

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 AUGUST 2018, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10989 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Julia Woolgar - personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10990 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their Interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10991 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 JULY 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10992 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

- a) BT equipment on footway in Winifred Lane had been removed (refer Minutes July 2018 Public Question Time).
- b) Provision of Speed Indicator Devices (SpIDs) – to confirm the Working Group Meeting had been held on Wednesday, 18 July 2018 (refer Minutes July 2018, Para.10986 a) ii).
- c) Land off Springfield Road (housing development) – boundary timber fence – to confirm the matter had been taken up with the Local Planning Authority (refer Minutes July 2018 Public Question Time).
- d) Broken manhole cover nr corner of Ledson Grove – to confirm work in progress ‘improving drains in area’ (refer Minutes July 2018, Public Question Time).
- e) A signage issue off the Quarry – an update was given (refer Minutes July 2018, Public Question Time).

10993 VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR - the Chairman DEFERRED the item until the September Meeting.

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

A question and answer session took place on matters raised including the longstanding flooding problem on Prescott Road near Drs Bridge; potholes in Winifred Lane at the junction with Granville Park and by the Traffic Lights at the junction of Prescott Road and Long Lane; the revised National Planning Policy Framework (the Chairman confirmed all Parish Councillors had received the document and it was hoped that training would be arranged for Councillors and Clerks by the Local Planning Authority); the emerging Local Plan (the Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had not been advised of development sites coming forward in the next stage of the Local Plan and had not had any contact with developers). The Chairman reminded local residents present that the LCC Cabinet Member for Highways would be attending the next meeting and any outstanding or new issues could be taken up with him. There being no further comments, the Chairman resumed the meeting.

10994 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items (Items marked* were considered under the Parish Council Prior Notification Procedure to meet the deadline for response)

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2018/0733/FUL 0661 0437 *0699 *0725 0765 0770 0781 0791 0503 (Amendment)

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In the case of:

*2018/0551/FUL 179 & 181 Bold Lane – members could not support the proposal as the height and massing of the new dwelling would detrimentally affect the character, setting and appearance of the Conservation Area and harm the ‘openness’ of the location.

*2018/0698/FUL 30 Lynwood Avenue – members wished to ensure the proposed construction of a 1st floor/raising of the eaves height would not impact on the occupancy of neighbouring properties by way of loss of privacy.

*2018/0708/FUL West Tower Country Hotel, Mill Lane – as some development was acceptable in principle, members wished to ensure the following:

The Special Circumstances provided were acceptable for further development in the Green Belt.

Any proposed development of the Country Hotel, situated in the West Tower Conservation Area, should comply fully with the SPD Design Guide in respect of the external appearance and the use of materials. Full tree protection was afforded to the site with additional landscaping, if required, to protect the visual amenity of the location.

Additional parking provision and vehicular movements onto Mill Lane, would not detrimentally affect highway safety.

2018/0734/FUL West Oaks, Parris Lane – members would support the retention of the garage due to the ‘restricted’ site, the need to provide the required number of parking spaces, and to enable ‘manoeuvrability’ within the site. Full tree protection should be afforded to the development of Plot 1.

2018/0739/FUL 145 Gaw Hill Lane – members considered that if the LPA was willing to remove the restrictive condition - due to ‘very special circumstances’ and if compliant with Local Plan Policy - to allow use of the building as a domestic garage/store, a condition should be imposed that the building should not be used for ancillary living accommodation.

2018/0804/FUL 63 Whalley Drive – construction of a public parking area on WLBC land and creation of a private electric vehicle charging point – i) the proposal to sell public land to a private individual, if approved, would set a precedent for other applications on similar areas of green space within the site. This, in turn, would detrimentally affect the aesthetic appearance of this ‘green’ housing estate in Town Green Village. ii) the comments made by LCC Highways in respect of future maintenance/policing/access to the proposed car park area were supported.

b) Appeals/Planning Control – outstanding item in respect of the development of the Cockbeck Tavern into a Co-op Convenience Store was still ongoing.

c) Planning Committee – a brief report was given on the meeting held 26 July 2018. The recommendations were READ and the RESULTS NOTED.

2018/0401/OUT 67 Gaw Hill Lane Outline – erection of up to 7 residential units following the demolition of the existing buildings including details of access (all other matters reserved)

REFUSED (conditions to be confirmed)

2018/0003/COU Lime Tree Barn, 59 Winifred Lane – change of use of barn to pet crematorium including 1000 litre fuel tank and additional hardstanding to rear of building

APPROVED with Conditions.

d) Notification of New Addresses: Site Location – land at the junction with Long Lane/Aughton Park Drive – members raised no objections to the name suggested by the developer, ie ‘Old School Gardens’.

10995 CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK’S AUGUST MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the informal meeting held 8 August 2018. There had been 17 reported crimes since the last meeting including 3 domestic type incidents; 2 theft or unauthorised taking (1 Sefton Gardens & 1 crime reported in Aughton but theft of a personal item took place in Liverpool); 1 wounding or minor injury (Parris Lane); 2 burglary, business & community (St Michael Road & Springfield Nursery);

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1 theft of a pedal cycle (Liverpool Road); 1 malicious communication; 1 other theft or unauthorised taking (Turnpike Road); 2 assault with injury (St Michael Road & Long Lane); 1 criminal damage to vehicle (Sandy Lane); 2 criminal damage (other) (Sandy Lane & Mickering Lane); 1 burglary (Long Lane). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Division, there had been 32 reported crimes with 17 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 208 incidents in Southern Parishes with 96 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of 'Nuisance' incidents, there had been 14 reported in Aughton. An e-mail dated 8 August 2018 addressed to various recipients including the Parish Council had been circulated to members in respect of a burglary in Cherry Tree Lane on 7 August 2018. The matter was being dealt with by the local police and an update would be requested at the next informal meeting.

10996 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS:

a) Policing Survey launched on-line Friday 27 July-Monday 10 September by the Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner 'Confidence in policing and local priorities' questionnaire (details circulated prior to meeting). The survey was considered and completed at the meeting with an addendum containing comments in respect of the poor response to the '101' service; the lack of public confidence in policing; local police officers had too large an area in Southern Division making it an impossible task to 'police'; a visible police presence was expected and necessary to bring back confidence in policing, provide intelligence to officers, and reduce the amount of serious nuisance and antisocial behaviour. Local residents were encouraged to complete the survey and it was AGREED to display it on the Parish Council website.

10997 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	-
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal (includes expenses for Best Kept Garden Competition & Civic Sunday - Free Resource)	181.96
S Moorcroft – expenses (3 months)	83.25
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping (5 week month) – grounds maintenance plus additional maintenance/repair on grounds and playareas (budget allocation)	4,514.00
Desktop NW Ltd – printer toners	113.16
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,359.32
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	155.80

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10998 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10 September 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.