

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 JANUARY 2020, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone present a 'Happy New Year'.

11215 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:  
Councillor Mrs Boulton - indisposed  
APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11216 REGISTER OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS (full notes circulated to members) – annual reminder. Action to be taken in respect of members' Interests (also spouses, partners, civil partners, changes to interests, etc) – guidance NOTED.

11217 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their Interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

11218 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 DECEMBER 2019, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

11219 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

- a) Community Engagement – an update was given on the future meetings with officers from Edge Hill University and the Committee Members from Christ Church – suitable dates to be confirmed with all parties.
- b) Speed Awareness Signs – due to highway works on Long Lane in the vicinity of the 4<sup>th</sup> and final sign, the contractor had made several attempts to finish the work without success. Arrangements had now been made with the building contractor working on the Aughton Park Drive site nearby plus the Parish Park-keeper to assist with access. Noted
- c) Letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion for involvement of distribution of the wreaths to Aughton groups and for the donation.

(Councillor Mrs Morrison who held a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, left the meeting at this stage, as her spouse would be raising an issue on 'Fracking')

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

A local resident, the spouse of Councillor Mrs Morrison, handed a letter to the Chairman in respect of a request for funding support to the Moss Alliance (Saving the Moss from Fracking).

The Chairman said the matter would be considered as an Agenda Item at a future Parish Council Meeting. It was understood that County Councillor O'Toole would be speaking at the LCC Development Control Meeting once all the information in respect of the application was finalised. The Parish Council awaited the decision and an update.

(Councillor Mrs Morrison returned to the meeting)

Discussion took place on Agenda Item 7d 'A Local Development Scheme for a new Local Plan'; potholes in the Parish (residents can report on the LCC website 'potholes report it'); the Bold Lane Speed Awareness Sign (adjustment to the solar panel cable); the decision of the Parish Council on 'Neighbourhood Planning' (to be reviewed at the 2020 Estimates Meeting); and a resident gave her views on planning applications 2019/1280 & 2019/0896.

The Chairman would invite to a future meeting County Councillor David O'Toole (once a decision had been made on the Gt Altcar Fracking application), and Borough Councillor David Westley (an update on the West Lancashire Local Plan situation).

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

11220 VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILOR – the Chairman reported the Interview Selection Panel had interviewed a prospective candidate who appeared to be committed to contributing to the Parish Council's aims and objectives in serving the local community. The recommendation was then made that Mr Anthony Mills be invited and CO-OPTED onto Aughton Parish Council to fill a vacancy in Town Green Ward. The recommendation was APPROVED and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY. The new member would be invited to attend the February Meeting to complete the procedure.

(\*Councillor Mercer declared his DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST in planning application 2019/0896 (Amendment), as the owner of the adjacent property)

11221 WLBC PLANNING:

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2019/1223 1224 1117 1192 1217 1241

(\*Councillor Mercer left the meeting at this stage)

2019/0896/Amendment 69 Town Green Lane - members noted the amendment and revised description of the development but confirmed the original comments still stand, in particular, the issue of 'parking and public nuisance/outside areas'.

(\*Councillor Mercer returned to the meeting)

2019/1243/FUL 67 Turnpike Road – members wished to ensure the amendment to the original permission would not detrimentally affect the residential amenity of the nearby properties.

2019/1253/FUL Eastwood Farm, Narrow Lane, Halsall – members reflected on the history of the site going back to 2011 and the siting of a mobile home for use as a Temporary Agricultural Worker's dwelling and current guidance in the NPPF with respect to 'inappropriate development in the Green Belt unless very special circumstances existed'. If the Local Planning Authority had clear evidence and was satisfied that given the investment of the business over the years, the applicant continued to develop the enterprise, and there remained an essential functional requirement for a skilled worker to reside at the farm – security and management of the birds – members would not object in principle to a permanent dwelling with agricultural workers' restrictions imposed. It was noted that the proposed dwelling would be sited nearer to the existing buildings fronting open farmland and the soft boundary treatment was supported. However, perhaps a more modest design, in keeping with the countryside, could be considered for this open Green Belt location.

2019/1279/FUL 30 Sefton Gardens – members wished to ensure the proposal would not affect the privacy and residential amenity of neighbouring properties.

2019/1280/FUL 10 Middlewood Road – members noted the proposal and commented on the boundary treatment. The retention of the privet hedges was noted and supported and it was suggested that any existing or new fencing would be 'hedgehog friendly'.

b) Appeals - none

Planning Control – members noted planning applications which received refusal decisions –

2019/1077/FUL Royal Oak (outdoor facilities) 2019/2019/1028/ADV Aughton Institute (signage)

2019/1042/ADV Miller & Carter, 2 Springfield Road (Advert consent Refused/Approved (split))

Members noted a Permission in Principle granted for 2019/1109/PIP Land at Round Thorn Cottage and Barn adjacent Round Thorn Cottage, Parrs Lane.

c) Planning Committee Meeting held 9 January 2020 – 2019/0516/FUL Land to the rear of Dog and Gun Inn, Long Lane (erection of 9 dwellings and associated works) the RECOMMENDATION was READ and the RESULT NOTED – APPROVED with Conditions.

d) Cabinet Meeting to be held 14 January 2020 – Agenda Item 7k 'A Local Development Scheme for a new Local Plan'. NOTED

11222 POLICING OF AUGHTON - a brief report was given on the meeting held 8 January 2020. There had been 12 reported crimes since the last meeting including 4 burglary in a dwelling (Smithy Lane, off Springfield Road (2), 1 Farm, Back Lane), 2 vehicle crime (Liverpool Road, Quarry Drive), 1 theft from a business (Co-op Convenience Store), 1 public order incident (Winifred Lane), 2 domestic incident, 1 fraud/forgery (Delph Lane), 1 criminal damage excluding a vehicle (Norris House Drive). In Aughton, other than reported crimes, there had been 92 incidents with 4 cases of 'nuisance'. A complaint about

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‘speeding traffic on Moss Delph Lane’ had been reported to Councillor O’Toole who had passed it on to the Neighbourhood & Traffic Management Team. A request would also be made by the local police for the Community Speed Watch Team to include the area on its list of visits. The query raised by a member of the public in respect of a serious previous incident (public order incident), it was suggested by the police that the resident made direct contact with them for an update.

Finally, in respect of any ‘speeding issues’, it was reported that local residents could view <http://www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk> to check if their concerns had already been dealt with and the status.

#### 11223 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) Campaign to Protect Rural England – it was RESOLVED to approve membership renewal in the sum of £36 to CPRE HQ.
- b) Community Defibrillator – it was RESOLVED to approve payment of £73 (plus VAT) to Defib Store Ltd for the purchase of an ancillary item, ie paediatric pads for use on a child under 8.
- c) Speed Awareness Sign (Long Lane) – it was RESOLVED to approve payment of £200 (plus VAT) to Unipart Dorman Ltd for the purchase of an ancillary item to accommodate the 4<sup>th</sup> sign on Long Lane.
- d) Estimates Meeting (full Council) – the date was confirmed at Tuesday, 21 January 2020 at Aughton Village Hall Annexe, commencing 8pm.

11224 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS: Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2020, an invitation to nominate the Chairman. The Chairman regretted he was unable to attend on the date specified, if he was nominated and successful in the ballot. NOTED

11225 WLBC: Parish Council Representation on Standards Committee (refer Minutes October 2019) – it was AGREED to nominate the representative from Bickerstaffe to serve on the Standards Committee.

11226 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Initial Notification of Temporary Road Closures on Small Lane & Clieves Hills Lane – 17.2.2020 to 21.2.2020 to enable the removal of existing water connection and redundant ironworks to be carried out by Balfour Beatty on behalf of United Utilities. NOTED

#### 11227 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	-
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	68.89
S Moorcroft – expenses (1 month)	27.00
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter maintenance	495.00
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – mower service/parts plus bowling green maintenance	862.03
Chubb Fire & Security Ltd – annual inspection/replacement parts/new key box	79.68
Campaign to Protect Rural England HQ – membership renewal	36.00
Unipart Dorman Ltd – additional ancillary part for Speed Awareness Sign	240.00
Defib Store Ltd – purchase of ancillary item for community defibrillator	99.60
Information Commissioner – data protection fee renewal	40.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk & part-time Park-keeper	1,315.05
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	154.46

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

11228 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10 February 2020.

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