

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 DECEMBER 2016, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE,
COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones (Vice-Chairman)

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10699 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Grant (Chairman of APC)	-	personal commitment
Councillor Gibbons	-	personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10700 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10701 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

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

A resident from The Serpentine spoke about an Appeal Decision dated 9 December 2016 in respect of development by Redrow Homes Ltd (Appeal Dismissed) which had not yet been displayed on-line by the Local Planning Authority.

The Chairman said he welcomed the Appeal Decision and acknowledged the work undertaken by all parties. The resident then spoke on Neighbourhood Watch and his concern that he, as a Co-ordinator, was not receiving 'crime alerts'. He also asked what was the situation with volunteers manning Aughton Police Station and how many had been recruited?

The Chairman said the crime statistics were displayed on the police website and the manning of the Police Station issue would be raised at the next PACT Panel Meeting.

The Chairman of ARG 2012 also spoke on the Redrow Appeal Decision and hoped that ARG and APC could now work together 'going forward' and he thanked the Parish Council for the stance taken throughout the Appeal.

A resident from Long Lane referred to the Local Plan and the first trigger point (the 5 year review of housing delivery) and asked if the Parish Council could ask for an update.

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

10702 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Long Lane: Traffic & Road Safety – additional information received from LCC re dates of site visits was READ and NOTED.

b) Neighbourhood Watch: Watch Liaison Officer post – members NOTED the information received from the Police & Crime Commissioner's office including a possible new volunteering model across the county and the consultation with the Constabulary and existing staff before any decisions were made on the way forward.

(the Chairman requested the views of the Parish Council be sent to Mr Grunshaw, the Police & Crime Commissioner, and seeking reassurance of his commitment to Neighbourhood Watch and to finding a good level of support for Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators)

c) Town Green Lane: Street Cleaning/Leaf Clearance – both sweepers had now been deployed to the area.

(Councillor Jones, a friend of the applicant, declared a PECUNIARY INTEREST in 2016/1183 and left the meeting during discussion of the application)

10703 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2016/1099 1124 1138 1045 1129 1168 1193 1180 1227

In respect of:

2016/1097/FUL 11 Granville Park – members had no objections to the revised positioning of the building within the site but considered full tree protection should be afforded to the site and any proposal for removal should be accompanied with a proposal for replacement, in order to protect the character of the area.

2016/1211/FUL Various locations in Aughton & Bickerstaffe in respect of temporary access points, gates and fencing to facilitate new raw water main lay between Springfield WTW and Bickerstaffe WTW – members wished to ensure reinstatement of the ‘landscape’ as soon as was reasonably practical.

(Councillor Jones left the meeting at this stage and Councillor Roberts took the Chair)

2016/1183/FUL ‘Charlton’, Quarry Drive – members raised no objections to the proposal providing the demolition of this property was necessary for ‘health and safety’ reasons and the proposed replacement dwelling would preserve or enhance the character of Granville Park Conservation Area.

(Councillor Jones resumed the Chair)

b) Appeals/Planning Control – the Parish Council awaited official notification of the decision in respect of the Redrow Appeal but the Chairman offered his thanks to all involved including parish and borough councillors, officers and ARG 2012. A letter of thanks to the Local Planning Authority was supported. In order to ensure public notification, the Appeal Decision would be placed on the Agenda of the January Meeting.

Planning Committee Meeting held 8 December 2016 – an update was given on the Granville Park Conservation Area Draft Appraisal. NOTED

10704 DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2017 and to consider a date and venue for the Annual Parish Assembly – the list of dates, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, was APPROVED and it was AGREED to hold the Annual Parish Assembly on 8 May at approximately 8.15pm following the Annual Meeting of the Council commencing 7.15pm. Consideration to be given to inviting the Police & Crime Commissioner, the new Chief Superintendent or a senior Police Officer to the Annual Assembly.

10705 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 6 December 2016. There had been 11 reported crimes since the last meeting including 3 burglary in a dwelling (St Michael Road, Mickering Lane & Swanpool Lane); 1 criminal damage (other) (Long Lane); 5 domestic type incidents (Long Lane, Molyneux Road, The Hollies, Whalley Drive, Beech Road); 1 theft (other) or unauthorised taking (Rothwell Drive); 1 criminal damage to a vehicle (Crescent Green). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 31 reported crimes with 11 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 269 incidents with 113 of those being in Aughton. Discussion took place over CCTV, ASB and ‘obstruction’ by vehicles parking on footways around schools. Notice that a ‘burglary operation’ was in progress that evening and confirmation there would be other similar operations in Aughton before Christmas to try and give local residents reassurance.

10706 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL: PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) – proposal to ban dogs from a further 26 children’s playareas (in order to help keep children safe and reduce problems with dog fouling) – consultation by 3 January 2017 – members noted the list which included the playareas in Holt Green and Belvedere Park and the fact that Parish Councils had not been consulted prior to the public consultation. At this late stage, however, members requested the inclusion of one additional playarea in Delph Ward.

10707 LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE: Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-2022 – consultation by 8 January 2017. Following brief discussion, the Plan was NOTED without comment.

10708 ESTIMATES MEETING – it was AGREED to hold the meeting on Wednesday, 25 January 2017 at Aughton Village Hall Annexe, commencing at 7.30pm (Full Council).

10709 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

Aughton Sports Association – income from sport	2,215.80
WLBC – Contribution towards Concurrent & General Expenditure (Part II)	4,570.50

Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	127.14
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter Maintenance	1,720.00
P & R Electrical Contractors – Christmas lights installation at Town Green Lane (Budget Allocation)	282.00
Lancashire County Council – loan repayment	789.80
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	75.00
British Telecom plc – One Bill/telephone/business broadband	158.00
Desktop NW – stationery replenishment	147.10
S Moorcroft – expenses (3 months)	88.27
Salaries (part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper)	1,210.56
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	157.89

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10710 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9 January 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everyone a merry Christmas and a festive New Year, and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.