

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.
AT THE AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. I. Butterfield, Mr. I. Swainston, Mr. G. Warrender
Two members of the Public
In attendance Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

1. **To Receive Presentation Regarding Broadband Reception in Local Area**
A representative of Superfast South Yorkshire Broadband attended, and advised that the organisation is partner with DMBC and Openreach to provide fibre broadband infrastructure for residents and businesses in South Yorkshire. There are a large number of properties in the Auckley area with very poor broadband, and an Auckley resident had recently contacted him regarding this problem and been advised that his and nearby affected streets could be eligible for broadband funding with rural broadband vouchers being available. The affected resident is to contact his neighbours to see if they will join the scheme, and a result is awaited.
RESOLVED – Council agreed to report the scheme on the parish web and in the November Arrow.
2. **To Receive Apologies for Absence**
Received and accepted from Mr. S. Featherstone, Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts, Mr. G. Payne, Ms. J. Staniforth
3. **To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendment**
Cllr Warrender declared an interest in Item No. 12.
4. **To Determine Exclusion of Public and Press**
Item No. 10 regarding staff wages would have been an item for exclusion, but no members of the press or public were in attendance.
5. **To Approve Minutes of the Previous Virtual Meeting Held on 11th September 2020**
The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.
6. **To Receive Report From District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers**
No Ward Members or DMBC Officers attended the meeting.
7. **To Receive Police Report and Latest Crime Statistics**
Police Central District – A Police Report advises that several bikers attempting to ride around the Hurst Quarry were recently turned away from this location.
Crime Report for July - 22 incidents occurring in Auckley during July were reported to the Police.
8. **Matters Arising from the July Minutes**
 - a) **Overspill Car Park** – DMBC’s Enforcement Officer advises that he has written to the commercial unit and informed them of the allocated parking spaces provided for staff and clients, if they were not aware of this prior to occupation. He has also included the Parking Strategy Document, to avoid confusion, and requested removal of the sign.
 - b) **Damaged Zip Wire** – DMBC’s Playground Inspector reports that he has been on holiday and therefore has only just contacted the manufacturer to find out whether the new cable has been delivered and, if not, when it will be available for fitting.
 - c) **Nisa Store** – Pending.
 - d) **Computer Hard Drive** – The engineer has checked and confirms that the computer hard drive is updated automatically each day. He will wipe clean the hard drive on the old computer.
 - e) **Small Business Grant** – The grant in the sum of £10,000 has been deposited in Council’s bank.
9. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Hayfield Park**
Council awaits a response from Peel’s Development Manager, following correspondence regarding the park.
Grounds Maintenance – Council’s current grounds maintenance manager to be asked to provide a quotation to undertake maintenance of the area, including the dyke and trees fronting the ground.
Dog Signs - DMBC’s Officer dealing with dog issues has issued the Clerk with some stick-on posters which can be attached to the MUGA and posts, once the park is opened.
Lights for MUGA – Members agreed that the lights should be set to turn off at 9.30 p.m. each evening.
Investment of Grant – The Clerk is making enquiries.
10. **To Consider NALC’s Recommendations for Annual Increase in Employees’ Remuneration**
RESOLVED – It was agreed to increase the wages of the Clerk and Handyman as per the recommendation of NALC, the increase to be backdated to 1st April 2020.
Council further agreed:
The Handyman’s pay scale should move from SCP 3 to SCP 4 in 2021
The Clerk’s pay scale should move from SCP 23 to SCP 24 in 2021

11. **To Discuss Use of Football Facilities Including Decision Regarding Fees**
Football Fees for the current season were discussed. Cllr Warrender proposed that, in order for Council to make a decision, the club is asked to provide an income and expenditure account for the previous year, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Swainston and agreed. To be discussed at the October meeting.
The Team Manger to be asked how many more home games are scheduled to be played during the remainder of the season and what new proposals have been made as a result of the current Covid-19 restrictions.
12. **To Discuss Progress of the Web Site Update**
Members have had an opportunity to view the updated site, and it was agreed that members' email addresses should be featured on the web site, but not their telephone numbers.
The page relating to the Parish Centre is to be retained because it provides valuable information on the various activities being held in the village and also includes contact numbers. However, the booking form is to be removed because the Parish Centre's Booking Clerk deals with this issue.
13. **To Consider Providing a Poppy Wreath and Donation to The Royal British Legion**
Council agreed to give a donation in the sum of £120 to the Royal British Legion. This will provide for the provision of a poppy wreath, with the remainder going to Legion funds.
14. **To Consider Resident's Request for Provision of Picnic Tables/Benches at Riverside Park**
A resident has written to report that, apart from the WW1 commemorative seat there are no other seats near the play equipment where parents can sit and watch their children or have a picnic.
RESOLVED – It was agreed that Councillors would carry out a site meeting and decide where would be the most suitable locations to site picnic tables, given that some areas are prone to flooding.
15. **To Discuss Highway Matters**
A resident of Lidgett Gardens has written to ask if Council could contact DMBC Highways regarding persistent flooding on the B1396 alongside his property. Council agreed to write.
16. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**
a) **Removal of Logs From Riverside Park** – A reminder to be sent to the contractor.
b) **Leaning Tree at Riverside Park** – The Tree Surgeon has examined an oak tree in the park which is leaning over a resident's fence. He reports that the tree is stable at the moment, but he needs to view the part of the tree which is in the resident's garden before he can give a price for its removal.
The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the resident.
c) **Overhanging Conifer Hedge, Childers Drive** – The Clerk to write to DMBC regarding the hedge which requires cutting back.
d) **Public Footpaths** - The following problems were reported and will be forwarded to DMBC's Footpaths Officer for attention:
i) **Public Footpath No. 6** - The stile giving access to the footpath is situated at Hurst Lane on the sharp bend opposite Bozeman Lodge. When walkers climb onto the stile they discover there is a considerable drop to reach the ground on the other side.
ii) **Public Footpath No. 7** –Part of the footpath runs along 2 sides of the Charity Land and is very overgrown, making access difficult for walkers.
iii) **Public Footpath No 3** – The footpath leads from Bell Butts Lane to the Hayfield Lakes. There is a a stile close to the Hayfield Centre with some barbed wire fencing in close proximity. This could be a hazard if walkers accidently put their hands onto the fence when climbing over the stile.
e) **Rubbish Left Beside Litter Bin** –Council was informed that a resident has been seen regularly placing a black bag of rubbish on the floor behind the litter bin, situated outside the Spar Supermarket.
DMBC is to be informed of this matter.
17. **To Decide Suitable Items for the October Newsletter**
Items to consist of:
Information on recent meetings, both virtual and face to face, plus information on where to find details of dates and times of meetings.
Council's decision to give a donation to the Royal British Legion for provision of a poppy wreath, with the remaining amount going to Legion funds.
The current situation relating to the new play park at Hayfield Lane
Council is looking to provide some picnic tables/benches at Riverside Park.
18. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Neighbourhood Plan**
It was reported that unfortunately no meetings are currently scheduled, due to the Covid-19 restrictions.
19. **To Receive Report on Damage to BT Telephone Kiosk**
The clerk reported that one large window and 2 small windows have been smashed and require attention.
It was agreed to ask a local resident whether he could repair the windows with Perspex or a similar material.

20. **To Consider Planning Applications**
No planning applications were received during the previous month.
21. **To Report Decisions Made by DMBC's Planning Committee:**
The following planning application was approved:
No. 20/01801/FUL – Erection of ground floor rear extension and 2 storey side and rear extension, following demolition of existing rear extension (being resubmission of 20/00346/FUL granted on 01/04/2020
9 Ravenswood Drive, Auckley, Doncaster
22. **To Authorise Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**
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| BACS no. 45 | Handyman's wages | Duties in Parish | £236.59 |
| BACS no. 46 | HMRC | Employee's tax | £59.20 |
| BACS no. 47 | Glendale | Grounds maintenance | £492.81 |
| BACS no. 48 | YLCA | Clerk attending webinar | £15.00 |
| BACS no. 49 | Clerk's payments | Quarterly salary/expenses | £2,666.04 |
| BACS no. 50 | HMRC | Employee's tax, N.I. | £271.43 |
23. **To Receive Correspondence**
Govt. UK Covid-19 Reports
NALC Chief Executive's Updates
White Rose Updates
Police Central District Reports
Electronic Training Programmes September/October
24. **To Confirm Date of Next Meeting**
To be agreed later when more information is received regarding the situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic._

Chairperson

Date