

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 APRIL 2016, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Ian Grant

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10575 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Willman - personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10576 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10577 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 MARCH 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10578 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Annual Parish Assembly 2016 – Public Notice would be given and details displayed on noticeboards, website, in the local press, etc. Responses from representatives invited to attend were NOTED.

10579 VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR (Town Green Ward & Christ Church Ward) – confirmation that the Parish Council would seek to fill the seats by co-option. Notices would be displayed around the Parish and on the website and any interested parties would be interviewed in due course. (refer Minutes March 2016, Para.10561)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this stage and welcomed members of the public present.

A resident from The Serpentine commented on the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NWS), his efforts to gain access to the Public PACT Meeting at Aughton Police Station and the crime statistics for Aughton, his attendance at the NWS Forum at HQ and the possibility of obtaining NWS signs through the Forum.

The Chairman referred to the change of policy in respect of Public PACT Meetings but with reduced police staff, the focus was on front line policing rather than attending meetings. It was hoped that the PACT Panel Meetings would, however, continue. The Watch Liaison Officer would be invited to give an update on the NWS initiative at the Annual Parish Assembly, or attend a future Parish Council Meeting.

A resident from Long Lane spoke about the increase in traffic along the Lane, including lorries and farm vehicles, and considered a NWS scheme should be set up.

The Chairman said that Long Lane was being used as a ‘rat run’ due to the bridge restrictions in Ormskirk. The police and Community Road Watch were aware of the situation.

There being no further comments, the Chairman resumed the meeting.

(Councillor Jones arrived at this stage of the meeting)

10580 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 6 April 2016. There had been 13 reported crimes since the last meeting including 3 assaults with injury (Long Lane nr Bickerstaff boundary, Standhouse Lane and Delph Park Avenue), 2 criminal damage to vehicles (The Rowans and Town Green Lane), 3 burglaries in dwellings (Gaw Hill Lane, School Close, New Lane), 1 domestic type (Delph Park Avenue), 2 criminal damage other (Noel Gate & Prescott Road), 1 theft other or unauthorised taking (Town Green Restaurant), 1 burglary in a building other than a dwelling (Spa Shop). It was also confirmed that due to the lack of police resources, there would be no further Public PACT Meetings in Aughton or across the Borough. The Aughton PACT Panel would continue to meet. Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 31 reported crimes with 13 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 276 incidents with 96 of those in Aughton. There was nothing further to report on the NWS initiative until the Watch Liaison Officer was back in post except that the possibility of a NWS scheme in New Lane was being considered.

10581 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2015/1285/FUL 0219/OHL 0312 0253 0328/LBC 0288

In the case of:

2016/0270/ARM Land adjacent to Bramcote, Parrs Lane – Policy GN2 of WLLP was relevant to this proposed development: Safeguarded Land and the Plan B site on land at Parrs Lane – members referred to comments made at Outline stage and raised concerns about ‘an inadequate access to the fields’. To build 2 new dwellings on the periphery of the site between Bramcote and Roundthorn Farm would therefore conflict with Policy GN2 and the reason for ‘safeguarding’.

2016/0301/FUL 5 Parrs Lane – members referred to the history of the site (originally a small leisure building to the adjacent Bryngwyn Cottage followed by other increased uses) and considered this latest proposal would create over-development of the site – the closeness to the adjacent property and the limited outdoor amenity space would result in loss of residential amenity to Number 3 Parrs Lane.

2016/0346/PNC & 0347/PNC Brookfield Mill, Butchers Lane - members had no objections to the applications providing the Planning Authority was satisfied the proposals met the criteria for change of use from Class B1a to Class C3 and Class B8 to Class C.

b) Appeals/Planning Control -

Notice of Public Inquiry dated 17 May 2016, in respect of Land to the North-West of Parrs Lane and Land to the East of Prescott Road – to note change of venue from WLBC Council Offices to The Investment Centre at Skelmersdale.

10582 PARISH FINANCE:

a) Playareas: Partnership Scheme Part II – it was RESOLVED to approve the final payment to Yates Playgrounds in the sum of £1,660 (plus VAT).

b) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): to receive notification of CIL receipts due to Aughton Parish Council between 1 October 2015 – 31 March 2016. An amount of £2,016.10 would be transferred to the CIL Fund.

10583 AUGHTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION – a brief report was given on the meeting held 23 March 2016. Matters Arising from the meeting included discussion on increased fees to the sports clubs by 5%; some clubs were experiencing a shortage in membership numbers and financial constraints; some problems with ‘dog-fouling’ were raised; the improvements made to the Sports Pavilion (windows, brickwork etc) were well received; there was a good attendance at the meeting. NOTED

10584 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL: Annual Code of Conduct Seminar and Workshop – members received advance notice of the date, ie Tuesday, 12 July 2016, West Lancashire Borough Council Offices, 6.30pm-8pm. NOTED

10585 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Refer Minutes March 2016, Para.10573

(includes VAT)

Income	Annual Interest from Bank	48.38
2015/2016	VAT Reimbursement 2014-2016 (part)	22,728.33
	Interest from Investment – half yearly	274.68
Expenditure	Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	32.04
2015/2016	S Moorcroft – expenses (1 month)	29.58
	Imprest Renewal	105.79
	Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,282.56
	HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	173.41
Income		
2016/2017	WLBC – contribution towards General & Concurrent Expenditure (Pt.I)	5,859.80
	WLBC – playareas Partnership Scheme Funding	1,250.00
	WLBC – CIL receipts	2,016.10
Expenditure		
2016/2017	Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance (Sundry Creditor – Part)	2,012.00
	Agricultural Repairs Services Ltd – tractor service & repair (Sundry Creditor)	304.36
	Yates Playgrounds Ltd – final payment (Capital Partnership Scheme) (Sundry Creditor)	1,992.00
	S Moorcroft – expenses (1 months) (Sundry Creditor)	29.58
	Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance (Sundry Creditor)	175.80
	S R Moorcroft (Contractor) – repairs/maintenance Sports Pavilion (Sundry Creditor)	89.75
	Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,313.79
	HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	157.69

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10586 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – the Annual Meeting of the Council – 9 May 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.