

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 JANUARY 2016, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Ian Grant

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10531 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf:

Councillor Mrs Atherley	-	personal commitment
Councillor Roberts	-	personal commitment

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10532 REGISTER OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS (notes circulated prior to meeting) – annual reminder. Action to be taken in respect of Members' Interests (also spouses, civil partners), Changes to Interests, etc – guidance was NOTED.

10533 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10534 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 DECEMBER 2015, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10535 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Lancashire Association of Local Councils – the next Area Committee Meeting would be held on 21 January 2016 at the Council Offices, Ormskirk, commencing 7.30pm and the Agenda would include, with speakers, items on 'Bus Services (withdrawal of subsidies) & Flooding (including discussion on Independent Drainage Boards)'.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this stage and welcomed members of the public present. He thanked local residents for alerting the Parish, Borough and County Councils to some of the issues which had arisen since the last meeting, eg surface water and lighting problems. He then invited questions/comments from those attending.

A resident from The Serpentine raised comments in respect of the loss of the Number 5 bus service, a stretch of some 14 street lights 'out' on Prescot Road, flooding at Doctor's Bridge onto Moss Delph Lane, a request for the contact details of Parish Councillors to be displayed on the website, similar to DownHolland Parish Council, and a list of main officer contacts at the Borough and County Councils.

A resident from Long Lane also raised the issue of the loss of the Number 5 bus service and his objections to the extended hours proposed for the planning application 2015/1190 Land at the junction with Long Lane/Aughton Park Drive.

The Chairman responded to the points raised by members and local residents. With regard to the contact details of Aughton Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk was the 'contact point' for all enquiries, correspondence etc but all councillors could exercise their choice for releasing their own telephone numbers, e-mail addresses etc to local residents. With regards to the Borough and County Councils, all contact was now made through the Call Centres.

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

(Councillors Ms Woolgar & Gibbons, known to the applicant as neighbours, declared NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS in 2015/1299/FUL, and left the meeting during discussion of the application)

10536 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2015/1203/FUL 2015/1299

In the case of:

2015/1190/FUL Land at the Junction with Long Lane/Aughton Park Drive – variation of condition number 21 imposed on planning permission 2015/0274/FUL to read: ‘the premises shall only be open to customers between the hours of 07.00 and 23.00, 7 days a week including Public/Bank Holidays’ – members were strongly opposed to the proposed extension to the premises opening hours. The proposal would result in further loss of residential amenity to surrounding properties (retired persons bungalows and apartments, also the houses in close proximity in Long Lane and the new development of Mount Carmel Gardens). The original condition imposed (21) should be more than adequate to meet residential needs and should not be varied/extended.

b) Appeals – none.

Planning Control – an update was given on the application by United Utilities for a Certificate of Lawfulness on land off Springfield Road for the proposed installation of ground mounted solar panels. In accordance with current legislation, the application was fully delegated to officers. A Certificate of Lawful Use or Development (Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 192 (as amended by Section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991), Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, dated 17 December 2015 was issued by West Lancashire Borough Council – the matter described in the First and Second Schedules in respect of the land was permitted development and therefore did not require planning permission – Reason(s) for the Council’s Decision – the development had been found to be Permitted development under Schedule 2, Part 13 Class A(g) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.

After discussion, it was AGREED to raise the matter of this Statutory Instrument/Statutory Undertakers – operational land for renewable energy – ground mounted solar/non-notification/non-consultation – fully delegated to officers, at the next Area Committee Meeting for consideration and to inform other Parish Councils.

10537 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 6 January 2016. There had been 5 reported crimes since the last meeting including 3 burglaries in dwellings (Cromwell Close, New Lane, Noel Gate), 1 other theft or unauthorised taking (Springfield Road), 1 criminal damage to a vehicle (Noel Gate). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 17 reported crimes with 5 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 231 incidents with 114 of those in Aughton. Discussion took place over drug misuse and how the police were prioritising this, the resurrection of Neighbourhood Watch and training of the police station volunteers to assist with this. It was reported the Aughton Pact Panel Meetings would continue for the foreseeable future.

10538 COMMUNITY EVENT: 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 caravan from the Rotary Club of Ormskirk. A total of £400 had been raised from the annual event and a cheque for the full amount had been forwarded to Queenscourt Hospice. The Chairman thanked everyone involved with this community event.

10539 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEMES – to consider how to progress. The proposal to resurrect the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Parish was making progress – website, noticeboards, local press etc – and with the help of the Watch Liaison Officer (WLO), a request for Scheme Co-ordinators was ongoing. It was AGREED that funding for signs etc would be discussed at a future meeting when an update had been received from Lancashire Constabulary WLO.

10540 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE) – it was RESOLVED to renew membership in the sum of £36. The Planning Hotline for enquiries and assistance was always available/helpful to Parish Councils.

10541 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

WLBC – s106 funding (Redsands Park)	5539.00
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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	56.42
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter maintenance	823.00
Lancashire County Council – loan repayment	819.10
Queenscourt Hospice – donation (Paperbank Fund)	75.00
Information Commissioner – annual registration renewal	35.00
CPRE – membership renewal	36.00
Salaries – part/time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,171.00
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	173.21

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10542 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8 February 2016