

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14 JANUARY 2019, 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'.

11045 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Grant - business commitment

Councillor Woolgar - personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11046 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.

11047 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their Interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

The Chairman said that he would not tolerate a repetition of the 'unruly behaviour' which occurred at the last meeting. A repeat of any such disruption at any future meeting would result in termination of that meeting.

11048 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 DECEMBER 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

11049 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Traffic Issues on Long Lane – a letter dated 12 December 2018 from County Councillor Keith Iddon regarding the proposed improvements to the signage and road markings on Long Lane was READ and NOTED.

Referring to the December Public Question Time, the Clerk confirmed that the contact details for the relevant LCC Highways Department and County Councillor Paul Greenall had been forwarded to the Long Lane resident who attended to request Traffic Calming Measures in Long Lane.

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

He asked Long Lane residents present, who regularly raised the issue of the provision of SpIDs, if they had considered traffic calming measures and whether they would support them. One resident confirmed that they would support whatever it took to slow traffic down but no measure which would cause 'noise' or loss of residential amenity.

A question and answer session took place on the West Lancashire Local Plan: Preferred Options consultation including the difficulties incurred by some using the Citizen Space on-line procedure; the redacting of the CPRE submission and the Demographer's report (funded mainly by Parish Councils and community groups) – the latter should have also been identified separately; no justification for including an unmet need of 3496 dwellings for Sefton (a resident from Long Lane circulated a copy letter from the Chief Planning Officer at Sefton Council dated 12 December 2017 to the Director of Development & Regeneration at WLBC); the extraordinary proposal to have a 30 year plan; Neighbourhood Planning was discussed briefly (the Government introduced NPlanning under the Localism Act 2011, a new way for communities to influence their future, better protect the distinctiveness and local character of rural areas as new development was planned. NP's must conform to national and local plan policies and cannot be used to stop development outright but they should improve the quality and design integrity of development).

Public Question Time (Continued)

The Chairman agreed to forward the Parish Council's comments, the CPRE's comments and the Demographer's Report to all Borough Councillors.

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

11050 PLANNING

(Councillor Mercer, as an ex neighbour of the applicant, declared a PERSONAL NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST in 2018/1128)

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2018/1284/FUL 1328

In the case of:

2018/1128/FUL 87 Smithy Lane – members iterated comments made on a previous application

2011/0857/FUL – to ensure privacy of adjacent residential properties and compliance with LP Policy GD1.

2018/1200/FUL Moss Brook, 2 Delph Close – in order to protect residential amenity of neighbouring properties, members requested the light pollution issue (size, number and location) should be looked at particularly on elevation 4 overlooking Prescott Road.

2018/1292/FUL Pancheree, Formby Lane – this was an isolated location and members considered the proposal would be inappropriate in the Green Belt, it would not preserve the openness, and any 'newbuild' would harm the character of the area.

2018/1295/FUL 14 Pine Crest – members wished to ensure full tree protection was afforded to the site and any building work approved would not detrimentally affect the health of the trees in 'Pine Crest'.

2018/1277/FUL Building adjacent to Narrow Lane Barn, Narrow Lane, Clieves Hills – members were unable/not qualified to pass comment on the proposal for the foul and surface water drainage scheme.

b) Appeals/Planning Control - none

Planning Committee – the results of the Meeting held 10 January 2019. The recommendation was READ and the RESULT NOTED.

2018/1126/OUT – 67 Gaw Hill Lane Outline – erection of up to 7 residential units following the demolition of the existing buildings including details of access (all other matters reserved) – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

(Councillor Ian Mercer, as a tenant farmer and landowner in the Parish, declared his DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS in the next item and left the meeting during discussion.

c) West Lancashire Local Plan Review: Preferred Options Stage – consultation was now closed.

An update was given on the procedure; 1,620 responses published to date; Survey user Citizen Space – collating and publishing unclear; the site was still being uploaded; disappointing response from LCC on highway issues. Further discussion took place on the matter and comments noted.

(Councillor Mercer resumed the meeting at this stage)

11051 CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK'S JANUARY MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 9 January 2019. There had been 17 reported crimes since the last meeting including: 8 domestic incidents; 1 burglary other than in a dwelling (a break-in to the bowling green hut to the rear of the Co-op Convenience Store); 1 case of nuisance reported by residents on Town Green Lane (a large group of youths wandering around); 1 theft other than in a dwelling (residential garage in Delph Park Avenue); 1 case of fraud/forgery (local business); 1 attempted burglary (Long Lane); 2 burglary (Blackmoss Lane & Beech Road); 1 theft (Long Lane); 1 criminal damage excluding vehicles (Ryder Crescent). No further statistics were available (new IT system being installed).

11052 LANCASHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER: Consultation in relation to the Precept – members could not support an increase in the Police Precept. The Precept Survey was read and completed for submission by the deadline.

11053 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

a) Budget Consultation (details previously circulated to members) – response by 18 January. Item NOTED without comment.

b) Notice of Temporary Road Closure on Shepherds Lane on 25 February until 1 March 2019 – to enable water utility works to take place. NOTED

11054 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND – it was RESOLVED to renew membership in the sum of £36.00.

11055 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal

75.62

Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping (includes removal/replacement of litter bins, winter grounds maintenance, assistance with fence removal/reinstallation in respect of maintenance of tennis courts by Global Maintenance)

330.00

Information Commissioner – data protection fee renewal

40.00

LCC – loan repayment

731.22

Global Maintenance Ltd – complete removal of moss on all 3 courts prior to regular annual maintenance programme (improving overall condition and Safety of courts)

1,440.00

Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance

97.92

CPRE – membership renewal

36.00

Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper

1,253.24

HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC

155.80

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

11056 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Estimates Meeting (full Council) – Wednesday, 23 January, 2019, at Aughton Village Hall Annexe, commencing at 8pm. Next monthly meeting – Monday, 11 February 2019

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.