

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 FEBRUARY 2017, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE,
COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Ian Grant

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10722 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Gibbons - personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10723 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10724 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 JANUARY 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10725 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only) – none.

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

2 Aughton residents attended and gave their views on Neighbourhood Watch, road crime and overgrown hedges on Town Green Lane. With the consent of the Chairman, 1 Ormskirk resident (and an on-line newspaper reporter) commented on the current road safety schemes in the Borough involving the local police working with school children.

The Chairman noted the comments. He mentioned the discontinuation of PACT meetings across the borough and said the local police were grateful to the interpersonal exchange with the Parish Council and the public on local matters. Aughton Parish Council representatives would continue to meet monthly at Aughton Police Station with the local officers. Both parties were most grateful to the NWS co-ordinators and members for their continuing commitment. It was hoped that the Police & Crime Commissioner would be available to update the Parish Council and the local community on Neighbourhood Watch and other matters at the Annual Parish Assembly in May. The possibility of arranging 'Community Speedwatch' with Aughton's school children would be investigated.

Councillor David Westley updated everyone on 20mph zones and the Lancashire County Council budget for Road Safety.

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

10726 PLANNING

(Councillor Grant declared a PERSONAL INTEREST in 2016/1309/FUL as he was known to the family of the adjacent neighbour)

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2016/1304/PNP 0022 0011 0032 0046 0051 0070

In the case of:

2016/1309/FUL 18 Granville Park – members were concerned the proposal would result in loss of residential

amenity and overlooking to the adjacent property at Number 16. There was concern also about loss of trees, the proposed boundary treatment and the loss of character and harm to the appearance of Granville Park Conservation Area, due to this 'sizeable' development.

2017/0029/FUL 224 Prescott Road – members had no objections to the proposed amendments to the vehicular access arrangements but wished to ensure full tree protection was afforded to the mature trees on site.

2017/1261/COU Brookfield Mill, Butchers Lane – members raised no objections to the proposal providing the alterations/conversion of the Mill complied with Local Plan Policies/Design Guide, in order to retain the important character of the building in this rural location.

2017/0097/FUL Birches Brow, Formby Lane – members were concerned and disappointed that the applicant was now seeking change to the original planning conditions for the building of a new wall, which would alter the character and appearance of this rural location.

b) Appeals/Planning Control – none.

c) Planning Committee Meeting – to receive a brief report on the meeting held 9 February 2017 – the RECOMMENDATIONS were READ and the RESULTS NOTED.

2016/1008/FUL Aughton Institute, Bold Lane (New 2 storey dwelling and integral garage on land to the rear of the Institute) – APPROVED with Conditions including 'No development shall take place until full details of the extension to the Bowling Green, including any landscaping details, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The works to construct the proposed access to the new dwelling shall not be carried out until the bowling green extension has been completed in accordance with the approved details'.

2016/1183/FUL Charlton, Quarry Drive (demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling) – RECOMMENDATION – REFUSAL but APPLICATION DEFERRED pending further information.

d) WLBC – draft Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy (consultation response by 10 March 2017) - members noted the document and supported the Strategy. Whilst improving the environment and enhancing opportunities for recreation etc, given the current financial constraints and budget cuts, members questioned the funding for the proposed additional projects which had to be properly managed and maintained.

e) WLBC – Proposed Extension to Granville Park Conservation Area – members were informed of the amended boundary which included the existing bowling green at the rear of the Cockbeck Tavern. Approval of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal Update had now been deferred pending further public consultation on the new boundary.

(All members present had declared their DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS in the next item, having all been granted DISPENSATIONS in respect of any matters relating to 'discussing/debating the Budget and Setting the Parish Council Precept')

10727 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE & SETTING THE PRECEPT FOR 2017/2018 – copies of Minutes of Estimates Meeting held 25 January 2017, circulated prior to meeting, were:

- a) RECEIVED, APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record and
- b) After consideration, it was RESOLVED to approve all the RECOMMENDATIONS.

After discussion, it was RESOLVED to approve the Parish Precept amount as follows:

Precept to be raised for Council Tax £56,957 with a Tax Base of 3496.46 giving a Band D equivalent tax level of £16.29 keeping the same Band D equivalent as the previous year.

10728 CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK'S MARCH MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 7 February 2017. There had been 7 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 domestic type (Mickering Lane), 4 daytime burglaries in dwellings (1 Formby Lane, 2

Butchers Lane, 1 Firs Lane), 1 other theft or unauthorised taking (Robins Bridge Nursery), 1 stealing of a motor vehicle (a delivery van in Swanpool Lane). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 21 reported crimes with 7 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 228 incidents with 93 of those being in Aughton.

10729 CHARITY NAME 'RACHEL TAYLOR FOR A PLAYING FIELD' – in compliance with current regulations, it was confirmed and NOTED that an Annual Update Form had been submitted to the Charity Commission.

10730 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) Sports Pavilion: upgrade of toilet and washing facilities – it was RESOLVED to approve payment to J Baldwin (Plumber) of Burscough in the sum of £995.00.
- b) Girlguiding GOLD (guiding Overseas Linked with Development) Project to Aruba in Summer 2017 – it was RESOLVED to approve a donation of £200 to Rachel Melling, the assistant leader for 5th Aughton Guides (Youth/Young Persons Fund).

10731 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS: External Audit – the arrangements were confirmed and noted for external audit for the five year period in relation to accounts for the financial year beginning 1 April 2017.

10732 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LCC):

- a) Parish & Town Council Conference to be held at Preston County Hall, Saturday, 25 February 2017 - the Agenda Items and content of Conference were NOTED.
- b) Consultation with Parish Councils – a letter from the Leader of LCC in response to the concerns of Parish Councils with regard to the short timescales given with consultations. NOTED

10733 AUGHTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION – the date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 22 March 2017, commencing 7pm at the Sports Pavilion.

10734 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

WLBC – Partnership Capital Scheme (Play Equipment) 3,500.00

Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	51.08
S Moorcroft – expenses (2 months)	60.14
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – maintenance/repairs	1,765.00
Yates Playgrounds Ltd – playarea maintenance/repairs (part)	651.60
Rachel Melling (5 th Aughton Guides) – donation	200.00
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – service/repair to mower/bowling green maint.	341.35
J Baldwin (Plumber) – Sports Pavilion upgrade	995.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,210.56
HMRevenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	157.89

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10735 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13 March 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.