

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2017, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10866 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Mrs Atherley - personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10867 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests at the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10868 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 NOVEMBER 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10869 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

- a) WLBC: Open Space Study – a brief report was given on the meeting held 17 November 2017 in the Sports Pavilion attended by the Chairman and Clerk (refer Minutes November 2017, Para.10858d).
- b) Delph Quarry – action taken by WLBC Environmental Enforcement Officer in respect of a complaint of ‘fly-tipping’ was noted. The matter would continue to be monitored.
- c) Best Kept Garden Competition 2017 – a brief report was given on the Presentation of Awards community event held on Saturday, 25 November 2017 at Aughton Village Hall Annexe.
- d) Traffic Problems on Long Lane – a further update on the latest position regarding speeding complaints on Long Lane was read and NOTED. Further speed enforcement would be carried out in locations where it was safe and appropriate to site the enforcement van. In addition to that, LCC would provide enhanced speed limit signs and road markings to reinforce the message to drivers of the appropriate maximum speed for Long Lane. These works to be completed before the end of March 2018. Furthermore, LCC would periodically deploy smiley-faced speed indicator signs, SpIDS to encourage drivers to drive appropriately in the area. The matter would continue to be monitored.

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

Local residents from Middlewood Road (Victorian Semi in Granville Park Conservation Area) & Arnian Court (Chairman of the Residents Association) raised their objections to the reserved matters application for the erection of 5 dwellings on land currently siting the garages to the East of Arnian Court, ie parking and access problems, overlooking and loss of residential amenity. A resident from Long Lane (Chairman of ARG 2012) spoke about Agenda Item 5bi) Appeals and the video commissioned by the group on traffic and road safety issues surrounding the Parris Lane site which had been made available and circulated to the Parish Council via the Clerk. A resident from Granville Park spoke about fly-tipping in the Quarry, the Local Plan, CIL monies and reported a lighting column ‘out’ on the Public Footpath through Granville Park. A resident from Parris Lane also spoke about the Local Plan and gave his views on the ‘smiley faced’ SpIDS, radar traps and the need for more permanent SpIDS.

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

10870 PLANNING

- a) Weekly List Items – there were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:  
2017/1174/FUL 1180 1223 1224

In the case of:

2017/0640/FUL (considered under the Parish Council Prior Notification Procedure to meet the deadline for response) The Cockbeck Tavern (new Co-op Convenience Store) – notification of amendment to the original proposal – members had noted the amendment proposed for the relocation of the equipment and wished to ensure the new siting would be more acceptable and not impact on the visual amenity and character of Granville Park Conservation Area.

2017/1119/FUL Aughton Grange EMI Care Home, Granville Park – members raised no objections to the ‘change of use’ of the building but considered 7 luxury apartments to be over-development of the site. The proposed conversion of the property from a Residential Care Home to luxury apartments could have a detrimental impact on neighbouring properties by way of: a) increased noise – 14 car parking spaces at the rear would create additional noise for surrounding properties leading to loss of residential amenity. b) increased traffic – the increase in traffic to and from the property via the side access from the car park alongside Number 24 would affect the residential amenity of the adjacent neighbours. c) increased on-road parking – with just 3 car parking spaces at the front of the property, possibly for visitors, this would inevitably lead to on-road parking and create a road hazard at this particular location in Granville Park. d) the landscaping proposals were noted. e) the property stood within Granville Park Conservation Area and any conversion of the building with the provision of car parking spaces should not significantly harm the character, or detrimentally impact on the Conservation Area.

2017/1139/ARM Garages to the East of Arnian Court, Molyneux Road – members iterated comments made at Outline stage including issues on parking and narrow access. The site was in close proximity to the Town Green Rail Station and commuters had daily on-street parking in Middlewood Road, Molyneux Road and Whalley Drive and the displacement of off-road parking from this site, whilst not strictly authorised by the owner, would detrimentally impact on highway safety and residential amenity in the immediate vicinity of the site. There would now be no car parking for the Arnian Court residents, apart from on-road and this would be in conflict with commuter parking. The site layout and the form of the dwellings, ie 3 storey, may result in loss of privacy, overlooking and loss of residential amenity for some surrounding properties, in particular affecting the views into and out of the Victorian semis in the Conservation Area on Middlewood Road. An organised site visit was considered desirable to allow members of the Planning Committee the opportunity to view the highway and parking issues.

b) Appeals – to receive:

i) Appeal by Wainhomes Developments Ltd – location: land to the East of Precot Road. Notice of an Appeal made to the Secretary of State due to WLBC’s refusal of the planning application (2015/0335/HYB). Following a High Court challenge to the Secretary of State’s decision on this Appeal dated 19 August 2016, the Court had ordered that the Appeal be re-determined. This did not necessarily mean that the Secretary of State would reach a different overall decision. The Appeal would be re-determined following an Inquiry. (An Agreement had now been reached that the Wainhomes Developments & Redrow Homes Inquiries (2015/0335/HYB & 2015/0329/OUT) would be con-joined). It was AGREED to iterate the Parish Council’s objections/comments for both Appeals – Public Inquiry details to be confirmed.

Members were grateful to the Aughton Residents Group for the production of the recent video highlighting the traffic and road safety problems on roads surrounding the site. The Parish Council also appreciated the time and financial commitment made by the Borough Council in opposing the Appeals and upholding the West Lancashire Local Plan.

ii) Notice of a Planning Appeal against Refusal of a Householder Application – 26 Swanpool Lane for a two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension; demolition of existing detached garage. NOTED

c) Lydiate Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan – consultation (details previously circulated to members)  
ITEM DEFERRED TO JANUARY 2018 MEETING.

10871 DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018 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 14 May 2018 at approximately

8.15pm following the Annual Meeting of the Council commencing at 7.15pm. at Aughton Village Hall Annexe.

10872 ESTIMATES MEETING – to consider a date. It was AGREED to hold the meeting (full Council) on Wednesday, 31 January 2018 in Aughton Village Hall Annexe, commencing at 8pm.

10873 CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK'S DECEMBER 2017 MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 6 December 2017. There had been 19 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 theft of a moped (Rail Car Park); 6 burglary in a dwelling (New Lane, Mickering Lane, Drake Close, Beech Road (2) and Whalley Drive; 1 possession of a controlled drug; 1 case of harassment; 1 assault with injury (Drake Close); 3 theft from a vehicle (Meadow Drive, Back Lane, Redsands); 2 cases of shoplifting (Co-op Convenience Store); 1 theft of paving stones (Sandy Lane); 1 theft of non payment (Derby Arms); 1 domestic type incident; 1 criminal damage to a vehicle (Long Lane). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 40 reported crimes with 19 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 203 incidents in Southern Parishes with 81 of those being in Aughton. Discussion took place over months of problems with youngsters/youths in the Cherry Tree Lane area of the Parish. The police had now given extra attention to the matter and reported that there did not appear to have been any further problems over the past month. The matter would continue to be monitored. It was reported that there was currently a burglary operation in progress and patrols had been stepped up around the hotspots.

10874 MINUTES OF FINANCE/GOVERNANCE MEETING HELD 29 NOVEMBER 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record. It was RESOLVED to approve all the RECOMMENDATIONS.

#### 10875 ACCOUNTS

##### Income

WLBC – contribution towards Capital Partnership Scheme in Playarea 2016/2017 completion	940.00
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##### Expenditure

Imprest Renewal	(includes VAT) 197.81
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter grounds maintenance on all sites plus additional work to include litter picking and waste-bin emptying on all sites during Park-keeper's holiday	2,363.00
S Moorcroft – expenses (2 months)	54.90
Mike Dolling (approved arboricultural contractor) – tree management	1,050.00
Desktop NW Ltd – stationery replenishment	126.00
Chubb Fire & Security Ltd – annual Fire Equipment Inspection and replacement Parts at Sports Pavilion	54.66
BT plc - One Bill – telephone/business broadband	160.52
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	32.04
P & R Electrical Contractors Ltd – Christmas Lights installation at Town Green Lane Shops	282.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,227.71
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	154.83

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10876 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8 January 2018.

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