

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8 JULY 2019, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

11149 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Waugh – personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11150 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

11151 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 JUNE 2019, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

11152 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Civic Sunday – 15 September 2019, St Michaels Church, meeting in the Church Hall at 10.10am for 10.30am service. Following on from the uniformed groups parade in Church Lane, light refreshments would be served in the Church Hall for members of the Parish Council and the congregation. It was AGREED to take all expenses from the ‘Free Resource – s.137’.

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

Local residents gave their views on the planning applications at White Rails Farm, Turnpike Road replacing storage barns with 9 sui generis live/work units (Green Belt, concern re long term use, access, landscaping, etc) & 53 Granville Park (variation to the approved plans) concern redesign of dwelling. Comments/concerns were made about the proposal to be submitted to LCC, the relevant Mineral Planning Authority, from Aurora Energy Resources for a Wellsite at Suttons Lane, Great Altcar. A LCC Highways matter was raised regarding overhanging trees near the traffic lights on Prescott Road/Long Lane junction. An update was given on the proposed siting of Speed Awareness Signs in Bold Lane, Long Lane and Prescott Road.

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

11153 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2019/0559/FUL 0495 0581 0580 0585 0596 0636

In the case of:

2019/0577/FUL 67 Turnpike Road – members raised concern about the impact on the residential amenity of the neighbouring property and supported the organised site visit to assess the ‘loss of privacy and light’ due to the proposed alteration from a single storey to a two storey structure.

2019/0582/FUL 22 Standhouse Lane – members wished to ensure the proposals, particularly the double storey side extension, would not detrimentally affect the residential amenity of the adjacent property, in particular, ‘loss of light’.

2019/0604/FUL 53 Granville Park – members wished to ensure the re-design of the dwelling would not detrimentally impact on the trees or the Conservation Area.

2019/0475/OUT White Rails Farm, Turnpike Road – members were not familiar with ‘sui generis live/work units’ – a range of different uses that do not naturally fall within any particular use class – but having considered the documents, made the following comments:

Para.11153 (Continued)

- 1) Was this a genuine work station for a named and registered business? Perhaps Outline Permission should only be considered where the space had been provided with a commercially defined business.
 - 2) Concern about the long term use – if the work/business element failed, what would be the long term affect on the residential use? Could a condition be imposed that the dual use could not be converted to fully residential?
 - 3) Wish to ensure the proposal would not have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt, than the existing development.
 - 4) The access affects a Public Right of Way (await LCC PROW comments).
2019/0641/FUL 21 Greenwood Close – members noted the latest application for this property, without comment.
- b) Appeals/Planning Control:
- i) Sefton Strategic Housing Market Assessment SHMA (draft) and
 - ii) Annual Sefton ‘Call for Sites’
- Members noted both documents without comment.

c) WLBC Planning Committee Meeting Report held 20 June 2019 – 2019/0060/FUL Land adjacent to Railway Line, Sandy Lane - the RECOMMENDATION was READ and the RESULT NOTED – REFUSED: the proposed development, by virtue of its siting, scale and design, would result in harm to the Green Belt by virtue of inappropriateness, loss of openness and conflict with one of the purposes of including land in the Green Belt (safeguarding the countryside from encroachment), contrary to the NPPF and Policy GN1 of the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 Development Plan Document. The harm is not outweighed by the circumstances of the application. The proposed development, by virtue of its siting, scale and design, would result in harm to the visual amenity of the locality and conflict with the local landscape character and therefore conflict with Policies GN3 and EN2 in the West Lancashire Local Plan.

d) WLBC Cabinet Meeting Report held 11 June 2019 – it was NOTED that the Item Referred from the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee (EOSC) ‘Called in’ Item – Local Plan – was RESOLVED ‘that the comments from the EOSC be noted and these matters addressed as the drafting of the next version of the Local Plan progresses’.

(Councillor Mrs Morrison, as a member of The Moss Alliance (Anti-Fracking Group), declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in the next item and gave her own views on the ‘fracking procedure’)

e) LCC – to receive notification from a County Councillor that Aurora Energy Resources had given notice on 27 June 2019 that the company would submit a planning application to LCC, as the relevant Mineral Planning Authority, for a Well site at Suttons Lane, Great Altcar.
Reference was made to the Presentation given by The Moss Alliance (saving the Moss from fracking) at the September 2018 meeting giving an update on the situation regarding the plans for siting a well pad at Great Altcar in PEDL.164. At that meeting, the Chairman said that if a planning application was submitted, and it was felt appropriate to invite the applicant to give a presentation, then this would try to be arranged.

After discussion, it was AGREED to give Aurora the opportunity to make a presentation at the August Parish Council Meeting.

11154 CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK’S JULY MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the informal meeting held 3 July 2019. There had been 21 reported crimes since the last meeting including: 8 domestic incidents including 3 malicious communications, 4 criminal damage excluding vehicles (Liverpool Road, Whalley Drive (2), Town Green Lane), 2 vehicle crime (Liverpool Road, Long Lane), 2 burglary (Crescent Green, Long Lane), 1 theft of a vehicle (Town Green Lane), 1 public order offence (outside the Stanley Arms), 2 assault (Noel Gate, outside a Restaurant), 1 suspicious circumstance (Ledson Grove). In Aughton, other than reported crimes, there had been 83 incidents.

11155 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to consider and approve the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2019, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Meeting, Councillor Graham 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 £2,026.60 (as per Analysis of Accounts 2018/2019 Sheet 5).
- c) Solar Powered Speed Awareness Signs Project (Bold Lane (1), Prescott Road (1), Long Lane (2)):
- i) to receive and approve the recommendations of the Working Group in full consultation with Lancashire County Council Highways – details were confirmed and APPROVED.
 - ii) it was RESOLVED to approve a prepayment to Unipart Dorman to purchase and commission 4 Speed Awareness Signs in the sum of £13,612 (plus VAT) = £16,334.40. (Funded by: WLBC Capital Partnership Scheme (Bold Lane & Prescott Road) and CIL Funding (Long Lane).

11156 PLAYAREAS:

- a) the inspection reports were READ and NOTED and it was RESOLVED to approve payment to Yates Playgrounds for the inspection of 4 playgrounds (on 2 occasions) in the sum of £400 (plus VAT). It was further RESOLVED to undertake the essential repairs, within the Budget Allocation, and to approve the painting of 2 items of play equipment (play facilities budget/repairs & renewals budget).

11157 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – received and noted information on Potholes & Transport Asset Management Plan (circulated to members prior to meeting).

11158 PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE – a meeting was arranged to consider various issues arising on the open spaces – Tuesday, 16 July 2019, 7.30pm in the Car Park off Winifred Lane.

11159 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	
Aughton Sports Association – income from sport	2,026.60
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	336.85
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance	2,053.00
S Moorcroft – expenses (2 months)	55.35
Steve Green Electrical of Ormskirk – fitting replacement defib.box	52.80
S R Moorcroft (Contractor) – repairs Sports Pavilion, Bus Shelters	114.44
Yates Playgrounds Ltd – play area inspections to 4 areas (2)	480.00
Unipart Dorman – Prepayment Invoice for purchase & commission of Speed Awareness Signs	16,334.40
WLBC – recharge for uncontested Parish Council election (7 day invoice)	1,087.25
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,430.05
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	154.46

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

11160 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – a short meeting for Planning, Accounts and Urgent Items only on Monday, 12 August 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.