

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12 JUNE 2017, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10785 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Gibbons	-	personal commitment
Councillor Wohlers	-	personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10786 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests at the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10787 MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD 8 MAY 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10788 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Extraordinary Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 28 June 2017, to consider and approve the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 - it was AGREED to change the time of the meeting to 8pm to enable the Chairman of Aughton Parish Council to be present.

10789 MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD 8 MAY 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED as a correct record (for signature at the 2018 Annual Parish Assembly).

10790 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) – details of the NHW Annual General Meeting together with all presentations which were delivered at the AGM had been circulated to members and were NOTED.

b) Granville Park – an update was given on the extended resurfacing work.

c) Long Lane – a letter dated 12 June 2017 from LCC Director of Public Health and Wellbeing on traffic speeds on Long Lane was read and LCC would be confirming the data with the police to determine whether any additional action was appropriate for the location. NOTED

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 gave his views on Neighbourhood Watch, Speeding Traffic in Long Lane, SpIDs and the fact that some had been provided by Lancashire County Council in other areas. He referred to a letter which had been sent by a local resident to PINS in respect of the Redrow Appeal and which mentioned inconsiderate drivers on Long Lane near the Rail Station overtaking parked cars, mounting the pavement and putting pedestrians lives in danger.

A resident from Long Lane (Chairman of ARG 2012) questioned the ratio of Affordable Homes on new developments. He mentioned the Redrow Appeal, the closing date for representations and the forthcoming confirmation of the date for that Appeal. As a volunteer at the Aughton Police Station, he gave his views on the use of the building by the local police and the public.

The Chairman said County Councillor Greenall was taking up the matter of Long Lane with LCC Highways and the police. He thought LCC money should be provided for a SpID, as in some other areas, and only after exhausting all avenues and, providing the statistics proved a need, would APC money be considered.

On Affordable Housing, Local Plan Policy was in place, and in respect of the site adjacent Mount Carmel Gardens, the Parish Council had included this issue with its comments on the latest Planning Application. In respect of the land adjacent Mount Carmel Gardens, a request was made for the conifer hedge to be maintained.

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

10791 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items (items marked * were considered under the Parish Council Prior Notification Procedure to meet the deadline for response)

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

*2017/0410/FUL *0420 0392 0434 0435 0438 0449 0474

In the case of:

2017/0444/COU Eastwood Farm, Narrow Lane – members NOTED this was the fourth request for the retention of a temporary mobile home for use as an agricultural worker's dwelling. Should a further temporary permission be granted, members wished to ensure the Local Planning Authority had clear evidence and were satisfied that the applicant continued to develop the enterprise. If, however, there was clearly a need for a more permanent siting, this could be approved with agricultural worker's restrictions imposed.

2017/0468/FUL Aughton Institute, Bold Lane – members would not wish to see the landscaping element/details removed but would support a variation to the wording of Condition 12, as recommended by the Planning Officer.

2017/0471/FUL Double Bank Farm, Firs Lane – providing the Local Planning Authority was satisfied that Policy GN4 had been complied with, members had no comments to raise.

2017/0477/FUL 198A Prescott Road – members appreciated the underlying need for entrance gates but considered the style of the gates was 'out of keeping' with the character of this part of Prescott Road, ie stone pillars with wrought iron gates offering a secure but visual outlook to its front gardens and green 'relief'.

b) Appeals/Planning Control:

Notice of an Appeal Lodged by Redrow Homes Ltd following the decision by WLBC to refuse planning permission of an Outline planning application including details of access for residential development of up to 250 dwellings on Land to the North-West of Parrs Lane. Following a High Court Challenge to the Secretary of State's decision on this appeal dated 9 December 2016, the Court had ordered that the Appeal be re-determined. This would not necessarily mean that the Secretary of State would reach a different overall decision. The Appeal would be heard at a Public Local Inquiry before an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State – members AGREED to make representation to PINS by 16 June 2017 in respect of the potential material change in relation to highway use on roads surrounding the site and the position of highway support and for the Clerk to represent the Parish Council at the Inquiry.

Notice of an Appeal Lodged following the decision of WLBC to refuse planning permission for the demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling – Charlton, Quarry Drive. NOTED

10792 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Public Rights of Way – to receive Notice of an extension to the temporary closure of Public Footpaths 15 & 16 Bickerstaffe, 3 & 4 Lydiate and 17, 18, 19, 21, 30, 31 & 31 Aughton until 16 January 2018 – the closure was necessary due to works proposed to be and being executed on or near the routes, said works being the laying of a new pipeline – NOTED.

10793 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL: Licensing Act 2003 Premises New Application in relation to Co-operative Group Food Ltd, 58 Town Green Lane – members could not support the proposed Licensing Hours as 8am opening time until 10pm closing time would be the preferred and most acceptable times. This would be in line with other retail businesses/off licences in the Parish and would ensure the

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protection of residential amenity in this 'rural village location' and prevent 'setting a precedent' for others to make similar applications.

10794 CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK'S JUNE MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 7 June 2017. There had been 17 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 shoplifting from Spa, 1 theft from a Care Home (Liverpool Road), 1 burglary from a building other than a dwelling (a UU off road container), 4 domestic type incidents, 2 cases of possession of controlled drugs (Winifred Lane area), 4 thefts from insecure motor vehicles (2 Drake Close, 1 Mallard Close, 1 Granville Park), 1 theft other or unauthorised taking (Formby Lane), 2 cases of possession of cannabis (Long Lane, Swanpool Lane), 1 criminal damage (other) from a Care Home (Liverpool Road). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 36 reported crimes with 17 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 220 incidents in Southern Parishes with 98 of those being in Aughton.

10795 VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR: Co-option – an Interview Committee was AGREED made up of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman with the Clerk in attendance.

10796 APC WEBSITE – it was AGREED to hold a Working Group Meeting in Aughton Village Hall Committee Room (date to be confirmed) made up of the Chairman and 2 councillors plus the Clerk in attendance.

10797 AUGHTON'S BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION – a preliminary discussion took place and two 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'.

10798 SPORTS PAVILION SECURITY: CCTV Upgrade – to consider the addition of an internal camera to the system. It was RESOLVED, for added security to the main entrance door, to install the additional camera at a supply and fit price from iD Business Ltd of Rufford in the sum of £139 (plus VAT). It was FURTHER RESOLVED to add UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) units to the system in the Sports Pavilion and the system in the Village Hall which overlooked the Parish Council Car Park, at a supply and fit price from iD Business Ltd of Rufford in the sum of £80 each (plus VAT).

10799 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	-
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	82.52
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance, hedging etc	3,323.00
E Rothwell & Son – supply of gas/oil for PC tractor (Sundry Creditor)	790.27
British Telecommunications – One Bill/telephone plus Business Broadband	152.40
Desktop NW Ltd – stationery/printer part replenishment	135.94
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	90.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,331.71
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	154.83

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10800 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10 July 2017.

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