

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2019, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

11204 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor I Mercer	-	business commitment
Councillor Mrs C Morrison	-	indisposed

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11205 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

11206 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 NOVEMBER 2019, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

11207 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

- a) Community Engagement (Minutes November 2019, Public Question Time) – a brief report was given on the meeting held on 25 November 2019 with officers from Edge Hill University. A further meeting would be arranged in the New Year.
- b) Aughton's Best Kept Garden Competition – a brief report was given on the Presentation of Awards event held Saturday, 30 November 2019 at Aughton Village Hall Annexe.

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

The Chairman gave an update on the Speed Awareness Signs – 3 of the 4 signs were now in operation. The fourth sign was awaiting a modification to the post.

One local resident queried the speed recording and the Clerk was asked to seek clarification from the contractor.

Discussion took place on Agenda Item 5d) Proposal Scoping Opinion on Land to the NW of Parrs Lane and reference was made to Annual Monitoring Report. Local residents present hoped the Parish Council would continue to object to any development on this land if a planning application was submitted in the future. The Chairman said the Parish Council would continue to have the same concerns and would continue to support local residents.

A local resident spoke about the amendment to Planning Application on land to the rear of the Dog & Gun Inn, Long Lane and advised that although the plans had been revised, there would appear to be no parking for the club and visitors using the bowling green.

The Chairman advised that the Clerk would ensure the item was 'called-in' at the appropriate Planning Committee Meeting.

A local resident raised a comment on a police matter.

The Chairman advised that the Clerk would look into this at the next Informal Police Meeting.

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

11208 WLBC PLANNING:

- a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2019/1028/ADV 1063 1087 1128/OUT 1154 1050 (Amendment) 1083 (Amendment) 1157 1163

In the case of:

2019/0516/FUL (Amended Plans) Land to the rear of Dog & Gun Inn, Long Lane – members iterated comments made on the original application.

b) Appeals/Planning Control/Licensing:

Appeals: Notice of an Appeal Decision in respect of 52 Long Lane (2018/1083/FUL) – removal of existing wooden play area and erection of wooden summer house to be built in side garden (retrospective), installation of fast growing hedge along Prescott Road/Long Lane boundary. **APPEAL ALLOWED**

Licensing: Application for a Premises Licence in respect of 69 Town Green Lane – a brief report was given on the Hearing held 18 November 2019, the Clerk represented the Parish Council and there were two local residents present. After much discussion/consideration, the Application for the License was **GRANTED** subject to Proposed/Amended/Alternative Conditions on the Operating Schedule.

c) Tree Evaluation: Scots Pine in rear garden, east side of property at 6 Winifred Lane – consultation on new Tree Preservation Order. After discussion on the Tree T1, including its contribution to the landscape, members felt they were not qualified to comment on the Order. None of the ‘interested parties’ attended the meeting.

For information: The Parish Council was not a Consultee on d) or e):

d) Land to the NW of Parrs Lane: Proposal – scoping opinion – proposed residential development up to 500 dwellings – to note 2019/1134/SCO.

e) Proposal: Installation of 7 No. telecommunications masts, each at a separate site. Each Mast had 4 No. antenna, plus one electricity cabinet and associated equipment. Location: Ormskirk to Liverpool Railway Line, Station Approach, Ormskirk. Applicant: Alan Dick Communications Ltd, A Panasonic Company – to note – 2019/1158/FUL

11209 POLICING OF AUGHTON: Chairman/Vice-Chairman/Parish Clerk’s December Meeting with the Local Police – a brief report was given on the informal meeting held 4 December 2019. There had been 14 reported crimes since the last meeting including: 4 burglary in a dwelling (Moss Delph Lane, Delph Common Road, Greenwood Close, Formby Lane), 2 domestic incidents, 1 assault in a dwelling, 1 assault concerning vehicle damage, 1 assault (local business), 2 criminal damage excluding a vehicle (Westhaven Crescent, Liverpool Road), 1 theft of a motor vehicle (Greenwood Close), 2 vehicle crime (Granville Park). In Aughton, other than reported crimes, there had been 68 incidents with 3 incidents in the Nuisance Category (Village Hall, Town Green Wine Bar, Bargain Booze).

11210 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Notice of Temporary Road Closure on Aughton Park Drive on Wednesday, 18 December 2019, to enable maintenance works to the sewer network to be carried out. **NOTED**

11211 PARISH FINANCE:

a) Minutes of Finance/Governance Meeting held 28 November 2019, copies circulated prior to meeting, were **RECEIVED** and **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** as a correct record. Following a brief summary and with one addition to the Risk Management document in respect of members of the Aughton Sports Association (Annual Licence/Public Liability Insurance & Personal Insurance cover), it was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** all the recommendations.

11212 DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2020 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, were considered and **APPROVED** with an amendment to the April Meeting from 13 April (falls on Easter Monday) to Monday, 6 April 2020. It was **AGREED** to hold the Annual Parish Assembly on Monday, 11 May 2020, commencing 8.15pm and following the Annual Meeting of the Council. Representatives from Lancashire Constabulary would be invited to attend.

## 11213 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	189.76
S Moorcroft – expenses (2 months)	55.80
S R Moorcroft – minor repairs	27.50
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter maintenance including ‘community safety’ hedging, car park maintenance etc	2,678.00
BT Business Broadband/Telephone	170.66
Lancashire Turf Supplies – intensive bowling green maintenance	1,633.78
P & R Electrical Contractors Ltd – installation of Christmas Lighting at Town Green Lane Shops	282.00
Aughton Village Hall – hiring (3 months)	150.00
Lancashire County Council – loan repayment (7 day invoice)	701.94
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,315.25
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	154.26

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

11214 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13 January 2020.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm and wished everyone ‘a Very Happy Christmas’.