

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 9 JULY 2018, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10979 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Pendleton - indisposed

STATUTORY EXCUSE (LGA 1972, s.85):

The Chairman welcomed back Councillor Walne, after an absence of ill-health, and the Statutory Excuse item was withdrawn.

10980 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their Interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10981 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 JUNE 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10982 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

- a) Code of Conduct – an update was given on the Borough Council annual Training Event held on 19 June 2018 at the Council Offices. Training Packs had been forwarded to those members unable to attend.
- b) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (refer Minutes March 2018, Para.10908 & May 2018, Para 10953b) – confirmation had now been received from LALC ‘the House of Commons accepted a Government Amendment to the Data Protection Bill, the effect of which will be to remove all Parish, Town & Community Councils, Parish Meetings & Charter Trustees in England & Wales from the initial requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer’. The procedure recommended by the National Association of Local Councils could now be implemented.
- c) Public Footpath Number 10 – the overgrown path had been cleared thanks to a voluntary walking group and LCC.
- d) Confirmation that the LCC Cabinet Member for Highways & the Head of Highway Services, would be attending the September Meeting, as requested.
- e) WLBC Project Griffin – confirmation that the Clerk had attended a Counter Terrorism Awareness presentation on 14 June 2018 with modules covering: introduction to counter terrorism, current threat, identifying and responding to suspicious behaviour, identifying and dealing with suspicious items, etc. Posters would be displayed ‘Communities Defeat Terrorism’ telephone 0800 789 321 or visit gov.uk/ACT.

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

A brief discussion commenced on the emerging Local Plan and Councillor Mercer, a landowner in the Parish with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, left the meeting at this stage. The discussion continued and the Chairman confirmed the Parish Council had not received notification of sites coming forward or timescales. Councillor Mercer resumed the meeting.

Other matters raised included ‘outstanding’ BT equipment on footways on Winifred Lane, Swanpool Lane and Prescott Road; the provision of SpIDs in the Parish; the unsightly timber boarded boundary fence on the new development off Springfield Road contributing to the slow erosion of Aughton; a broken manhole cover near the corner of Ledson Grove; a signage issue off the Quarry.

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

10983 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2018/0473/FUL 0572 0658 0431 (Amendment) 0513 (Amendment)

In the case of:

2018/0401/OUT 67 Gaw Hill Lane – Outline for erection of up to seven residential units following the demolition of the existing buildings including details of access. All other matters reserved.

(Amendment – Outline planning permission being sought for the principle of development and access only)

Members noted the amendment to the proposal but wished to iterate its objections as previously notified.

b) Appeals/Planning Control – none.

10984 CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK'S JULY MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the informal meeting held 5 July 2018. The Community Beat Manager reported the situation at Cherry Tree Lane area seemed to have improved and no further problems had been reported. There had been 13 reported crimes since the last meeting including 4 domestic type incidents; 1 criminal damage (other) (Long Lane); 2 theft from a vehicle (Parrs Lane & Delph Park Avenue); 1 theft in a dwelling (Cromwell Close); 2 burglary in a dwelling (Liverpool Road & Long Lane); 1 attempted burglary (Long Lane); 1 assault without injury (Winifred Lane); 1 theft of a motor vehicle or unauthorised taking (Old Rectory Green). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 26 reported crimes with 13 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 202 incidents in Southern Parishes with 106 of those being in Aughton.

10985 PARISH FINANCE:

a) Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 June 2018, to consider and approve the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018, 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'.

b) Aughton Sports Association – to receive Income from Sport in the sum of £2,022.96 (as per Analysis of Accounts 2017/2018 Sheet 5).

10986 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

a) Parish Council Capital Schemes 2018/2019:

- i) to report on the bid for partnership funding towards the provision of Solar Powered Speed Indicator Devices and to receive and consider approval of the Terms and Conditions which apply to the grant funding (details circulated to members) – the successful bid was NOTED, ie £6000 – percentage grant rate 50% (£3,000 APC £3,000 WLBC) and it was AGREED to approve the Capital Grant Agreement (document executed as a deed) to be signed by the Clerk/Proper Officer.
- ii) to consider a Working Group – it was AGREED to set up a Working Group to consider the most appropriate locations for the Speed Indicator Devices (SpIDs), liaison with Lancashire County Council Highways, arrange site visits, etc. Additionally, consideration would be given to the use of CIL monies for SpIDs if the location(s) met the specific criteria.

The Scheme would be reported back to the Parish Council for approval, once all issues relevant to the project had been completed.

b) Civic Sunday: 9 September 2018 – an invitation to attend the Mayor's Civic Sunday Service at St Anne's Church, Prescott Road, Ormskirk at 2pm (with an invitation to join a procession to the Church from Coronation Park from 1.20pm) – the service will be followed by light refreshments at St Anne's Social Centre). It was AGREED to send representation from the Parish Council.

10987 ACCOUNTS

Income

Aughton Sports Association – income from sport (as per Accounts analysis) 2,022.96

Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal 57.27

Mr A Gore – independent Internal Auditor fee for services rendered 100.00

Viking Trees – tree management at Redsands Park (Phase I) 1,440.00

P & R Electrical – urgent attention to access door on floodlighting column (vandalism) 55.68

Lancashire County Council – loan repayment 745.88

Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance/hedging/shrubs (part) 3,070.00

Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper 1,359.12

HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC 156.00

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10988 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – a short meeting on 13 August 2018 for Planning, Accounts and Urgent Items only.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.