

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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  
Mrs. M. Caygill (Clerk)

**Public Participation** No members of the public attended the meeting.

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

All Members of Council were present.

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

No declarations were received.

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

**4. To Approve Minutes of the Meeting Held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 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 October Meeting**

- a) Serious Flooding, First/Second Avenue – Peel’s Agent reports that an order has just been placed for the design work which will take about a month to complete. DMBC’s Highways and Drainage engineers are happy with their concept plans so hopefully the scheme should be straightforward for them to approve.
- b) Horses Grazing Near Public Footpath No. 2 – The owner of the horses advises that he will endeavour to put up a sign alerting walkers to the presence of grazing horses when they are back on the riverbank in April. He also adds that the reason the horses are taken off the riverbank in the winter months is to keep the footpath in good order when the ground is wet. It was agreed to write to concerned residents with this information.
- c) Motorists Driving Irresponsibly on Roundabout Near YWLP Access - DMBC’s Highways Officer reported that, following discussions with the Police, it appears that enforcement action is unfortunately not possible despite these apparently being deliberate acts, rather than as a result of confusion or uncertainty regarding the road layout. He will review the signing arrangements as soon as possible, but in the circumstances, any potential changes seem unlikely to have an impact on this type of behaviour.  
A copy of the email to be sent to Ward Councillor A. Jones.
- d) Request for Additional Dog Waste Bin at Mosham Road - DMBC replies that the L.A. no longer installs dog bins, but multi-purpose bins for both litter and dog waste. Given the size of these bins, an assessment will be undertaken to determine whether the path is wide enough to accommodate buggies and mobility scooters, without causing obstruction to walkers.
- e) Possible Notice to Motorists at Bell Butts Lane – Yorkshire Wildlife Park’s Project Manager advises that he has been in discussion with DMBC regarding provision of a sign to deter motorists from using the lane in an attempt to take a short cut to the YWLP car park. DMBC has agreed to provide a sign.
- f) CCTV Camera To be sited Close to the New Hayfield Park – Awaiting a response from DMBC.
- g) Clerk’s Gov UK Email Address – The form has been completed and forwarded to ‘Aries’
- h) Wet Land Near Footbridge – The Clerk to write again to the Environment Agency
- i) Closed Park at Insall Way – Awaiting progress.
- j) Christmas Carol Singing – To be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. in the Eagle and Child car park
- k) Vacancy on Council – DMBC will advise whether or not a poll is to be held. If no poll is called for by the 15<sup>th</sup> November then Council can co-opt someone onto the Council. Notices will be displayed.
- l) Conifer Obscuring Traffic Light, School Lane – DMBC to be reminded of this matter.

6. **Matters Arising from the October Meeting (continued)**
  - m) Highway Sign Missing from School Lane – DMBC's Signals Engineer reports that signs that were put up shortly after the signals were commissioned at the crossroads are temporary advisory signs placed there by DMBC. It appears that the sign at School Lane has been removed by somebody (not DMBC). He will arrange for a replacement. However, it will be put on a different pole as he feels the original one was removed because it encroached on the boundary of the adjacent property.
7. **To Consider Quarterly Internal Audit and Budget Monitoring Information**

Council approved the Internal Audit.
8. **To Consider Quotation to Supply & Install New Litter/Dog Waste Bin at Riverside Park, Remove Existing**

DMBC advises that there are currently no triple – sectioned bins in stock at the moment. The quotation to supply and install a double steel bin would be £590. The cost of removing the existing bin would be £50 if metal, but more if concrete because it would have to be dug out.  
RESOLVED – It was agreed to wait until February to see if a triple bin is in stock by then.
9. **To Consider a Donation to The British Legion for Poppy Wreath and Top-Up Gift**

RESOLVED- Following discussion, Cllr Featherstone proposed that the sum of £120 be donated to The British Legion for providing a poppy wreath, with the remainder going to Legion funds. This was seconded by Cllr Platts, and agreed.  
  
Cllr Warrender will place a poppy wreath at the Blaxton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Warrender was thanked for continuing to attend this event.  
  
A local resident has set up a Remembrance tableau on the village green, which has been greatly admired, and a letter of thanks has been sent to the person concerned.
10. **To Discuss Applicants for Clerk's Vacancy and Finalise Meeting**

The Clerk reported that a number of people had requested application forms. The closing date for responding is 22<sup>nd</sup> November, and a meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November to discuss whether a short list is required.  
  
It was agreed to purchase a lap-top computer up to the price of £500 and all the details to be transferred from Council's existing desk computer to the new one for the new Clerk.  
  
It was decided to leave purchasing a mobile phone until the new Clerk has been appointed.
11. **To Discuss the FABB/CCTV Issue**

A spokesperson from FAAB has been provided with updated running costs for CCTV cameras and will discuss the project in November. Blaxton Parish Council does not wish to contribute but FAAB intends to locate 3 cameras in Blaxton and obtain funding away from the Parish for this. Obviously, the overall costs will be cheaper the more villages get aboard as installation can take place at the same time.  
  
RESOLVED - Council reports it is still interested in the scheme, however, it has been arranged for a 'One Off' camera to be installed close to the new Hayfield Park, Auckley, and Council has agreed to wait and obtain

an informed opinion on how the camera works before participating in a combined project.

12. **To Consider Resident's Suggestion for a Bike Pump/Dirt Jumps Track to be Provided at Riverside Park**

A resident has suggested that the far end of Riverside Park near the River Way access would be ideal for a bike pump track/dirt jumps. A jump track is a looping track designed with jumps and rollers for mountain bikes, is highly enjoyable and encourages health and fitness. The resident takes his son to tracks at Sheffield and Leeds.

RESOLVED – Following discussion, it was agreed to write and advise the applicant that Council would be prepared to consider this suggestion, subject to grant funding and local residents' support. It was also agreed to place an article in the Arrow magazine asking for residents' comments on this matter.

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

The Brambledown Contractor reports that the pitch is now ready for handover. They have decided to postpone sand slitting until Spring, and then only carry out if issues with ponding in the north east corner persist over the Winter. He asks whether Council is happy for Peel to complete the legal conditions, or would members like a final site meeting first?

Members of Council clearly did not wish to have a site meeting until everything on site is up to standard.

The MUGA lights have not been functioning correctly for some time - during the Summer the lights were on during the day, and it now appears that they are not lit in the evening, therefore the electrician needs to return and set the programme for the lights to illuminate the site during the evening, and members of Council to receive instruction regarding this matter. It was agreed to obtain quotations from 2 companies to provide and install metal fencing to replace the damaged wooden fencing separating the car park from the field, and also ask DMBC's Playground Inspector for names of reliable companies used by the L.A.

14. **To Discuss Highway Matters**

Parking Near Lancaster Court – A resident of the complex reports that members of staff working on the nearby housing development are parking their cars on the car park provided adjacent to Lancaster Court. The resident to be advised that, as Lancaster Court is a public highway, there is no parking enforcement possibility. However, the Outline Planning consent for the development stipulates certain conditions to be undertaken, and residents can contact DMBC Planning regarding this matter.

Damaged Litter bin in Bus Shelter

The metal litter bin in the bus shelter adjacent to No. 72 has been damaged and is now unusable.

The Clerk to ask if DMBC can recommend a bin that will be more robust to withstand vandalism.

15. **To Discuss Recreational Matters**

A meeting had been arranged in late October with a tree surgeon to trim back some large branches from trees at Riverside Park. Unfortunately, the meeting was cancelled, due to the operative becoming ill. The Clerk to enquire whether he is now recovered.

16. **To Receive Police Report and Crime Figures, and Discuss Police Pop-Ins**

Council was informed that 24 crimes had occurred and been reported in Auckley during September.

The local PCSO to be informed that drugs are being exchanged down Common Lane and also on the eastern stretch of Hayfield Lane leading from the Gatehouse Lane roundabout to the airport crash gates.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Centre meeting room is available any afternoon for Police Drop Ins, and it was agreed to ask if the local PCSO's could attend any Monday afternoon after 2.00 p.m. in order for residents to raise issues.

17. **To Receive Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Held on 20 October & Meeting on 1 Nov.**

Cllr Dobson reported that hopefully there will be no further meetings. When everything has been co-ordinated, the Neighbourhood Plan will be sent firstly to DMBC then forwarded on to the External Examiner, and thence for Referendum. There is a quandary regarding whether to leave grass verges categorised as green spaces because, in the future, if the verges are protected, it would then not be possible to put in a footway or cycle path.

Cllr Dobson was thanked for the tremendous amount of work she has undertaken to make this project a success.

18. **To Discuss Matters Associated with the Parish Web Site**

Changes to be made to the web site - to report that Parish Council meetings will now be held in the Auckley Junior and Infants' School for the foreseeable future.

19. **To Receive Report of Meeting to Discuss Developing Locality Plans for the Doncaster Borough**

Four Councillors and the Clerk met with DMBC Officers who asked for the following information:

- What are residents saying is good about where they live/the assets
- What would their priorities be for the future?

The information from the various areas will be collated and used for developing a Locality Plan.

20. **To Receive a Report of Meetings Attended by Members of Council**

None to report.

21. **To Nominate Councillor to Serve on Parish Centre's Committee** – No one was currently available.

22. **To Consider Planning Applications:**

- a) No. 21/02574/FUL – Erection of single storey rear/side extension – 23 Merlin Drive, Auckley
- b) No. 21/03130/FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension – 45 Ravenswood Drive, Auckley
- c) No. 21/02501/FUL – Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension with canopy/garage and porch to front - 14 Sandhill Rise, Auckley
- d) No. 21/03123/ADV – Continued use of 4 x signs display on the premises following expired 2015 consent (ref. 15/02557/ADV) - Hill House School, Sixth Avenue, Auckley.

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

- e) No. 20/00619/FULM – Rural Leisure Centre including man-made lake, trim trail, tennis courts, café, changing facilities, shower/toilet block, camping and touring, caravan pitches, 7 holiday log cabins and car parking. AMENDED PLANS AND AMENDED DESCRIPTION

Members of Council expressed serious concerns regarding safety issues at Hayfield Lane if the application is approved. The lane is narrow in width with no passing places, a sharp bend with restricted vision, and no footpath anywhere along this stretch of road. If the site is approved, large numbers of vehicles, including caravans, will be generated, thus increasing the danger to the many pedestrians who enjoy walking this pleasant country lane.

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

No decisions were reported.

#### **24. To Approve Banking Transactions and Signing of Cheques**

BACS no. 91	DMBC	Emptying of dog waste bins	£606.48
BACS no. 92	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	£507.60
Chq 002365	Auckley J&I School	Use of school for meetings	£50.00
BACS no. 93	handyman's wages	Duties in Parish	196.80
BACS no. 94	British Gas	MUGA lights	£14.73
BACS no. 95	RJ Electrical	Secure vandalised cabinet	£60.00
BACS no. 96	The fire House Group	Service fire extinguishers	£81.12
BACS no. 97	Mat & Mouse	Web support	£300.00
BACS no. 98	Arrow Publications	Clerk vacancy notice	£114.00
BACS no. 99	YLCA	Clerk vacancy on web site	£15.00
BACS no. 100	YLCA	Basic budget seminar	£22.50
BACS no. 101	Glendale	Grounds maintenance	108.67
BACS no. 102	HMRC	Employee tax	£49.20
BACS no. 103	JPI Media Publishing	Clerk vacancy in Free Press	£240.00
BACS no. 104	British Legion	Donation for poppy wreath + top-up	£120.00
BACS no. 105	Eon Next	Pavilion electricity	£69.33
BACS no. 106	Eon Next	Oak Tree Avenue meter	£56.60

Neighbourhood Plan Grant

BACS no. 6	Arrow Publications	Print leaflets/delivery	£284.00
BACS no. 7	L.A.B.	Neighbourhood support	£800.00
BACS no. 8	Bassetlaw Council	Printing documents	£76.36

25. **To Receive Correspondence**

Police and Crime Commissioner's Blog; NALC Reports; GOV UK Updates on Coronavirus

26. **To Discuss Handyman's Wages** – The clerk reported that the handyman became ill after working one day of week beginning 18 November and remained at home the rest of the week. His contract does not award him any sick payment, but YLCA to be asked whether Council can use its discretion to pay him for time off.

27. **To Confirm Date of Next Meeting** – To be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Auckley Junior and Infants' School

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