 people allowed, and alcohol is permitted.

n) **Concrete Stones on Main Street Highway Verge** -DMBC Highways Officer has contacted the householder of the property concerned.

8. **To Approve Quarterly Internal Audit and Amended Budget Information**

Council approved the quarterly internal audit and the amended budget information.

9. **To Consider Application from Auckley School Council for Financial Assistance**  
The children from the Auckley School Council have written to advise that they are planning to provide a "Lunchtime Lounge" which will be used by pupils as a quiet space for reading and calming activities, and could also be used as an extra learning area. They wonder whether the Parish Council would consider making a donation towards the project. Cllr Featherstone will speak with the Head Teacher and obtain further details.
10. **To Report Construction of Plinths, Approve Amended Cost of Planters and Consider Quote for Compost**  
The Clerk reported that the concrete plinths have now been installed and, following advice from DMBC, it was agreed to cancel the order for metal anchoring devices because of possible damage to the water containers. Council approved the amended invoice for the planters minus anchoring devices in the sum of £3,490.84 + VAT. Pleveys quotes the sum of £150 + VAT to supply and deliver 30 x 75L multi-purpose compost. Walkers Nurseries quotes sum of £138 + VAT to supply 32 x 75 litre bags of mixed purpose container compost.  
**RESOLVED** - Council agreed to accept Walkers' quotation.  
Discussion took place regarding the logistics of organising the delivery of the planters and filling with compost, Cllr Butterfield offered to speak with Walkers re. possible delivery of planters to the nursery where they can be filled with compost and bulbs, and then transported to Auckley. Council agreed to his offer.
11. **To Report Meeting with DMBC's Engineer Regarding Electricity Supply to Christmas Trees**  
The Clerk had earlier met with DMBC's Electrical Engineer to show him the 2 existing sites and a possible new area at Larch Avenue. Subsequent to this, a quotation was provided in the sum of £9,988.66 to install electricity posts, plus all ducting, infrastructure, plant hire and commissioning.  
**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Cllr Staniforth proposed that Council goes ahead with the project, in principle, but requests a further meeting with the engineer to obtain more clarification on this matter. Cllr. Payne seconded the proposal.
12. **To Discuss Possibility of Meetings Being Held at The Hayfield School**  
The area suggested in the school is the dining area which is separate from the main building, however, there could be a risk of vandalism because no staff would be present to monitor members of the public when they enter the building while the meetings are in session. Members to consider other options, and this matter to be mentioned in the next newsletter.
13. **To Discuss Progress of Hayfield Lane Recreation Ground and Possibility of Adding a Youth Shelter**  
It was reported that the ground has been cleared and hardcore put down, but no construction has taken place as yet. The Clerk to write to the Development Manager to ask for an update and enquire whether the contractors would be able to:  
a) Store the seat if it is ordered now  
b) Construct a concrete base for a youth shelter  
It was agreed that Council would consider what notices are required at the October meeting, e.g. hours of opening, whether dogs are permitted or not, etc. The name agreed for the ground is 'Hayfield Park'.
14. **To Report Progress on Road Works at Hurst Lane**  
It was reported that the full opening of the road, due in time for the opening of the schools, had been delayed and was currently limited to one lane open on the stretch of road from the sand quarry to the railway bridge. The road will be closed for night time working Monday - Friday on weeks commencing 23rd September and 30th September, or until the work is completed.  
The stripes for the pedestrian crossing have been painted, but the Belisha Beacons have not yet been installed. Part of the footway near the bridge has been excavated and pedestrians are having to walk on uneven hardcore. DMBC highways to be informed of this matter.
15. **To Decide Suitable Items for the October Newsletter**  
Items to include:  
a) Auckley Show Committee to be thanked for providing another successful Show on 17th August.  
b) An update on road works being undertaken at Hurst Lane  
c) Council's attempts to find a suitable venue to hold meetings in the Hurst/Hayfield Lane area  
d) Progress being made on Hayfield Lane recreation ground
16. **To Discuss Proposed Removal of BT Telephone Kiosk at Cypress Avenue**  
BT proposes to remove a number of telephone kiosks in the Borough which are no longer viable, including the one at Cypress Avenue.  
**RESOLVED** - Following discussion, Council agreed that it did not wish to retain the kiosk at Cypress Avenue.
17. **To Discuss Highway Matters**  
a) **Flooding** - Residents living in a property at The Green have written to express their concerns that they have again been affected with flooding after heavy rain - this has been occurring on a regular basis since 2004.  
**RESOLVED** - It was agreed to write to DMBC Drainage Officer, Caroline Flint and Ward Members to ask for urgent action to be taken.

17. **To Discuss Highway Matters (continued)**

- b) Nottinghamshire's Local Minerals Plan - The Clerk to write to Cllr Johnson to ask when the proposed combined meeting of Local Councils will be held.
- c) Village Green - The Clerk to contact DMBC regarding Cadent Gas leaving signs and equipment on the village green which could affect the grass.
- d) Query re. New Development - Council to ask DMBC whether they have any idea when construction will be completed and the roads adopted.
- e) Overflowing Litter/Dog Waste Bins - Complaints received from residents regarding full bins at:
  - i) The bin outside the Spar is often overflowing by the weekend. Council's suggestion would be to move the bin on the wide grassed verge adjacent to the car park which is rarely used and re-locate it on to the concrete plinth where the paper bank previously stood.
  - ii) The bin on the village green opposite the Auckley Fish Shop is always full by the weekend, and DMBC is be asked whether a larger receptacle could be provided at this location.

18. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**

- a) Christmas Carol Singing - Members of The Armthorpe Elmfield Band will accompany the carol singing on Tuesday, 10th December at 7.00 p.m. in the Eagle and Child car park.
- b) Trimming Back Trees - The trees to be inspected and arrangements made to trim back after the leaves have fallen.

19. **To Report Update on Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Council was informed that there had been a good response from the public during the Auckley Show. The group is awaiting a report from ACOM which is assessing all the sites highlighted by the group.

20. **To Discuss Matters Associated with the Parish Web Site**

There were no matters of note.

21. **Consultation on Doncaster Local Plan**

Council had responded to an Informal Consultation on Draft Policies in October 2018 and made a large number of comments.

Comments for the 2019 Consultation are:

There is a need to protect the environment. Council supports proposals for any necessary schools and highways, and trusts that the basic formula for the Doncaster Airport, to determine the number of houses over the development phase will be adhered to.

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

- a) CAP Meeting, 9th September - Cllr Payne attended the meeting where attendees were informed that there has been a reduction in anti-social behaviour in the local area.
- b) Yorkshire Wildlife Park Meeting, 18th July - Cllr Featherstone reported this was mainly an update on the previous extraordinary meeting, but information was given on the proposed closure of Hurst Lane and the construction of a pedestrian crossing. Access/egress to the Wildlife Park new road will be operated as a one-way system.
- c) Play Seminar, 25th July - Cllr Payne reported the seminar included information on insurance/maintenance of play equipment and preserving open spaces.
- d) Public Rights of Way Meeting, 1st August - Cllr Warrender reported that the stile leading from Hurst Lane to public footpath No. 7 is in the wrong place. The public footpath to the rear of Poplars Farm is overgrown and needs to be trimmed back. Peel to be contacted.
- e) Letter from Show Committee - The letter thanks the Parish Council for its generous donation and use of Riverside Park in which to hold the Show.
- f) Student's Questionnaire Relating to Auckley - Members are invited to reply to the questionnaire.

23. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 19/00481/FUL - Change of use and re-configuration of retail units to 1 x Office (A2), 1 x Taxi Office (sue generis), 1 x Beauty Salon (sue generis), 1 x Retail (A1), flexible space for Restaurant/Bar/Takeaway (A3/A4), retention of Nail Bar (sue generis)  
AMENDED TO PROVIDE NEW PARKING PLAN AND REMOVE AS USE FROM DEVELOPMENT  
Concerns expressed concerns regarding inadequate parking provision, plus possible cooking odours from the kitchen and noise nuisance from extractor fans on rear wall. Concern for possible loss of grassed verge.  
Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the following applications:
- b) No.19/01968/ADV - Display of free-standing sign (retrospective)  
Unit 2, Phantom Court, Hayfield Lane, Auckley
- c) No. 19/02109/FUL - Erection of single storey rear extension and first floor side extension  
60 Spey Drive, Auckley
- d) No. 19/02014/COU - Change of use from B1 to A2 - New Unit, Car Park, Hayfield Lane, Auckley

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

**Planning Permission Refused**

No. 17/02278/OUTM - Application for Outline 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

In the opinion of the local planning authority, the proposal represents inappropriate development within the Countryside Policy Area and, by virtue of its scale and siting, would be harmful to the intrinsic character of the countryside in this location. In addition, by virtue of the proposed access design, the development would result in an unacceptable impact on highway safety.

**Planning Permission Granted to the Following Applications:**

- a) No. 18/01630/FUL - Two storey side and rear extension - 3 Birch Avenue, Auckley  
(With a condition that first floor side elevation window to bathroom shall be permanently obscured and fixed shut)
- b) No. 18/01684/FULM - Section 73 Application to vary Condition 2 (approved plans & documents) of Planning Permission 14/02726/FULM - amendments to site plan, building size, elevations & access Orchard Farm, Hurst Lane, Auckley
- c) No. 19/01162/FUL - Erection of extension to existing garage - Stonehaven, Gatehouse Lane, Auckley
- d) No. 19/01567/FUL - Proposed side garage and roof extension, new dormer roof windows and roof lights and erection of rear single storey garden room extension - 6 Ellers Lane, Auckley  
(With a condition that the first floor side bedroom window shall be permanently obscured)

25. **To Authorise Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**

BACS no. 45	N Power	Christmas lights (Oak Tree Ave)	£60.03
BACS no. 46	Arrow Publications	Items for newsletter	£66.00
BACS no. 47	Handyman	Work in Parish	£236.79
BACS no. 48	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£204.86
BACS no. 49	Parish Centre	Parish Council meeting	£8.25
BACS no. 50	HMRC	Employee's Tax	£59.00
BACS no. 51	Lakeview Events	Hire mini Marquee for Show	£160.00
BACS no. 52	Armthorpe Elm. Band	Accompany carols 2018	£250.00
BACS no. 53	DMBC	Supply & fit basketball nets	£186.00
BACS no. 54	RJ Electrical	Pavilion electrical check	£72.00
BACS no. 55	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£478.46
BACS no. 56	Parish Centre	Sept ember Council meeting	24.75
BACS no. 57	N Power	Pavilion electricity Feb. - June	£18.55
BACS no. 58	N Power	Pavilion electricity June - August	£55.50
BACS no. 59	Clerk to Council	Quarterly salary & expenses	£2,561.26
BACS no. 60	HMRC	Employee's Tax	£219.22
BACS no. 61	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase stationery	£18.33

**Banking Transactions - Neighbourhood Plan Grant**

BACS no. N26	Parish Centre	Neighbourhood meeting in August	£12.35
BACS no. N27	Parish Centre	Neighbourhood meeting in September	£12.35

26. **To Receive Correspondence**

NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletins

YLCA - Launch of Webinar Training; White Rose Update for September; SY Branch Meeting 9th October at Wadworth

SYPTTE - Bus Transport trial 'Cap & Tap' Payment

Co-operative Local Forum 25th September

**To Determine Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 9th October 2019, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Parish Centre.

Chairman .....

Date .....