

### **Chairperson's Report: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

First of all, I would like to thank Parish Councillors, Emma who is the new Clerk after Marjorie Caygill's retirement, District Councillors and members of the public who attend meetings. A special mention to Marjorie for 40 years as Parish Clerk- to only become a Parish Councillor on her retirement. She must love the work to volunteer for another stint.

It has been a very changeable year for the whole of Auckley which has been particularly dominated by the closure of the Airport. On the 26 September, it was announced that the airport would start winding down activity from 31 October 2022, after 17 years of operation. The airport's sole based operator TUI operated its final flight on 4 November 2022.

Other changes affecting the local area have been to the Wildlife Park who seem to be expanding on a regular basis; hopefully for the better of both the animals and local economy- something as a Parish Council we continue to monitor. Traffic can be an issue particularly when the park holds an event; we welcome comments from the community in monitoring any issues and bringing them to our attention.

Parking in restricted areas – particularly at school time on School Lane and in front of the Ellers Lane shops at most times, continues to be an issue- this is being monitored with the help of the police who may take action where appropriate. Something that we are encouraging to happen as it seems some have little regard for restriction and therefore the safety of the community.

After many months of hard work particularly from Councillor Ronnie Dobson, with the help of Doncaster Council and of course, Auckley Parish Council, a Neighbourhood Plan was created and is going to referendum on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Thank you for the hard work.

APC took on a new park on Hayfield Lane in July 2022 which was built after many years of negotiation with Peel Holdings; we continue to improve its facilities. It does seem to be well used providing a variable play area for the local community. We are considering adding swings but as the safety of all is most important, there are rigorous planning conditions to take into account. Work is under way.

A full tree survey has been carried out at Riverside Park and the Copse and all recommended work undertaken.

A PC Facebook page has been created by members of the PC who we need to thank for setting this up- hopefully this avenue of information will enable many more to be informed of events, planning applications/issues and any local news of interest to the community.

PCSO drop-ins are being organised for those that wish to visit to voice any concerns or issues. Dates for these will be broadcast on the PC website and Facebook pages. They are usually held at the Church Hall.

We continue to voice our concerns with the condition of roads throughout the village, speeding particularly on Main Street and dog owners not 'tidying up' after their pet- again this is being monitored and reported where necessary.

As always we need to thank the Auckley Show organisers- of which there are many, for their hard work setting up the show for the village and those that attend from far and wide. Without doubt a great attraction for the village, in addition to it being a wonderful annual event.

Poppies were fixed to lamp posts in the village for remembrance day in addition to a wreath, on behalf of the village, being placed on the war memorial in Blaxton. Again, thanks to those for fixing and removal of the poppies and placing the wreath at the service.

There are many other items as the saying goes 'much too many to mention' in such a short presentation. Agendas and minutes are available for all to see on the PC website. Comments are always welcomed by the community. These can be voiced at the PC meetings or emailed to the PC Clerk.