

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14 AUGUST 2017, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

In compliance with Standing Orders, the Chairman included an urgent item to the Agenda as follows:

10819 RESIGNATIONS IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR – it was with regret that the Chairman announced the resignations of Glenn Wohlers (Christ Church Ward) and Mark Gibbons (Delph Ward). Notice of the Vacancies would be given, pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. The Chairman recorded his thanks to both local residents for their valuable contributions during their time in office.

10820 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Mrs Atherley - indisposed

10821 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests at the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10822 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 JUNE 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10823 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a) Planning – an update was given on planning application 2017/0640/FUL for the new Co-op convenience store (provision of refrigeration and air conditioning plant and equipment; erection of acoustic fence on site boundary); a decision on this Retrospective planning application was still awaited.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this stage and invited comments/questions from members of the public present.

Residents from 14 & 15 Carmel Close raised their objections to planning application 2017/0703/FUL Land at the junction with Long Lane, Aughton Park Drive – erection of 8 detached houses (3 to 4 bed) on land of former school playing field. The two bungalows backed onto Aughton Park Drive and the building of 4 detached dwellings on part of the site fronting Aughton Park Drive would result in loss of privacy, overlooking into their main bedrooms, bathrooms and rear garden areas. The local residents were anxious to maintain their privacy.

A resident from Long Lane (Chairman of ARG 2012) made reference to Neighbourhood Watch and Affordable Housing.

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

10824 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items – there were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:
2017/0737/FUL 0709 0768 0788

In the case of:

2017/0703/FUL Land at the junction with Long Lane, Aughton Park Drive – erection of 8 detached houses (3-4 bed) on land of former school playing field – members commented as follows:

- a) Residential Amenity – the bungalows at 14 & 15 Carmel Close whose rear gardens backed on to Aughton Park Drive, would be overlooked by the 4 new dwellings fronting Aughton Park Drive, which could result in overlooking and loss of privacy with regard to bathroom, main bedroom and outside amenity space.
- b) Drainage – members considered a condition should be imposed in respect of surface water and foul sewage ensuring ‘no development should take place until schemes had been submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority’.
- c) Highways – members considered good visibility splays with generous footways were essential at the new access road off Long Lane in order to safeguard pedestrian and highway safety. An organised site visit was considered desirable to allow Planning Committee Members the opportunity to view the location and consider the points raised above.

2017/0710/FUL Shepherd's Barn, Shepherd's Lane – members wished to ensure the proposed alterations would not detrimentally affect the openness of the Green Belt in this location.

2017/0715/FUL 44 Granville Park – given the construction proposals in close proximity to the important trees, members wished to ensure full tree protection was afforded on site as any damage would detrimentally affect the character and appearance of Granville Park Conservation Area.

2017/0728/FUL 224 Prescott Road – members noted the revised alterations to this dwelling and wished to ensure the size, scale and design of the proposed extensions were now in compliance with LP Policy GN3 and the SPD Design Guide.

2017/0754/FUL Site of 30 Winifred Lane – no comments - the WLBC Arboricultural Officer's comments on the trees on site were noted.

2017/0790/FUL 26 Crescent Green – members raised no objections to the proposed main alterations and extensions to the property but were concerned that the introduction of a boundary wall with a gate and railings could set a precedent for others and alter the character and appearance of Crescent Green.

- b) Appeals/Planning Control – none.

10825 VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK'S AUGUST MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 9 August 2017. There had been 16 reported crimes including 4 criminal damage to a vehicle (Westhaven Crescent, Swanpool Lane, Winifred Lane, Delph Park Avenue); 2 theft from a vehicle (Prescot Road, Mickering Lane); 1 assault with injury (Whalley Drive); 1 attempted burglary in a dwelling (Delph Park Avenue); 1 public fear/alarm/distress (Prescot Road); 2 burglary in a dwelling (Whalley Drive, Noel Gate); 1 criminal damage to a building other than in a dwelling (Royal Oak); 2 other theft or unauthorised taking (Parrs Lane, Robins Bridge Nursery); 1 criminal damage (other) (Rothwell Drive); 1 criminal damage (Sports Pavilion, off Winifred Lane). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 42 reported crimes with 16 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 200 incidents in Southern Parishes with 80 of those being in Aughton. Anti-social behaviour figures = 18 reported calls. The current police complement was noted. Members noted an increase in nuisance, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. It was agreed to raise concerns with the relevant high ranking police officers.

10826 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL: Standards Regime & Code of Conduct Seminar/Workshop to be held 20 September 2017, commencing 6.30pm at the Council Offices in Ormskirk – members were given advance notice of the Seminar and asked to confirm attendance with the Clerk.

10827 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) Independent Internal Audit – Mr A Gore MCIPD CILCA of Ormskirk (an ex Parish Clerk) had carried out a satisfactory completion of an internal audit of the council's books and records and completed and signed the Annual Return Part IV for the year ending 31 March 2017. There were no matters arising from the audit. It was RESOLVED to approve payment to Mr A Gore for carrying out the internal audit in the sum of £100.
- b) Sports Pavilion – notice was given of wilful damage to the window and roof. CCTV images of the culprit had been passed to the local police for investigation. NOTED

10828 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	-
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	118.86
S Moorcroft (Part-time Park-keeper) – expenses (4 months)	118.80
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance/ shrub & bed maintenance/machinery etc	4,113.00
Road & Traffic Management of Pershore – supply/marketing of thermoplastic white and yellow paint for car park (R & R Budget)	1,768.00
S R Moorcroft (Contractor) – Sports Pavilion repairs, safety boots and purchase of wheel stop for new trailer	95.46
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – bowling green intensive maintenance	62.04
iD Business Ltd of Rufford – completion of cctv schemes	826.80
Mr A Gore – fee for independent internal audit	100.00
Salaries - part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,331.71
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	154.83

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10829 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 11 September 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.