

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 2020

Present: J. Worthington (Chairperson), S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), D. Fiddler, G. Payne, S. Platts, J. Staniforth, I. Swainston, G. Warrender
In Attendance: Ward Members: J. Cox, S. Cox, A. Jones, Peel Representatives: K. Stow, D. Bailey
Clerk M. Caygill

1. **To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence** – 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 Discuss with Peel Holdings Whether to Accept Changes to the Original Contractual Agreement for the Transfer of the Hayfield Park**

A list of Council's concerns regarding the above land had been sent to two representatives of Peel prior to the meeting. Council reported that the main point of disagreement was the situation regarding the old RAF fence, south of the site and adjacent to the footway at Hayfield Lane, which should have been removed and replaced with the new fencing, in accordance with the contract. The maintenance of the ditch and trees on the land between the old and new fence will be a problem for Council, plus the ground is very uneven.

Peel's Development Manager had earlier proposed a plan for Peel to retain ownership of the land in question, including maintenance of the trees and ditch.

Following discussion, Cllr Featherstone proposed that the old RAF fence remains in situ, subject to maintenance of the trees and ditch being undertaken by Peel, and provision of a new gateway from Hawthorne Road. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Staniforth.

Cllr Payne proposed an amendment that Council adhere to the original agreement to replace the old RAF fence with new fencing. There was no seconder, and the amendment fell.

Voting then took place on the original proposal and this was carried by a majority.

The question of public liability was raised, and Peel’s Development Manager agreed to speak with the Estates Director and ask Legality Department for a revised Plan Agreement, plus an amended drawing for completion. Council was advised that Peel will retain ownership and responsibility for all the land outside of the new boundary fence. In addition, the following will be provided:

- A new pedestrian access from the Hawthorne Road end of the site
- A footpath from the old RAF fence to the new Hawthorn access
- The old concrete posts to be retained in situ and the old link fencing to be repaired/replaced
- Provision of a litter bin close to the new pedestrian access.

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Following this latest information from the Development Manager, Cllr Featherstone made a proposal that Council seeks written confirmation from Peel that it will retain ownership of the land outside the boundary fence and maintain the trees and ditch within the land, provide a new pedestrian access from Hawthorne Road and footpath from the old RAF fencing, plus install a litter bin, retain the concrete posts and repair the chain link fencing. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Warrender, and the motion was carried by a majority.

It was also agreed that two designated members of Council will liaise with Peel to enable the handover of the site to the Parish Council as soon as practicable.

Peel’s Marketing & Corporate Affairs Director kindly offered for signage to be installed at the park and promised the sum of £1,500 towards the opening ceremony in 2021.

Chairman

Date

