

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10 JULY 2017, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10808 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Mrs Atherley	-	indisposed
Councillor Grant	-	personal commitment
Councillor Wohlers	-	personal commitment

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10809 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests at the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10810 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 JUNE 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10811 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a) Affordable Housing Policy – an update was NOTED.

10812 REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON OTHER BODIES AND COMMITTEES:

- a) Aughton Village Hall Management Committee – it was AGREED that Councillor Mrs Margaret Boulton would fill the vacancy and represent the Parish Council on this committee.
- b) Ormskirk School Trust Governors – the resignation of Councillor Dudley Walne from the Trust Governors was NOTED and it was AGREED that Councillor Julia Woolgers would fill the vacancy.

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 spoke about the successful Appeal Decision regarding the land off Parrs Lane (Wainhomes), the poor state of the highway verges, hedges and weed growth, traffic on Long Lane and the recent radar checks.

Borough Councillor Doreen Stephenson spoke about the long grass on the verges, when walking from the train station to Aughton Park Drive and wondered if this was highway land?

Borough Councillor David Westley said the Borough Council had handed back a lot of the maintenance work to Lancashire County Council from end of June last year as they were not receiving any funding. He confirmed the present administration at County Hall was trying to sort out the problems with overgrown verges etc. He also referred to the Appeal Decision Challenge regarding the land off Parrs Lane and said the Housing Delivery Targets were being met and would be available on the Borough Council website shortly.

The Chairman said County Councillor Greenall had been requested to take up the matter of ‘traffic on Long Lane’ with the Portfolio Holder at County Hall. His update was awaited.

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

10813 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items – there were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2017/0555/FUL 0585

In the case of:

2017/0590/FUL 5 Parrs Lane – members referred to the history of the site (originally a small leisure building to the adjacent Bryngwyn Cottage followed by other increased uses). The latest proposal for increasing the size of the dwelling appeared to offer a much reduced scheme with a traditional design more in keeping with the original building. Providing the proposal protected the residential amenity of the adjacent dwelling at Number 3, members raised no further objections.

2017/0610/FUL Rear of 72 Swanpool Lane – members raised concerns of ‘over-development’ of this backland site which could result in loss of residential amenity to Numbers 72 & 74 Swanpool Lane.

2017/0640/FUL Cockbeck Tavern – provision of refrigeration and air conditioning plant and equipment; erection of acoustic fence on site boundary (since the meeting, the equipment had been installed without the granting of planning permission therefore comments were forwarded in respect of the retrospective action; siting of the equipment which could have a detrimental impact on visual amenity, views into and out of Granville Park Conservation Area and the adjacent Heritage Asset of Granville Park War Memorial; protection of residential amenity in respect of ‘noise’ with a request that the Principal Environmental Health Officer be consulted further over the Noise Assessment and ‘compliance with the recommended noise limits’).

b) Appeals/Planning Control:

i) Land to the North-West of Parrs Lane (Redrow Homes Ltd) – notice of date for the Appeal (re-determined) to be heard at a Public Local Inquiry on 30 January 2018 at the Council Offices, Ormskirk.
NOTED

ii) Land to the East of Prescott Road (Wainhomes Appeal – WLBC Challenge) – notification that the Judge at Manchester High Court on 4/5 July 2017 ruled in favour of WLBC and ‘quashed’ the Inspector’s decision to allow the Appeal. NOTED

iii) Notice of an Appeal Lodged by the owner of 19 The Serpentine against WLBC’s decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of side and rear dormers and extension of existing front dormer (Householder Appeals Service – written representations).

c) Planning Committee Meeting held 22 June 2017 – the recommendation was READ and the RESULT NOTED. 2017/0248/FUL The Cockbeck Tavern, 58 Town Green Lane in respect of variation of trading hours for the new Co-op Convenience Store – Approved with Conditions.

10814 VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK’S JULY MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 5 July 2017. There had been 17 reported crimes since the last meeting including 5 domestic type incidents; 1 burglary (other than in a dwelling) Springfield Road; 1 theft of pedal cycle (St Michael Road); 1 break-in (unoccupied dwelling in Granville Park); 1 criminal damage to a vehicle (Long Lane); 2 other theft or unauthorised taking (Westhaven Crescent & Noel Gate); 2 criminal damage to dwellings (Noel Gate & Cherry Tree Lane); 1 trafficking in controlled drugs (Delph Lane); 1 burglary in a dwelling (Rose Place); 1 theft or unauthorised taking (Brookfield Lane); 1 shoplifting (Spa Shop). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 33 reported crimes with 17 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 175 incidents with 88 of those being in Aughton.

10815 PUBLIC FOOTPATH NUMBER 10 AUGHTON – to receive Notice of the ‘Ron Gordon Way Project’ proposed by the Merseyside & West Cheshire Area Ramblers (full details circulated to members previously). Lancashire County Council as the responsible authority for Public Rights of Way had given assistance and approval for the Ramblers to undertake footpath and signage work under the direction of the Public Rights of Way Team using an approved contractor. Members considered the project would be a

fitting tribute to the Aughton resident who had always done his best to ensure the public rights of way in Aughton had been checked out and reported on. He had dedicated over 70 years of his life to the various Rambler Groups. The Clerk to be kept updated on the schedule of work dates and details of 'an opening ceremony'. NOTED

10816 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) CCTV upgrades at the Sports Pavilion & Car Park at Winifred Lane – it was RESOLVED to approve Part Payment to iD Business Ltd in the sum of £1,550 (plus VAT) for work completed to date (less 3 new cameras which would be invoiced on completion). It was NOTED that some of the cabling inside the Village Hall for cameras overlooking the Parish Council Car Park had sustained damage over time from various upgrades, eg fascia boards etc and it was AGREED to arrange replacement cabling at that point.
- b) Aughton Sports Association – to receive Income from Sport in the sum of £2,292.75 (see Analysis of Accounts 2016/17 Sheet 5).
- c) OPSTA Membership Renewal – it was RESOLVED to renew membership in the sum of £10.00.
- d) Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 June 2017, to consider and approve the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Meeting, Councillor Jones. Members present having all been granted Dispensations in respect of any matters relating to 'discussing/debating the Budget and Setting the Parish Council Precept'.

10817 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

Aughton Sports Association – Income from Sport	2,292.75
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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	54.65
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance	2,143.00
iD Business Ltd – cctv schemes upgrade (part payment)	1,860.00
OPSTA – membership renewal	10.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,331.51
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	155.03

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10818 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – a short meeting for Planning, Finance & Urgent Items only to be held on 14 August 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.