

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2016, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Ian Grant

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10612 APOLOGIES – none.

10613 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10614 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 JUNE 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10615 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a) Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor (Town Green Ward & Christ Church Ward) – an update was given on the matter (refer Minutes May 2016, Para.10594).

10616 ITEMS DEFERRED FROM ANNUAL MEETING:

a) Representatives of the Council on other Bodies and Committees/Responsible Members – the list had been circulated to members and the vacancies noted. It was AGREED to fill the vacancies for Aughton Village Hall Management Committee and the Responsible Member for Transport & Traffic (amended list to be circulated to members).

b) Civic Sunday – it was AGREED to arrange a date with St Michael's Church for early 2017.

10617 MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD 9 MAY 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were READ and NOTED as a correct record. The Minutes would be approved and signed by the Chairman at the 2017 Annual Parish Assembly.

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

A resident from The Serpentine raised issues on Neighbourhood Watch (NW) and signage, the possible planting scheme for the housing land on Town Green Lane and possible review of Granville Park Conservation Area.

The Chairman noted the NW signs for each Scheme would be provided free of charge by the police but additional funding for replacing the temporary 'warning' signs with more permanent signs would need to be considered, following advice from the Lancashire Constabulary Watch Liaison Officer. In respect of the housing land on Town Green Lane, the low-level fencing scheme had been completed but an update would be requested from the Director of Housing in respect of any proposed planting scheme. Finally, the Parish Council had been invited to a meeting to give its views in respect of the Conservation Area prior to the public consultation on the Review of Granville Park Conservation Area.

A resident from Long Lane gave his views on the police '101' service also the issue of 'flooding' at Doctors Bridge.

The Chairman encouraged local residents to call the '101' service individually to influence the crime figures and in respect of the 'flooding issue', Lancashire County Council had previously been notified.

Another resident from Long Lane referred to the planning permission for a Convenience Store off Long Lane and the conditions alongside in particular relating to the Aughton Surgery relocation which may not be

going ahead. He also spoke about the Public Inquiry on land off Parris Lane and thanked the Parish Council for sending representation.

The Chairman confirmed that the planning permission was attached to the land and not to the 'occupiers'.

A resident from Holt Green asked about the loss of the Parish Council Noticeboard on Bold Lane.

The Chairman said the noticeboard had incurred vandalism and was possibly beyond economical repair. A replacement, in one form or another, would be installed in due course.

Finally, a resident from Long Lane said the improvements to the Annexe ceiling had resulted in much better acoustics.

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

In accordance with Standing Orders, the Chairman announced an additional item to be taken under 'Planning' to meet the deadline for response, in respect of Proposed Hedgerow Removal to enable essential utilities work to be carried out.

10618 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2016/0503/FUL 0507 0523 0556 0576 0577

In the case of:

2016/0502/FUL 132 Liverpool Road – members' main concern with this application was the 'right of access'. The proposed 2 car parking spaces to the rear of the dwelling would be accessed from a private access alongside the Royal Oak Pub. Without this legal right of access, there would be parking problems at this particular location (front of site) which could result in loss of amenity and impact on highway safety.

2016/0500/FUL 21 Narrow Lane – members wished to ensure the proposed alterations would not affect the existing car parking arrangements, detrimentally affect highway safety, or loss of residential amenity to adjacent properties.

2016/0506/FUL 11 Granville Park – members would not support the Variation of Condition to increase the ridge height of the garage. This could affect the residential amenity of the adjacent property and would harm the character and appearance of Granville Park Conservation Area.

2016/0548/FUL 9 Granville Park – members considered the proposed alterations/extensions would change the character of this 1920's dwelling (not sympathetic to the age of the building). Details of the boundary wall treatment were awaited.

2016/0381/OUT Garages to the East of Arnian Court, Molyneux Road – members would not object in principle to development of this brownfield site. Access to the site, which backs onto the gardens of the Victorian houses in the Conservation Area (CA) was currently via a single track road so members would raise concerns about highway and parking issues, trees, loss of residential amenity and the views into and out of the CA dwellings.

2016/0518/FUL 14 The Paddock – members considered the proposed alterations would overall constitute over-development – the two storey extension would be overbearing and detrimentally impact on the adjacent property at Number 16.

10618 Planning (Continued)

b) Public Inquiry held 17-20 May 2016 in respect of Land to the East of Prescott Road & Land to the North-West of Parrs Lane – a brief report was given on the Inquiry, attended by the Parish Clerk, and NOTED – view all documents on www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning.

c) WLBC: Proposed Hedgerow Removal – the Hedgerow Removal Notices from United Utilities to allow access into fields to facilitate installation of water pipeline in accordance with Permitted Development Rights were READ. Members noted the proposed essential work by this Statutory Undertaker but would question the extent of the removal of hedgerow and would be inquisitive as to how long after completion the mature hedge would be replaced. Members were anxious that the aesthetic appearance and character of the area was maintained as soon as possible.

10619 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 8 June 2016. There had been 17 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 Theft or Unauthorised Taking (Swanpool Lane); 1 Theft of a pedal cycle (St Michael Road); 1 Theft in a dwelling (Rothwell Drive) – two separate incidents; 3 Criminal Damage (Other) – Gorse Hill Nature Reserve, Bold Lane (Parish Noticeboard), Church Lane (wayside seat vandalised); 1 Possession of controlled drug (Liverpool Road); 2 cases of Burglary in a building other than a dwelling (Granville Park & St Michael Road); 1 Theft (Other) or Unauthorised Taking (Sefton Gardens); 1 Theft from a Vehicle (Noel Gate); 1 Criminal Damage to a dwelling (Prescot Road); 1 aggravated burglary in a dwelling (Winifred Lane); 1 interfering with a vehicle (Liverpool Road); 2 assaults with injury (Liverpool Road). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 29 crimes with 17 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 250 incidents with 119 of those in Aughton. A brief discussion took place on Neighbourhood Watch – the Watch Liaison Officer had put in a bid to secure funding for a property marking machine which could be used by the various NWSchemes. The unacceptable height of the sightlines on A59 was discussed.

10620 HIGHWAY VERGES: Grass Cutting - to note responsibility. The neglected state of the A59 was discussed including the height of the grass on the verges, roundabout and sightlines and the dangers to oncoming traffic. The area was Highway Land that the Borough Council had maintained on behalf of the County Council. Due to funding changes, from 1 July the work would be handed back to LCC following a 3 month transition. One final cut would be made mid-late June before the work was returned to LCC. After discussion, it was AGREED to contact LCC with a view to providing an acceptable cutting regime.

10621 AUGHTON'S BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION – a preliminary discussion took place and three members offered their services for this popular community event. There would be no change to the arrangements and it was AGREED to take all expenses from the 'free resource'.

10622 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- a) Parish Council Capital Schemes 2016/2017 – it was confirmed that the Parish Council's bid for a partnership Scheme of £2,000 to make further improvements to playareas had been successful. NOTED
- b) Civic Sunday Service: 3 July 2016, 3pm at St Anne's Church, Ormskirk – the invitation was NOTED with thanks.
- c) CIL Funding & Strategic Infrastructure Projects in West Lancashire – the consultation was NOTED.

10623 OPSTA: LOSS OF RAIL SERVICE FROM SOUTHPORT TO MANCHESTER PICCADILLY & AIRPORT – to consider any response to Arriva Rail North. It was AGREED to support the Campaign and help make the strongest possible challenge to the train operator and transport authorities in order to retain this vital service.

10624 PAPERBANKS AT WINIFRED LANE:

- a) to receive additional revenue for wastepaper collected – an amount of £650.51 had been received for wastepaper collected between April 2015 to March 2016 (Transfer to PC Paperbank Fund).
- b) to consider annual donation to Aughton Sports Association (ASA) – it was RESOLVED to make a donation of £300 to ASA for the benefit of the sports clubs who regularly saved wastepaper at the banks.

10625 PARISH FINANCE: Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to consider and approve the annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016 – after discussion, the date was confirmed as Wednesday, 29 June 2016, in Aughton Village Hall Annexe, commencing at 7.30pm.

10626 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Changes to where LCC delivers its services – consultation – to receive advance notice of an Agenda Item for consideration at the July meeting.

10627 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members):

Income

WLBC – additional revenue from wastepaper collected at Paperbanks	650.51
Aughton Village Hall – contribution towards grounds maintenance (invoice paid in May – Sundry Debtor)	525.00

Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	101.65
S R Moorcroft (Contractor) – various repairs/painting	144.50
WLBC – Tree Report (resurvey) at Rachel Taylor Memorial Playing Field	132.00
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance	2,318.00
Aughton Sports Association – donation – additional revenue from Paperbanks for the benefit of the sports clubs	300.00
WLBC – installation of Christmas Tree Lights above the shops on Town Green Lane (Sundry Creditor)	279.60
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	75.00
Lancashire County Council – loan repayment	804.26
British Telecomm plc – OneBill/Telephone & Business Broadband	146.47
Salaries – Part-time Clerk & Part-time Park-keeper	1,350.99
HMRevenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	120.49

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10628 DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING – 11 July 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.