

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 JANUARY 2017, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE,
COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Ian Grant

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

10711 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Roberts	-	indisposed
Councillor Walne	-	personal commitment
Councillor Wohlers	-	personal commitment

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10712 REGISTER OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS (annual reminder). Members were reminded to review their interests previously declared, from time to time, in respect of their own interests (also spouses, civil partners, changes to interests etc) in accordance with guidance and detailed notes provided on the original form of declaration.

10713 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10714 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 DECEMBER 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10715 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Long Lane: Traffic & Road Safety – additional statistics received from LCC Highways were NOTED.

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

A resident from Beech Road spoke about the planning application 2016/1202 at 7 Beech Road for various alterations/extensions and listed his objections to the proposal, ie inadequate distance between properties (contrary to WLLP GN3 & SPD), loss of privacy, overbearing, loss of trees, detrimental affect on the Conservation Area.

A resident from Long Lane (Chairman of ARG.2012) commented on Agenda Item 6c Appeal Decision. A resident from The Serpentine commented on the series of burglaries in the Parish over the holiday period; the unsatisfactory situation with regards to Neighbourhood Watch; proposals in Downholland Parish to purchase 2 SPIDS with consideration being given for traffic calming measures. He asked if Aughton Parish Council could now act to provide a SPID for Long Lane? He spoke about the loss of the Public PACT and asked if he, as a NWS Co-ordinator, could attend Aughton's PACT Panel Meetings?

The Chairman said the Parish Council, when giving consideration to spending public money, could not ignore the statistics provided by LCC for Long Lane and it was not privy to the statistics provided by LCC for Downholland.

On the increase in burglaries, PACT reported additional manpower had been allocated to Aughton during the 'spike' including 'leaflet drops', foot patrol, marked and unmarked vehicles. Other Parishes were also targeted including Newburgh & Scarisbrick so police cover across West Lancashire was 'high'. The Chairman said Public PACT Meetings across the Borough had mainly ceased, due to lack of police resources,

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but the Aughton PACT Panel continued for the time being. Members of the public however were not invited by the police to attend such meetings (some items discussed were of a confidential nature).

Another resident from Long Lane commented on 'speeding traffic' and the various speed limits on Long Lane including a stretch of 20mph.

Borough & County Councillor David Westley, attending the meeting, confirmed the stance currently being taken by LCC on 20mph /traffic calming measures.

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

10716 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2016/1274 1286 1287

In the case of:

2016/1205/FUL 20 Granville Park – members considered one of the key attributes of Granville Park Conservation Area was the extensive tree and shrub cover giving an important green relief to the built development. Whilst it would appear there were no TPO's affecting trees on the site of this proposed development, members wished to ensure full Tree Protection was afforded to the site. Concern was expressed about the proposed removal of G12 – the line of beech trees – which contributed to the 'green boundary' of the site and the reason given for removal being 'not as part of development but for landscape improvement'.

2016/1292/FUL South Springs, St Michael Road – members wished to ensure Full Tree Protection measures were afforded to this important site.

2016/1202/FUL 7 Beech Road – members could not support the proposal in its current form for the following reasons: i) loss of residential amenity to the neighbouring property at Number 5 Beech Road. This property had side windows which overlooked Number 7 and the proposal would contravene planning policy guidance distances between properties, be overbearing and result in loss of privacy to Number 5. ii) the site was in Holt Green Conservation Area and the proposal to remove some mature trees on the side elevation would be detrimental to the character of Beech Road and the 'outlook' from the neighbouring property at Number 5. An organised site visit was considered desirable to allow members of the Planning Committee the opportunity to view the 'street scene' and the 'overlooking and overshadowing' issues of the proposal.

b) Appeals/Planning Control – none.

c) Appeal Decision: Ref.APP/P2365/W/15/3132596 - Land off Parrs Lane (Redrow Homes Ltd) – APPEAL DISMISSED – main details were given and NOTED (view 25 page letter from the Planning Inspectorate re planning application 2015/0329/OUT on www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning)

10717 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: NOTICE of a proposed temporary speed restriction of A59 Northway on 3 January 2017 until 20 March 2017 and proposed temporary road closures of Turnpike Road and Moss Delph Lane on 16 January 2017 until 20 March 2017 or until completion of the works within the period, to enable gas main replacement works to take place.

10718 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 4 January 2017. There had been 21 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 assault (Mill Lane); 2 vehicle theft/parts; 6 domestic type; 8 burglaries plus 3 attempted burglaries (Butchers Lane, Whalley Drive, Springfield Road, Elmsfield Park, Brookfield Lane, Beech Road, Mount Carmel Gardens, Sherwood Avenue, Liverpool Road, Prescott Road, Westhaven Crescent; 1 theft of BT equipment. Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 98 reported with 21 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 220 incidents with 34 of those being in Aughton.

Members discussed the report and the need for more information on the future of Neighbourhood Watch.

It was AGREED to send an invitation to Mr Clive Grunshaw, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, and a Senior Police Officer from Lancashire Constabulary to attend the Annual Parish Assembly in May.

It was reported that the number of volunteers on role at Aughton Police Station was currently 11 (these fulfilled approximately half of the allocated shifts). It was understood that there were a number of people in the pipeline for volunteering but that figure was not known to the Parish Council.

10719 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE) – it was RESOLVED to renew membership in the sum of £36.00.

10720 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	-
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	53.67
Information Commissioner – data protection renewal	35.00
CPRE – membership renewal	36.00
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter maintenance including car park & tennis court cleaning, bowling green work, leaf clearance, etc	2,923.00
Graeme Jarvis (Property Repairs/Joinery) – replacement double glazed window unit with laminated glass/toughened glass at Sports Pavilion	150.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,210.76
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	157.69

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10721 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13 February 2017

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.