

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2018, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

11033 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Mercer - personal commitment

(An apology from all Borough Ward Councillors, who were attending another meeting, was NOTED) APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11034 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their Interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

11035 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 NOVEMBER 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

11036 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a) Graveyard Grants – a letter of thanks from the Curate at Christ Church for the grant towards the maintenance of the graveyard for the benefit of the local community.

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

A resident from Long Lane raised the outstanding issue of the provision of SpIDs.

The Chairman gave an update on the project which was being undertaken by the Working Group and Lancashire County Council (LCC). As previously reported, the item would be raised on a future Agenda once all matters had been finalised with LCC Highways.

A second resident from Long Lane spoke about speeding traffic on the Lane and circulated papers from the Road Safety Observatory on 'Effectiveness of Speed Indicator Devices (SpIDs) v Traffic Calming Measures (TCM) on reducing vehicle speeds'. She had been in touch with the Highways Agency who advised on prioritisation of funding for TCM. In her opinion, whilst SpIDs recognised a problem in the first instance, they were ineffective in the long term and would be a waste of money. A more permanent solution needed to be installed on Long Lane. During further discussion, she would not remain at her seat and walked up and down in front of the Parish Council members and then stood in front of the Chairman and demanded traffic calming measures on Long Lane. After further 'discussion' and some 'unruly behaviour' the Chairman closed Public Question Time at 7.45pm and all Parish Council Members left the room for an adjournment – the Clerk remained at her desk with the documents etc.

After a short recess of 5 minutes, Parish Council Members came back into the room and the Chairman reopened Public Question Time at 7.50pm.

He apologised for the problems Long Lane residents were having with 'speeding vehicles' - the County Council, the police and the speed tasking group had been made aware previously - and advised the local resident that the Parish Council was able to fund SpIDs and under working partnerships with WLBC & LCC, it was doing all it could to install several around the Parish, including Long Lane, according to the specific criteria laid down. The Parish Council did not have the power to install TCMs but the SpID Working Group would discuss 'how best to proceed with Long Lane' at its next meeting in January.

Public Question Time (Continued)

The Chairman suggested the resident e-mail the Clerk for the contact details of the LCC Highways Dept responsible for TCMs also the County Councillor who may be able to assist with progressing the TCM issue.

A third resident from Long Lane asked what response the Parish Council was making to the West Lancashire Local Plan Review: Preferred Options consultation.

The Chairman said the Item would be discussed at Agenda Item 5c).

A resident from Gaw Hill Lane commented on the planning application at 67 Gaw Hill Lane including the lack of information about the proposed boundary and the light pollution from the proposal.

A resident from Brookfield Lane referred to an item he raised previously (Minutes July 2018 PQT & Minutes August 2018 Para.10992) in respect of the boundary fence around the new development on Springfield Road.

It was reported that the matter had been raised with the Planning Officer who had confirmed it was being dealt with.

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

*(Councillor Jones, who was known to the applicant, declared a DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST in 2018/1253/FUL and left the meeting during discussion)

11037 PLANNING:

a) Weekly List Items – to receive and consider

There were no comments in the cases of:

2018/1074/FUL 1162 1182 1217 1238 1245

In the case of:

2018/1126/OUT 67 Gaw Hill Lane – members referred to comments raised on the previous application for this site, ie 2017/1065/OUT and after considering this latest application, previous objections still stand, ie reference was made to the relevant policies in the West Lancashire Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework on Protection of the Green Belt; the proposal would, by definition, be harmful to the Green Belt – very special circumstances would not apply so the proposed use would be inappropriate; the site was considered ‘isolate’ given its very rural location; any new dwellings would be prominent in this location; on viability, the poor condition of the majority of unsubstantial buildings on site, and concern that the ongoing employment use (agriculture) was not viable, would not justify the change of land use to ‘new build residential’

2018/1132/FUL 33 Granville Park West – members wished to ensure the additional materials proposed would be acceptable in the Conservation Area.

2018/1083/FUL 52 Long Lane – members considered the building of this large structure in the front/side garden overlooking a busy main road was visually prominent in this location and resulted in over-development of the site. Should planning permission be granted for this retrospective application, a mature landscaping scheme would need to be in place to screen the large structure from the road.

*(Councillor Jones, having declared his DPI in this application, left the meeting at this stage and the Vice-Chairman took the Chair)

2018/1253/FUL 183A Long Lane – members referred to the history of the site and were concerned about its over-development and the impact on neighbours. A two storey side extension to the existing dwelling could result in ‘overbearingness’ and loss of residential amenity to surrounding properties.

(it was noted that neighbours comments had not been displayed to date)

*Councillor Jones resumed the meeting.

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b) Appeals/Planning Control

Notification of an Appeal lodged by the owner of 145 Gaw Hill Lane following the failure by WLBC to determine an application for planning permission within the time limit allowed in respect of 2018/0739/FUL. NOTED

Notification of an Appeal lodged by the owner of Pancheree, Formby Lane following the failure by WLBC to determine an application for planning permission within the time limit allowed in respect of 2018/0387/FUL. NOTED

c) West Lancashire Local Plan Review: Preferred Options:

i) to note an independent expert Demographer had been commissioned by CPRE to progress a critical review of the housing evidence base of the Local Plan (shared funding including a contribution from Aughton Parish Council) – the Parish Council had approved a contribution, capped at £1,000, towards the cost of the study estimated at £3,000 (LGA.72 P.111). It was AGREED to authorise payment to CPRE Lancashire (following approval from the Chairman), when confirmed.

ii) to receive and approve the Parish Council's Response to the Preferred Options Proposals – the draft response was READ by the Chairman and with minor additions in respect of ecology, the Listed Building setting of Moor Hall, and reference to the Demographer's Report, the final response detailing the Parish Councils objections to the proposals in Strategic Policy SP8:

- To the North-West of Parrs Lane (circa 400 dwellings)
- To the South of Parrs Lane (circa 500 dwellings)
- Green Belt land off Altys Lane, Ormskirk but within the Parish Boundary of Aughton
- To the highways links road provision connecting the B5197 to A570 St Helens Road

was APPROVED by all members.

In respect of the Consultation period for the Preferred Option Stage, the Parish Council had written to the Chief Executive at WLBC asking for consideration to be given to hold a Consultation Event in the Parish, given the proposals for Aughton were significant and would impact on residential amenity and the character and appearance of the Parish. It was NOTED that the request had been unsuccessful.

11038 WINIFRED LANE PLAYAREA – to note a serious incident which was receiving a full police investigation “Police Urgent Alert: Parents please be aware that razor blades/knife blade were attached to the side of the children's slide. Please report anything suspicious or any similar incidents to Lancashire Police by calling ‘101’ or Crimestoppers, 100% anonymously, on 0800 555111. If anyone has any information about this we would urge them to contact us as soon as possible. Whoever did this could have caused serious injury to a child – please be assured we are fully investigating this matter.”

The Chairman said the Parish Council was very shocked and saddened to learn about the serious incident reported on Friday, 30 November 2018. Such mindless and disgraceful acts had no place in our community. The perpetrators must be brought to justice as a matter of urgency so that families could continue to enjoy the playareas as they had done for many years knowing that they were in a safe environment. Lancashire Constabulary were investigating this serious criminal act and the Parish Council was assisting the police with their enquiries to find the culprit(s). Arrangements had been made for increased monitoring of all the playareas and the Parish Council had requested surveillance from the police in order to prevent further criminal acts occurring in the future. We have proposed that the police install Lancashire Constabulary ‘alert’ notices at all these sites in order to remind members of the public to be vigilant at all times. It was noted that, to date, these notices were still awaited.

11039 CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK'S DECEMBER MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 5 December 2018.

There had been 7 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 burglary, business & community (Royal Oak Public House); 1 malicious communication (Crescent Green); 1 public fear, alarm or distress (Co-op Convenience Store); 2 domestic incidents; 1 assault with injury (Nursing Home); 1 burglary in a dwelling (Liverpool Road). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 20 reported crimes with 7 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 155 incidents in Southern Parishes with 69

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of those being in Aughton. There had been no calls from the Cherry Tree Lane area other than 2 requests to the police to check the playarea, in the light of the Winifred Lane incident.

11040 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: to receive

- a) Notices of Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic Orders and Temporary Speed Restriction Order 2018 for Northway Central Reservation (from the roundabout at junction of Winifred Lane to the roundabout at junction of Liverpool Road) from 2 January to 26 April 2019 (gas mains replacement works); Winifred Lane (from the roundabout at Northway to its junction with Narrow Lane) from 16 January to 1 March 2019 (gas mains replacement works).
- b) TRO – consultation – February/April Parking Order (2018) various roads including West Lancashire LSG4/894.8702/AFR (to remove unnecessary and inconsiderate parking and improve the general movement of traffic along the road also to improve drivers forward visibility and improve overall road safety) – members noted the proposals but there was a need for proper enforcement of such measures.

11041 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) Minutes of Finance Governance Meeting held 28 November 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE all the recommendations.
- b) Estimates Meeting – it was AGREED to hold the meeting (full council) on Wednesday, 23 January 2019 at Aughton Village Hall Annexe, commencing at 8pm.

11042 DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2019 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 that as the Parish Council elections would be held in May, to review the date for the Annual Parish Assembly at a future meeting.

11043 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	-
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	81.40
S R Moorcroft – materials/repairs to noticeboards & bus shelter	44.75
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter maintenance plus removal and installation of new litter bins (8)	1,617.00
Viking Trees – Redsands Park tree management (Phase II)	2,160.00
British Telecommunications – One bill telephone & business broadband	241.92
Desktop NW Ltd – stationery replenishment	113.15
Lexis Nexis – Local Council Administration Clerks’ Manual which includes new legislation (discounted rate)	110.99
Chubb Fire & Security Ltd – service/parts to equipment in Sports Pavilion	58.04
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	100.00
CPRE Lancashire – contribution towards professional services of a Demographer in respect of the WLBC Local Plan Review (LGA.72 P.111)	750.00
P & R Electrical Contractors Ltd – installation of Christmas Lights at Town Green Lane Shops	282.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,253.04
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	156.00

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

11044 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14 January 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.