

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillors: J. Worthington (Chairperson), S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), D. Fiddler, G. Payne, S. Platts, J. Staniforth, I. Swainston, G. Warrender

In attendance: Ward Councillors S. Cox, J. Cox and A. Jones, DMBC Officer D. Flicker, One member of the public, M. Caygill (Clerk to the Council)

Public Participation

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding the increasing number of crimes being committed in the Parish, and felt that resources appear go to other areas rather than Auckley. She suggested that possibly cameras positioned at strategic points in the Parish might help reduce crime. It was agreed to discuss this matter later in the meeting.

1. **To Receive Apologies** – None received.
2. **To Receive Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments** - None received.
3. **To Determine Exclusion of Public and Press**
There were no matters determined as being in need of exclusion.
4. **To Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 11th November 2020**
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **To Approve Minutes of the Council's Extraordinary Meeting Held on 21st November 2020**
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
6. **To Receive Report from District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers**
Cllr Cox reported that some underground problems have delayed the workings at the Mosham Road/Hurst Lane Junction and there is no definite date for completion of the scheme, this could possibly be the 20th December
A massive road works project at Branton has now been finished on time and kept tidy throughout the operation.
7. **Matters Arising From the November Meeting**
 - a) **Nisa Store** – The Clerk reported that wooden fencing has now been installed to the rear of the building.
 - b) **Debris from Main Street Trees** – DMBC to be informed that the road has not yet been swept since this matter was reported.
 - c) **Parking of Vehicles on Hayfield Lane Verge** – DMBC Highways Officer has referred this matter to the Parking Regulator. _
 - d) **Christmas Lights** – It was reported that 2 of the trees on the village green are currently not lit. The Clerk to contact the firm which installed the lights. The Chairman of the Mulberry Park Committee has written to thank Council for providing the splendid Christmas tree festooned With lights situated at Oak Tree Avenue.
 - e) **Football Activities** – The Manager of the Auckley Football Team reports that the team will resume training now that the lockdown has been lifted, and he will be clearing equipment and rubbish from the pavilion.
 - f) **Additional HGV's Travelling Through Auckley** – This matter was discussed at the recent Transport and Quarries meeting. Cllr Cox will send the minutes of the meeting.
 - g) **Hurst Lane Railway Bridge** – Network Rail advises that the bridge was last numerically assessed in 2000, demonstrating that the bridge is strong with a capacity for 40T heavy goods vehicles (in two lanes) and 35HB abnormal loads. In accordance with current standards, N Rail no longer carries out routine numerical assessments every 18 years for arch structures. The bridge continues to have routine yearly visual inspections and 12 yearly detailed inspections.
8. **To Consider Resident's Suggestion to Provide Christmas Fare for Senior Citizens**
An Auckley resident writes to advise that she is willing, along with helpers, to dress in Christmas costume and deliver sweets/biscuits to senior citizens living in the Parish.
RESOLVED – Following discussion, Cllr Featherstone proposed that a donation in the sum of £200 be given towards this activity, the proposal was seconded by Cllr Swainston, and the motion carried.

9. **To Consider Resident's Suggestion For Council to Fund Installation of Two Cameras at Auckley**

The resident has expressed concerns that the crime rate in Auckley for the year ending June 2020 was higher than average for the South Yorkshire force area, and suggests that two 'Domehawk' cameras installed in the Parish would reduce the fear of crime for residents, provide immediate data on vehicle movements after a crime event, and assist the Police with identification, detection, apprehension and prosecution of offenders by examining and using retrievable evidence relating to crime & public order. DMBC Officer D. Flicker advises that each camera will cost approx. £5,000 and she will obtain further information regarding maintenance and the possibility of some funds – one way would be to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Group. The cameras are multi-directional and should be installed at a fixed location. DMBC will come back with a quotation and locations to be decided later after a survey of the area has been carried out. Residents should be made aware of the scheme with a report in the Arrow and on the Parish web site.

RESOLVED – Following discussion, Cllr Featherstone proposed that Council funds the cost of two cameras, this was seconded by Cllr Warrender, and the motion was carried.

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

The External Auditor notes that the sum of £7,000 for the installation of new electricity posts and timers has not been recorded in the Council's Asset Register. Otherwise, there is nothing to report.

RESOLVED – Council accepted the report.

11. **To Discuss Issues Relating to the New Hayfield Park**

Cllr Platts expressed her disappointment that there is still an impasse between Peel and the Council regarding the future of the land adjacent to the footway at Hayfield Lane, but if Council wishes to accept something that is not in the contract it must be carefully documented and specifically there should be an amendment to continue and to plan decisions. She would expect that there will be a variation to the S106 Agreement.

Cllr Swainston agreed that Council needs a clear statement from Peel.

Cllr S. Cox reported there has already been some variations, and not all the land has been used for recreation – some is now to be built on, but a compromise was reached.

Cllr J. Cox offered to speak to Peel representatives and invite them to attend an extraordinary meeting in an attempt to finally settle the matter.

This suggestion was agreed and it was decided that Cllrs Platts, Featherstone and Swainston should speak on behalf of Council at the meeting.

12. **To Consider Making a Donation to the Thorne Rural Lions**

The Thorne Rural Lions visit Auckley every December before Christmas with Santa on a decorated sleigh and carols playing. Unfortunately, this year the Lions will not be visiting, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, however, the Lions will continue to carry out charitable acts throughout the year.

RESOLVED - Cllr Warrender proposed that a donation in the sum of £100 should be given, this was seconded by Cllr Platts, and the motion was carried.

13. **To Consider Making a Donation to the 'Firefly' Charity**

Council discussed making a donation to 'Firefly Cancer Awareness Foundation', which is a voluntary organisation that transports patients to Weston Park Hospital for treatment, and is entirely supported by contributions from members of the public.

RESOLVED – Cllr Platts proposed that a donation in the sum of £100 be given, this was seconded by Cllr Featherstone, and the motion was carried.

14. **To Consider Quotations for Work on Sports Pavilion**

a) Quotation to Repair Roof - One quotation received to undertake repairs to roof. It was agreed to wait until the January meeting.

b) Quotation to Provide Electricity Supply to Defibrillator – JR Electric quotes the sum of £386 + VAT to undertake the work.

RESOLVED – Cllr Featherstone proposed that Council accept the quote, this was seconded by Cllr Warrender, and the motion was carried.

15. **To Consider Provision of Picnic Tables/Benches and Children's Balancing Equipment**
a) Picnic Tables/Benches - Members to study on-line brochures of picnic tables/benches for installation at Riverside Park and decide which model they consider to be suitable at the January meeting. Concrete plinths will be required before the picnic furniture can be purchased.
b) Children's Balancing Equipment – A suggestion was made to initially provide a rope bridge and stepping pods. The Clerk to re-send the plans to members showing several metal items, and these will be discussed at the January meeting.
16. **To Discuss Letter From College Regarding Possible Volunteering Work for Students**
A Business Lecturer at the Auckley College has written to ask if Council could suggest any volunteering work for students to undertake after Christmas. Members were unsure of suggesting anything at the present time because of the pandemic restrictions, but possibly in the new year, when conditions become normal, there could be some litter picking required.
17. **To Discuss Highway Matters**
A resident of Lidgett Gardens reports that Severn Trent proposes to pump sewage flows from Finningley to Branton via a pipe through Auckley. He has learnt that the pipe will go through his garden, and would prefer it running underneath the highway verge outside his property. The Clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent regarding this matter.
18. **To Discuss Recreation Matters**
There were no matters brought to the attention of Council.
19. **To Receive Police Report and Crime Figures**
Crime Figures for October - The number of crimes occurring in Auckley and reported to the Police during October was 26
Council was informed that earlier that week Police had arrested several offenders who were involved in stealing cars from Auckley. Concerns were expressed that a Police presence is rarely seen in Auckley, and it was agreed to make enquiries with the local PCSO.
20. **To Discuss Matters Associated With Parish Web Site**
It was reported that the October and November minutes were not on the web site. The Clerk apologised that the October minutes had not been made available to the Web Master, but the November minutes would not be sent until they had been approved at the current meeting.
21. **To Receive An Update on the Neighbourhood Plan Group**
Cllr Swainston reported that the licence for the Neighbourhood web site needs to be renewed at a cost of in £180, and this was approved. Hopefully matters will gradually return to normal. It was agreed to email and send good wishes to the Chair of the group who has recently been ill.
22. **To Receive Reports on Meetings/Seminars Attended by Council Members**
a) Doncaster Transport Users' Group - Cllr Swainston reported there has been a merger of SCR and SYPTE. As a result of Covid restrictions, buses are only running at 50% capacity. Most bus passengers are wearing masks.
b) Airport Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee – Cllr Swainston reported there is a lack of flights due to the pandemic situation, and it is unlikely that flight traffic levels will return to pre-Covid levels for some time.
Freight levels have dropped slightly now there is little PPE coming through the airport. The airport remains committed to pressing for a rail link in spite of recent news that the development is not being supported by the Government.
Complaints of noise have been received regarding engines being run whilst the aircraft is on the apron. It was explained that this type of plane needs to have 9 – 12 minutes of ground running before flight.
c) CAP Meeting – The report from the meeting has been circulated to members.
d) 'Managing People' Seminar – Cllr Worthington attended
e) Parish Centre – Cllr Warrender reported that the building will not be opened until January. The next Parish Centre Committee Meeting is scheduled for 11th January.

23. To Consider Planning Applications:

- a) No. 20/03009/FUL – Section 73 application to vary or remove conditions 1 (temporary time limit) and 3 (tents only) of Planning Permission 20/01348/FUL to allow a permanent approval Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Brockholes Lane, Branton
Council had no objections to the application, but suggested that a sign is installed and road markings painted to raise awareness that the Wildlife Park entrance crosses a public footpath
- b) No. 20/03042/FUL – Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and erection of front porch and alterations to existing dwelling
1 Avon Court, Auckley, Doncaster.
- c) No. 20/03385/FUL – Erection of rear extension - 12 Maple Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster
Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of applications b) and c)

24. To Report Decisions made by DMBC’s Planning Committee

Planning Permission Granted

- a) No. 20/01413FUL – Relocation of boundary wall to the side and installation of gate
42 Bancroft Drive, Auckley

Reserved Matters Approved

- b) No. 20/01533/REMM – Details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 140 dwellings (being reserved matters for outline application 18/01748/OUTM, granted on 05.02.2020) for erection of up to 140 dwellings
Land West of Hayfield Business Park, Hayfield Lane, Auckley, Doncaster.

25. To Authorise Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques

BACS no. 83	Mat & Mouse	Remote IT Support	£35.00
BACS no. 84	The Fire House	Service fire extinguishers	£24.00
BACS no. 85	YLCA	Webinar session (2 attended)	£30.00
BACS no. 86	PKF Littlejohn	Council’s External Audit	£360.00
BACS no. 87	HMRC	Staff tax	£63.80
BACS no. 88	Handyman’s wages	Duties in the Parish	£254.66
BACS no. 89	JR Electric	Parish electrical inspection	£72.00
BACS no. 90	YLCA	Budget Training Webinar	£30.00
BACS no. 91	Arrow Publication	Items printed in newsletter	£66.00
BACS no. 92	HMRC	Tax and N.I.	£247.43
BACS no. 93	Clerk’s payments	Quarterly salary & allowances	£2,611.03
BACS no. 94	YLCA	Risk Assessment Webinar	£10.00
BACS no. 95	Christmas Plus	Install Christmas lights	£2,439.36
BACS no. 96	Thorne Rural Lions	Donation	£100.00
BACS no. 97	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase cleaning materials	£3.75
BACS no. 98	Mrs. M. Caygill	Purchase stationery	£17.60
BACS no. 99	YLCA	Local Council Powers Webinar	£15.00
BACS no. 100	Mrs. M. Caygill	Zoom Licence for meeting	£14.39

26. To Receive Correspondence

NALC – Election Promotion News

YLCA – White Rose Updates and various training webinars

DMBC – Census information;

POLICE - Police and Crime Commissioner’s Blog; Police Alerts; Police Central Area Reports

27. To Confirm Date of Next Meeting

A virtual meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th January 2021, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Details will be supplied later.

Chairperson

Date

