

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**

### **AT THE AUCKLEY JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL**

Present: Mrs. J. Worthington (Chairperson), Mr. S. Featherstone (Vice Chairman), Mrs. R. Dobson,

Mrs. S. Platts, Ms. J. Staniforth, Mr. I. Swainston, Ms. L. Sydney, Mr. G. Warrender

One Member of the Public

Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

#### **Public Participation**

A member of the public raised the following issues:

- a) Constant Dumping of Rubbish at Common Lane - The resident suggested a sign be erected at Common Lane limiting traffic to agricultural vehicles only, plus cyclists and pedestrians. Council advised that the lane is an accepted highway and cannot be restricted.
- b) Bell Butts Lane – The resident reported that since the Wildlife Park began developing land for parking some motorists are driving along Bell Butts Lane in an attempt to access the site. It was agreed to write and ask YWLP to provide a ‘No Access for Vehicles’.
- c) Litter Bin Opposite Auckley Friary – Council was informed that the bin is always full, due to all the cardboard boxes being used. However, it was noted that customers are using litter bins, rather than dumping the boxes.
- d) Land Around River Torne Footbridge – The resident reported that it is difficult to access the bridge, as the path is slippery and the ground marshy. It was agreed to write to the Environment Agency.

1. **To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence** –

Cllr Fiddler had sent her apologies, due to illness, and this was accepted.

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

Cllr Platts declared an interest in Item no. 9 a)

3. **To Determine Exclusion of Public and Press** - It was decided no exclusion was necessary.

4. **To Approve Minutes of the Meeting Held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **To Receive a Report from Ward Councillors/DMBC Officers** – None present.

6. **Matters Arising from the July Meeting**

- a) Serious Flooding, First/Second Avenue – Peel’s Agent reports that filtration testing will begin in July. It was agreed to write and enquire what progress has been made.
- b) Water Flooding at Mosham Road – A reminder to be sent to Highways Officer.
- c) Unsurfaced Path Leading from Hayfield Lane to New Development – Ward Cllr Jones has suggested that Council requests the path be included in the Definitive Path Map. Following discussion, it was decided to place this issue on social media in order to inform residents living on the new developments what the current situation is relating to the unmade path.
- d) Mosham Road Pedestrian Crossing – DMBC’s Highways Officer will ask the engineer to monitor the crossing once the schools re-open in September.
- e) Closed Park at Inshall Way - Ward Cllr Jones has spoken to representatives of the company responsible for the maintenance contract, and they advise the completion dates for the work would be during Sept. but no exact date was specified. However, a letter will be sent out to all the residents providing information on what will happen in the future, and residents will be involved in this process.
- f) Blocked Drain Affecting Residents of The Green – Cllr Warrender reported that DMBC has suggested to residents of The Green that they build a lip on their drives to keep the water away from their gardens.
- g) Re-Painting of Railings on Road Bridge – Pending.

**7. To Discuss Email from Boys' Football Team Regarding Fees**

The Manager of the Auckley Boys' Team has expressed a willingness to contribute to the Parish for allowing the team to use the field alongside the main pitch, and suggests that they pay £200.

RESOLVED – Following discussion, members of Council made it clear that they have no intention of creating another pitch – due to the lie of the land which falls away. In addition, they do not agree to charging children.

**The Adult Team** - The team has complained that the goal posts have not been moved nearer the houses, as requested. The Clerk has advised this is because the 2 outer sockets are damaged. Glendale's contractor advises the cost to order and install 2 new sockets would be in the region of £450.

RESOLVED – Council decided that, in view of the reasonable condition of the existing goal mouths, due to less use during 2020, it would be sensible to use the existing pitch and then consider ordering new sockets in 2022.

**8. To Discuss Information from Energy Companies Regarding Charges**

Electricity prices are going up, and Council's current contract will be charging 50 pence per day for standing charges. It was therefore agreed to make enquiries with the 'Octopus' Electricity Company.

**9. To Discuss Highway Matters**

a) Complaint Re. Noise Prior to Starting Building Work, Lancaster Court Area – Residents of Lancaster Court have complained of early starting time on the nearby housing development.

The Chair contacted DMBC Officer who suggested that residents put forward details to Site Foreman.

b) Horses on Riverbank Near Public Footpath No. 2 – Some pedestrians walking the public footpath have been frightened by horses grazing nearby on the river banking.

RESOLVED – It was agreed to write to the landowner.

c) Vehicles Parked on Norwood Avenue Near Junction – The Clerk to contact the local PCSO to report that at times cars are parked on Norwood Avenue very close to the Ellers lane Junction, and this can severely restrict the sight lines of motorists wishing to turn left from Ellers Lane into Norwood Avenue, and there have been some 'near misses'.

d) Overhanging Conifer Hedge – DMBC to be advised that a conifer hedge at the corner of Ravenswood Drive and Childers Drive is overhanging the footway and in need of cutting back.

e) Vegetation Growing on Kerbside - The Clerk to ask DMBC whether vegetation growing on the kerbside at Common Lane and Ravenswood Drive could be sprayed.

f) Request for Improved Signage at Roundabout – Council to write to DMBC Highways with a suggestion for improving signage at the Great Yorkshire Way/Hurst Lane roundabout. When drivers travelling from the direction of Doncaster reach the approach to the roundabout, there are two lanes but arrows on the road say traffic going straight on (to the airport) must use the left- hand lane, which is congested with traffic

turning left to go to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The arrow in the right lane points right only, however, it would be better if the right lane could also point straight on, so that airport traffic can use both lanes. It won't cause a problem because the road ahead is a dual carriageway, so it can take two lines of traffic.

10. **To Discuss Issues Relating to Hayfield Park**

- a) **Handover of Site** – It was agreed to write to Peel's Agent and advise him that Council is not willing to take over the park until all the conditions are met.
- b) **Contractor's Report** – The Contractor reports that they are continuing to maintain the pitch and have completed the extra work requested by Lindsay of Randall Thorpe, so they hope to arrange handover later in the month. They still have the sand slitting in the corner to undertake. He is aware of the problems with the MUGA lighting, and is awaiting the electricians to attend.

The Clerk to report the fence between the car park and the field has again been damaged.

- c) **Litter/Dog Refuse** – The Clerk has contacted the Street Scene Supervisor who will arrange for the bins to be emptied weekly – towards the end of each week.

11. **To Discuss Proposal to Install CCTV Cameras for Hayfield Park**

RESOLVED – Following discussion, Cllr Featherstone proposed that Council accept the quotation supplied by SECAS UK in the sum of £3,900.00 to supply and install CCTV Cameras to be mounted on the lamp post adjacent to the Hayfield Park main entrance. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Staniforth and agreed. The Clerk to enquire what would be the cost of a shorter 12 monthly renewable maintenance package,

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12. **To Receive Police Report and Crime Figures Plus Blog from Dr. Alan Billings**

The Clerk reported that the number of crimes occurring in Auckley Parish during July 2021 was 25.

The blog from Dr. Alan Billings has been circulated to members of Council.

13. **To Discuss Issues Relating to Parish Website**

Cllr Worthington had asked the Web Master, in the interests of security, to redact her signature and that of the Clerk from the recent Audit Report featured on the web site.

14. **To receive a Report from Neighbourhood Plan Group**

Cllr Dobson reported that, unfortunately, the Public Consultation planned to take place during the Auckley Show was cancelled, due to several members of the group being unable to attend. A Presentation will be held at the Auckley Junior & Infants School on 20<sup>th</sup> October from 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.

15. **To Receive Reports on Attendance at Seminars, etc.**

- a) YLCA Joint Executive Board – Cllr Staniforth attended,
- b) Planning Seminar – Cllr Staniforth attended.

- c) Councillors' Discussion Seminar – Attended by Cllr Worthington and Cllr Dobson
- d) Public Rights of Way –

16. **To Consider Suitable Items for Printing in the October Arrow**

Items were as follows:

- a) A thank you to the Auckley Show Committee for producing another successful Show.
- b) Council is providing a CCTV Camera to be based outside the Hayfield Park
- c) The Neighbourhood Plan Group Presentation to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October
- d) DMBC to be asked to clear vegetation growing in
- e) A sign to be requested for Bell Butts Lane advising motorists that they are unable to access the Wildlife parking area from the lane.

17. **To Discuss Recreational Issues**

- a) New Balancing Apparatus – This will be installed shortly at the Riverside Park.
- b) Litter bins at Riverside Park – Cllr Staniforth has suggested replacing some of the bins with larger models. To discuss at the October meeting.
- c) Overhanging Tree Branches – Council's Handyman has trimmed back tree branches overhanging bins near the play equipment however, it has been suggested that some of the larger tree branches require attention from a contractor with the appropriate tools. To discuss at next meeting.
- d) Garden Rubbish Dumped on Spey Drive Play Area – DMBC to be advised that soil and garden rubbish has been dumped in the corner facing the passageway leading to Nene Grove.

18. **Doncaster East Academy – Briefing from G. Baker**

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19. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

Received and Commented Upon:

- a) No. 21/02170/FUL Erection of 2 storey and single storey extension to replace existing front canopy and erection of detached front canopy and erection of detached store/garden room. 43 Ellers Lane Auckley
- b) No. 21/02281/TEL- Installation of 20m phase 8 monopole with wraparound cabinet at base,

3 additional cabinets and associated ancillary work. Hayfield Lane, Auckley.

Council had no objections or comments to make in respect of the above applications.

- c) No. 21/02378/FUL – Erection of side and rear ground floor extension. 1 River Way, Auckley  
Council commented that the part rendering is not in keeping with nearby properties.

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19. **To Consider Planning Applications – Planning Agrees to Sending Comments after the Meeting**

- d) No. 21/02108/REMM – Details of access, landscaping and scale of design for creation of a golf reserve at YWP (matters reserved for outline application granted permission 17/02189/OUTA) Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Hurst Lane, Auckley. DMBC Officer confirms that the word ‘golf’ is a term used but does not refer to golf course. Council had no objections or comments to make.
- e) No. 21/02092/FUL – Erection of single storey and two storey extensions to the front, erection of a single storey infill extension to the side/rear and alterations to the existing dwelling house, 5 Riverside Gardens, Auckley. No objections or comments made in respect of the application.
- f) No. 21/02365/FULM – Erection of residential development of 28 dwellings on land south west of the junction of First Avenue and Hayfield Lane. Land at First Avenue/Hayfield Lane, Auckley  
Council is opposed to this development for the following reasons:
- It will be out of character with the surrounding area, with too many buildings on a small space
  - Inadequate parking provision
  - Serious flooding occurs at the Hayfield Lane/First Avenue Junction after heavy rainfall, and further development will exacerbate the problem.
  - The highway infrastructure is already under pressure, and traffic will increase if the development goes ahead.
  - The AECOM Housing Needs Assessment confirms that the housing needs in Auckley have been met and therefore surplus to local need.
- g) Gateway East Plaza Plan 13041 \_ PL003\_Parameters Plan Access and Circulation  
Members of Council were asked if their views on the application had changed since further information had been made available by the applicant.  
Members confirmed that their previous comments stand, and reiterated serious concerns that drainage of the area is inadequate and a major update of the drainage, soakaways and river is required before a development of this size is undertaken.

20. **Update on Decisions Made by DMBC Planning Committee**

The following applications have been approved:

- a) Erection of a two- storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 97 Main Street, Auckley

- b) Erection of a two- story front and side extension plus erection of single storey rear extension  
16 Spey Drive, Auckley
- c) Erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions, Stirling House, Rowan Close, Auckley

**Permitted Development**

- a) Move a 1.9m boundary wall to include some of the drive. 2 Loxley Mews, Auckley
- b) Erection of single storey extension to rear. 10 Meadow Lane, Auckley
- c) Erection of single storey rear and side extensions. 41 Insall Way, Auckley
- d) Erection of a single storey pitched roof rear extension, extending 5.9m to the eaves  
2 Dart Grove, Auckley

21. **LGA – Code of Conduct, Information from YLCA**

Information circulated to Members of Council.

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

BACS no. 69	J. Worthington	Purchase flowers	£30.00
(Flowers via Chairman’s Allowance, sent to Clerk who had been hospitalised)			
BACS no. 70	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£1,026.67
Cheq. 002363	Auckley Junior Infants School	Donation	£75.00
BACS no. 71	HMRC	Employee Tax	£63.00
BACS no. 72	HMRC	Tax & Nat. Insurance	246.96
BACS no. 73	Handyman’s Wages	Duties around Parish	£251.88
BACS no. 74	Parish Clerk	Quarterly salary/expenses	£2,604.20
BACS no. 75	RJ Electrics	Electrical inspection of pavilion	£72.00
BACS no. 76	YLCA	PROW Seminar	£22.50
BACS no. 77	YLCA	Planning Webinar	£22.50

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22. **To Approve Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques (continued)**

**Neighbourhood Plan Grant**

BACS no. 4	R. Dobson	Purchase Refreshments	£4.25
BACS no. 5	R. Dobson	Purchase crockery & spoons	£20.42

23. **To Receive Correspondence**

- a) YLCA, Arrangements for Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022
- b) Law & Governance bulletin

c) Boundary Review

24. **To Confirm Date and Time for Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the meeting on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

Venue to be decided later.

Chairperson ..... Date .....