

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 JANUARY 2015, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE,
COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: As elected at Para.10369.

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10369 ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIRMAN FOR THE JANUARY MEETING – it was PROPOSED by Councillor Grant and SECONDED by Councillor J Addison, that Councillor Graham Jones be elected as acting Chairman. There being no further nominations, it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

10370 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Gallagher (Chairman)	-	personal commitment
Councillor Walne (Vice-Chairman)	-	personal commitment
Councillor Mrs Atherley	-	personal commitment
Councillor D Addison	-	business commitment
Councillor Mrs Brown	-	indisposed
Councillor Byron	-	personal commitment
Councillor Huyton	-	indisposed

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10371 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10372 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 DECEMBER 2014, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10373 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Public Question Time: Policing Matters – a response to points raised in respect of antisocial behaviour, lack of a visible police presence, staffing levels, difficulty in reporting crime or making contact with police officers, an out-of-date police website, community speed watch, Aughton Police Station Lease renewal between Merseyrail and Lancashire Constabulary, was READ and NOTED.

10374 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 7 January 2015. There had been 13 crimes reported since the last meeting including 3 thefts from insecure vehicles at residential properties (Swan Delph, Sagar Fold and Winifred Lane); 4 assaults – domestic type; 1 attempted burglary (other than in a dwelling) Brookfield Lane; 2 attempted burglaries in dwellings (Town Green Lane & St Michael's Park); 1 assault (The Rowans); 1 burglary in a dwelling (Rose Place); 1 burglary (other than in a dwelling) Beaconsfield Farm, Northway. Additional information - on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Division, which included Aughton, DownHolland, Haskayne, Simonswood, Halsall, Bickerstaffe, Part of Lathom, Part of Westhead, Altcar, there had been 23 reported crimes with 13 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with, other than reported crimes, there were 279 incidents with 116 of those in Aughton, mainly dealt with by the PCSO's.

After discussion, it was AGREED to request the additional information for future meetings.

10375 FESTIVE LIGHTING SWITCH-ON AT TOWN GREEN LANE SHOPS – to receive a brief report and consider a donation to the named charity benefiting from the event. It was RESOLVED to make a donation of £75 to Queenscourt Hospice (Paperbank Fund). A successful community event organised by the staff at Sydney Huyton & Sons, supported by contributions from the Spa Shop, the barrel-organ owner

and the musical caravan from the Rotary Club of Ormskirk. A total of £400 had been raised from this annual event and a cheque for the full amount had been forwarded to Queenscourt Hospice.

10376 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS:

- a) Annual General Meeting held 8 November 2015 – the full report given by the Parish Clerk who attended the annual event was READ and NOTED. A presentation on flooding, the closure of pumping stations and working with the Environment Agency & the NFU proved informative with Parish Council representatives.
- b) Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2015 – it was RESOLVED to nominate the Chairman in the Ballot.

10377 WEST LANCS BRANCH OF CROSSROADS CARE NORTH WEST – to consider a donation (notes circulated prior to meeting). It was NOTED that currently between 17 & 20 families in Aughton were receiving help at any one time from ‘Crossroads Care’. It was RESOLVED to approve a donation of £100 (Paperbank Fund) towards an ‘emergency care service’ which would benefit Aughton residents.

10378 PLAYAREAS:

- a) the Inspection Reports on all four sites were NOTED and it was RESOLVED to approve payment in the sum of £200 (plus VAT) to Yates Playgrounds Ltd.
- b) the recommendations for maintenance and repair were NOTED and APPROVED. The recommendations for renewal of some items in the future (due to wear and tear) were NOTED and would be given further consideration at the next Finance Committee Meeting (Capital Bids/Fund & Budget Allocation). All items would continue to be closely monitored by Yates Playgrounds Ltd.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – the time having reached 8pm, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and invited comments/questions from members of the public present. A small group of Aughton residents discussed the Lancashire Constabulary website and considered more information on the APC website in respect of Policing of Aughton would be useful, eg calling the ‘101’ service, other ways of contacting the local police, advertising the Public PACT meetings, advertising for more volunteers in the police station, more information about crime in the Parish. Other matters discussed included police powers on public and private land, and the annual increase in police precept.

The additional information requested would be discussed at the February PACT Panel Meeting.

10379 PLANNING:

- a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the case of 2014/1290/FUL

In the cases of:

2014/1225/FUL 223 Prescot Road – Variation of Condition 2 attached to planning permission 2010/0355, members were concerned that the proposal of a Variation would lead to an increase in the footprint of the original permission.

2014/1257/FUL Land at Aughton Chase, Springfield Road – members referred to the planning history of the whole site, its various commercial/residential uses over the years and its current state of dereliction which detrimentally affects the character and appearance of the approach to the Parish of Aughton. Providing there was no boundary extension and the density proposed was not inappropriate for Aughton, the application should receive favourable consideration by the Local Planning Authority. A good landscaping scheme alongside could substantially enhance the area and make a positive contribution to the ‘Gateway to Aughton’.

- b) Appeals/Planning Control – Notice of an Appeal Lodged (under the Householder Appeals Service) against WLBC’s decision to refuse planning permission for a single storey rear extension and erection of porch; alterations to window on west elevation and installation of Juliet balcony at 7 The Hollies, off Holly Lane (2014/0741/FUL). NOTED

c) Planning Committee Meeting held 18 December 2014 – the RECOMMENDATIONS were READ and the RESULTS NOTED.

2014/1052/FUL Mount Carmel Preparatory School, Aughton Park Drive – proposed development of 7 houses on land at 1 Aughton Park Drive following demolition of the existing building (former school) – Approved with Conditions. NOTED

10380 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL: Code of Conduct Training – due to the postponement of the Seminar/Workshop Session in November 2014, a new Seminar was proposed for all councillors, including those who will be newly elected, on 14 May 2015. NOTED

10381 ACCOUNTS

Income

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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	75.68
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter grounds maintenance/repairs	1655.70
Lancashire County Council – loan repayment	849.39
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive maintenance of bowling green	32.04
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	75.00
Queenscourt Hospice – donation (Paperbank Fund)	75.00
Sydney Huyton & Son – supply and delivery of Christmas Trees	90.00
Yates Playgrounds Ltd – inspection reports on all 4 sites	240.00
Information Commissioner – Data Protection Registration renewal	35.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1185.46
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	156.14

It was RESOLVED that all the forgoing accounts be paid.

10382 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9 March 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.