

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**

**AT THE AUCKLEY JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL**

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington, Mr. S. Featherstone, Mrs. R. Dobson, Mrs. D. Fiddler, Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Ms. L. Sydney, Mr. G. Warrender  
One Member of the Public, Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**1. Election of Chairman**

Cllr Worthington was proposed, seconded, and unanimously elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

**2. Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

Members of Council signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

**3. Election of Vice Chairman**

Mr. S. Featherstone was proposed, seconded, and unanimously elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

**4. Public Participation**

A resident raised a number of issues as follows:

- a) Persistent Dumping of Rubbish at Common Lane - This is mainly on areas away from dwellings and close to where the road turns right towards the A614. He asked whether the road could be gated, and was informed that DMBC and the Parish Council had investigated this matter some years earlier however, following opposition from a number of residents, it was eventually abandoned. It was agreed to contact the Ward Members and enquire whether DMBC might consider installing a CCTV camera at this location. Council thanked local residents who recently carried out a litter pick on Common Lane and other areas in the Parish.
- b) Parked Vehicles on Highway Verge – Students from the Auckley College are continuing to park cars on the verge at Hayfield Lane alongside the College. Council understands that Hayfield School has offered an area of land where students can park their vehicles.
- c) Stone Wall at Main Street – A stone has fallen out of the boundary wall of a field at Main Street which is part of the Brooke Farm property.

**5. To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence**

No apologies received.

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

Cllr Featherstone declared an interest in item no. 19

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

There were no matters considered to need the exclusion of the public and press.

**8. To Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

**9. To Make Appointments to Outside Bodies**

- a) PCJCC Meetings – Cllr Worthington, Deputy Cllr Staniforth
- b) Airport Noise Monitoring & Environment Meetings – Cllr Swainston, Deputy Cllr Worthington
- c) Auckley Parish Centre Meetings – Cllr Warrender & Cllr Fiddler
- d) Public Rights of Way Meetings – Cllr Warrender
- e) Quarter Internal Audit – Cllr Warrender & Cllr Staniforth
- f) YLCA Branch Meetings – Cllr Staniforth. Any member may attend, but only two can vote.
- g) Charity Trustees – Cllrs Swainston, Platts, Featherstone, Fiddler & Dobson
- h) Yorkshire Wildlife Park Meetings – Cllr Featherstone, Deputy Cllr Dobson
- i) CAP Meetings – Cllr Worthington

- j) Quarry Liaison Meetings – Cllr Staniforth
- k) Doncaster Transport Group – Cllr Swainston

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**10. To Receive Report from District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers**

No one attended the meeting.

**11. Matters Arising from the April Meeting**

- a) Ownership of Land at Eastfield Lane – Awaiting a reply from District Councillor A. Jones.
- b) Water Flooding at First Avenue – It was reported that water had to be pumped from the road after the latest incident of severe flooding at First Avenue. Members expressed concerns that no progress appears to have been made to address this problem, and it was agreed to write to DMBC, Peel and Ward Members for an update.
- c) Recent Meeting to Discuss Possible Installation of Cameras – Cllr Cox reports that the recent meeting he arranged with DMBC Officers, Police and Parish Council Representatives was held in order to take back information to Councils to discuss.  
RESOLVED – It was agreed to write and ask Cllr Cox whether he would consider arranging another meeting in an attempt to move progress.
- d) Enquiry Re Weight Limit for Hurst Lane Railway Bridge – Network Rail advises that, after looking at the structure in question, the assessment that gave the 40T capacity was based upon the condition of the arches, as well as their theoretical capacity. The condition of arches remains substantially unchanged (works were completed in 2021/2020 to maintain the condition of the arch barrels) and therefore it is extremely likely that further assessments would give the same result. The annual inspections provide no indication that the structure has a capacity of less than 40T.
- e) Request for One-Way System at School Lane  
DMBC Highways Officer advises that a one-way system would result in increased journey times, vehicle speeds are seen to increase, due to the lack of opposing traffic, and there would be a risk of worsening the road safety record. One-way systems must be accompanied by regulatory illuminated traffic signing covering all adjoining side roads with significant cost and environmental impact directly outside houses.
- f) Unsurfaced Path Leading from Hayfield Lane to New Development – Peel’s Planning Director advises that a Land Registry search has confirmed that the unmade path next to the Hayfield Lane Primary School is not registered to any person, business or Council and is unregistered. Since Peel does not own or have any other registered interest in the path, it is unlikely to be able to consider carrying out works to it. However, he will speak to PROW Julie Guest to see whether she can offer any advice.

**12. To Approve Quarterly Internal Audit**

Approved by Council

**13. To Approve Annual Governance and Accounting Statements**

The statements were approved and signed by the Chair, and these will now form part of the Annual Internal Audit to be undertaken by Mr. Dennis.

**14. To Approve Insurance Costs for 2021/2022**

The Policy for Council’s third year with BHIB is £967.19, an increase of £26.80 from 2020, and this was approved. Peel’s representative has advised that the park is currently insured under Peel’s general insurance, and it might be possible for Council’s solicitor to transfer it.

BHIB reports that Council’s current parks equipment has cover for £79,000.

**15. To Consider Quotation to Supply and Install CCTV Camera at Hayfield Park**

A quotation has been received from SECAS UK in the sum of £3,900.00 +VAT to provide: post mount CCTV equipment for the 4 cameras, bracket for lighting posts, CCTV cameras, black box for camera, network video recorder, installation of equipment and hire of cherry picker. In

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Council to write to DMBC and ask questions regarding the 4G data, how information is accessed and who recovers it, does the lighting system supply the electricity to the cameras or is it from an independent source, is the quotation the full cost or are there any electrical inspection costs, is the data store next to the camera and out of reach of vandals, could they supply a photograph of a camera affixed to a lamp post.

Inspector Payling was asked for advice on whether CCTV cameras are useful in combatting crime and replies that, from his perspective, he has found the success of some systems are dependant upon their number and positioning, and there can be an element of luck. Many offenders take steps to disguise themselves and their vehicles which can make CCTV footage ineffective. However, there is no doubt that CCTV cameras are a deterrent to many offenders and discourage them from visiting an area where the cameras are facing. They also offer a degree of reassurance to local residents who fall under their cover.

The Clerk had previously written to the Managing Director of a housing development to enquire whether his firm might consider giving a donation towards the CCTV camera, and he had requested a breakdown of the costs. It was therefore agreed to send a copy of the quotation.

**16. To Consider Quotations to Remove Logs From Riverside Park and Backfill with Top Soil**

Two quotations received to remove 18 large and 18 small logs from Riverside Park, plus backfill the holes with top soil as follows:

Advance Tree Care quotes the price of: £870.00 + VAT

Urban Arborist quotes the price of: £600.00 + VAT

**RESOLVED** Following discussion Cllr Staniforth proposed that the lowest quote by Urban Arborist be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Featherstone and agreed.

**17. To Consider Quotations for Work to Combat Flooding at Riverside Near Access to River Way**

One quotation has been received and a second one is awaited from 'Brambledown'. To be discussed at the June meeting.

**18. To Consider Hire of Mini Marquee for Neighbourhood Plan Consultation**

Cllr Worthington is making enquiries regarding the hire of a mini marquee to be installed at Riverside Park during the Auckley Show in order for the Neighbourhood Plan Group to consult with members of the public and update them on progress so far.

**19. To Consider Making a Donation to Auckley School**

Council expressed their gratitude to the Auckley School for allowing Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Group to hold meetings in the building.

**RESOLVED** – Cllr Staniforth proposed that a donation in the sum of £50 be given, this was seconded by Cllr Platts, and the motion was carried.

**20. To Consider Provision of a Bespoke Email Address for Clerk and Council Members**

This is following the recommendation of NALC. The Clerk to make enquiries.

**21. To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) Yorkshire Wildlife Park Temporary Signs – It was reported that several temporary signs have been posted in Auckley. Council to monitor.

b) Yorkshire Wildlife Car Park – Council had written to the Wildlife Park to express concerns that although there were pedestrian crossing marks painted on the road way, there were no signs to warn motorists. Council had also asked, as the road way now crosses an existing public footpath, who has the right of way in view of the fact that a BMW was seen driving along the public footpath. A YWLP spokesman replies that the BMW belongs to some friends of the family that owns the nearby woods and have a right

to drive down the path. DMBC's PROW Officer concurs that a land owner can have a private vehicle right.

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- c) Public Footpath No. 2 - It was recently reported that the gate and fence/stile giving access to Public Footpath No. 2, alongside the River Torne and on land owned by a local farmer, had been removed. Later it was found that the gate, stile and fence had been replaced.
  - d) Speeding Traffic on Main Street – Serious concerns raised regarding speeding traffic. The Clerk to ask Police when the speed camera will be operated in the village.
  - e) Double Yellow Lines Outside Ellers Lane Shops – A resident is concerned that drivers are parking on the yellow lines and asks whether it might be more realistic to remove the lines. Council did not agree with the suggestion to remove the double yellow lines, and the Clerk is to contact Parking Enforcement to ask them to monitor this location.
  - f) Hurst Lane Overhanging Hedges – DMBC to be asked to inspect.
  - g) Water Collecting on Footways at Mosham Road and Hayfield Lane – DMBC to be informed.
  - h) Re-Seeding of Verge at Junction and Outside Quarry – DMBC to be asked to carry out renovation to these areas damaged during the work to install the signalled crossing.
  - i) Traffic Light Covered by Conifer - DMBC to be informed that the light is obscured by the conifer and is in need of cutting back.
  - j) Sign on Land at Hurst Lane – It was reported that a sign has been erected on land off Hurst Lane which states “Land for Sale Possible Development”.
22. **To Discuss Recreational Matters**
- a) Hayfield Park - Members of Council will meet with the contractors on 14<sup>th</sup> May to inspect the field and MUGA. Issues to be discussed include the inadequate size of the litter/dog waste bins, the timing of the MUGA lighting, the wet area of land to the rear of the football field, and maintenance of the land fronting the park.
  - b) Spey Drive Play Area – It was reported that a gravel board and several concrete posts have been dumped on the field alongside a house on Avon Court. DMBC to be informed
  - c) BT Telephone Kiosk – Council was informed of a resident's suggestion to use the kiosk as a library. The resident to be advised to send in a letter to Council.
  - d) Concrete Bases for Picnic Tables/Benches - GNE has checked with the firm supplying the picnic tables and has been advised that the correct measurement is 2.5m x 2.5m.
23. **To Nominate Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members of Executive Committee of YLCA's South Yorks Branch**
- Council agreed to nominate Cllr Staniforth to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.
24. **To Consider Items to be Published in the Arrow Newsletter**
- It was agreed to publish the following items: Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman; Fly tipping at Common Lane; Logs to be removed from Riverside Park and new picnic tables installed; request for dog owners to dispose of dog waste in the containers provided.
25. **To Receive Police Report and Crime Figures**
- The number of crimes reported to the Police in March was 42.
26. **To Receive Update on Neighbourhood Plan Group**
- An application for a further grant has been made and a reply is awaited.
27. **To Discuss Matters Associated with Parish Web Site**
- Some updates are required, following the election i.e. new members and registers of interest.
28. **To Consider Planning Applications:**
- Application No. 21/01104/FUL – Erection of first floor extension to side and ground floor extension to rear, following demolition of existing conservatory

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

The following applications were granted planning permission:

a) No. 21/00183/FUL – Amended – Retention of fence to front of property (RETROSPECTIVE).  
Fencing to be 1.0m in height with the last panel being 900mm in height.

14B Birch Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster

b) No. 21/938/FUL – Erection of two storey and single storey extension to replace existing installation of front canopy and erection of detached store/garden amenity.

43 Ellers Lane, Auckley, Doncaster.

c) No. 21/00531/FUL – Erection of two storey side extension following demolition of existing garage, 5 Larch Square, Auckley, Doncaster.

**30. To Approve Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**

Cheque	Auckley School	Donation	£50.00
BACS no. 17	Eon-Next	Electricity for Christmas tree site	£32.04
BACS no. 18	BHIB Insurance	Annual Premium	£967.19
BACS no. 19	British Gas	MUGA lights	£29.06
BACS no. 20	Handyman	Purchase of waterproof jacket	£34.95
BACS no. 21	HMRC	Employee's tax payments	£65.80
BACS no. 22	Handyman	Monthly wages	263.84
BACS no. 23	eon-Next	Electricity charge	£7.88

**31. To Receive Correspondence**

NALC – Chief Executive's reports

YLCA – White Rose Updates and various seminars; High Court Judgement on the continuation of remote meetings

Invitation to comment on Tickhill Council's Neighbourhood Plan

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

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Venue to be decided later.\_\_\_\_

Signed .....

Dated .....