

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8 JANUARY 2018, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mrs Margaret Boulton (Vice-Chairman)

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10877 RESIGNATION IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR (DELPH WARD) – the Chairman declared the Vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Mrs Una Atherley and, pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, the relevant Notice would be given accordingly.

Councillor Grant paid a fitting tribute to Una who had given nearly 40 years of dedicated service to the Parish Council and the local community. She had served as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council (1985-87 & 2009-13), represented the Council on other bodies including Local Police Meetings, the Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils at county and local level and also served for many years as a Borough Councillor for Aughton.

On behalf of the Chairman, members of the Parish Council, also the residents of Aughton, Una was wished good health and happiness for the future.

10878 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Jones (Chairman)	-	personal commitment
Councillor Gallagher	-	personal commitment
Councillor Roberts	-	indisposed
Councillor Woolgar	-	personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10879 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, partners, civil partners, Changes to Interests, etc – guidance was NOTED.

10880 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10881 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 DECEMBER 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10882 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.

A resident from Long Lane (Chairman of ARG 2012) spoke about the forthcoming Inquiry in respect of Agenda Item 7b. A brief discussion then took place with members of the public present on Agenda Item 7d and the fact that West Lancashire's geographical location was unique having the greatest amount of Green Belt land in England. Some residents had attended the local consultation group meetings held in Ormskirk and took part in discussion on various issues including affordable housing, protection of the Green Belt etc.

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

10883 PLANNING

- a) Weekly List Items – there were NO COMMENTS in the cases of: 2017/1295 and 2017/1298
- b) Town and Country Planning Act 1990: Public Inquiry in respect of Appeals by Redrow Homes Ltd and Wainhomes Developments Ltd on land to the north west of Parrs Lane & land to the east of Prescott Road – the arrangements for the Inquiry were confirmed as 30 January 2018, 10am at the Borough Council Offices, Cabinet & Committee Room, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk – the proposal was for a 4 day Inquiry including a Site Visit. NOTED
- c) Item deferred from last meeting – Lydiate Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan – consultation (details previously circulated to members) – members commented on the need to maintain a ‘separation distance’ between Aughton & Lydiate; further development so close to the Aughton boundary would impact on the A59 and the traffic network (Planning comments previously forwarded to Sefton Council)..
- d) West Lancashire Local Plan Review: Preferred Option Stage – consultation (details previously circulated to members) and to confirm representation at a meeting covering the Spatial Area of Ormskirk & Aughton on Monday, 22 January 2018 – after discussion, it was agreed that Aughton Parish Council would wish to retain the Green Belt boundary within West Lancashire and strongly encourage the preservation of the Green Belt boundary in Aughton. It was further agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would attend the meeting referred to above.

10884 CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK’S JANUARY MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 3 January 2018. There had been 18 reported crimes since the last meeting including 3 burglary in a dwelling (Granville Park, Swan Lane, Hillrise View); 1 theft of a pedal cycle (Convent Close); 3 domestic type incidents; 2 attempted burglary (Rose Place, Capilano Park); 1 case of shoplifting (Co-op Convenience Store); 1 malicious communication; 1 criminal damage to a dwelling (Westhaven Crescent); 1 case of harassment; 1 aggravated burglary (Cromfield); 2 criminal damage to vehicles (Prescot Road); 1 other theft/unauthorised taking (Brookfield Lane); 1 interference from motor vehicles (Moor Hall car park). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 29 reported crimes with 18 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 207 incidents in Southern Parishes with 90 of those being in Aughton. Other matters discussed included the Ormskirk & Burscough Police Facebook Page which provided up to date information on police issues. Also, with increased police presence, the nuisance and antisocial behaviour problems with youths/youngsters in the Cherry Tree Lane area seemed to have subsided.

10885 PUBLIC FOOTPATH NUMBER 10 AUGHTON – an invitation to attend the Opening of the ‘Ron Gordon Way’ on Saturday, 3 February 2018, from 12 noon was noted and it was agreed that the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk would attend.

10886 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

- a) Notice of a temporary road closure on Mickering Lane on 5-23 February 2018 to enable utility works to take place was NOTED.
- b) Improvements to local bus routes – notification dated 7 December 2017 that improvements were being made to county council supported bus routes across Lancashire. A number of new and improved weekday services would start operating on Monday, 11 December and more were due to start early in the New Year. This was the result of an extra £1m being made available to support bus services, with the priority being to restore lost links particularly in rural areas to help people who relied on public transport to get around more easily. The Preston, South Ribble, Chorley & West Lancashire services included Ormskirk Town Services 5 & 6 – no changes and it was NOTED that LCC was continuing to work with bus operators to develop a sustainable option to restore a daytime service link between Ormskirk, Haskayne, Halsall, Shirdley Hill & Southport. NOTED
- c) Proposed Budget Savings for 2018/2019 – due to the short timescale for Parish Councils to consider the lengthy document, the matter was NOTED.

10887 GRAVEYARD GRANTS: St Michaels Church & Christ Church – it was RESOLVED to approve payment of £400 to each church (Budget Allocation).

10888 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	-
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	62.56
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	90.00
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	32.04
Dr D Gallagher (volunteer webmaster) – reimbursement for renewal of APC website privacy and domain name (9 year term)	100.20
St Michaels Parochial Church Council – graveyard grant	400.00
Christ Church Parochial Church Council – graveyard grant	400.00
Information Commissioner – data protection renewal	35.00
Lancashire County Council - loan repayment (7 day invoice)	760.52
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter grounds maintenance	1,168.00
Yates Playgrounds Ltd – completion of playarea repairs	1,292.40
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,227.51
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	155.03

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10889 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12 February 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.