

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 MARCH 2015, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE,  
COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor David Gallagher

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10396 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor D Addison	-	business commitment
Councillor D Walne	-	personal commitment

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10397 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10398 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 FEBRUARY 2015, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10399 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only) – none.

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 commented on the Appeal made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in respect of the Solar Farm at Gerard Hall and the deadline for response. The Chairman of ARG 2012 and other residents from Long Lane gave their views on Agenda Item 6d). Residents in the area surrounding Parrs Lane had received a letter and ‘masterplan’ diagram from Redrow and Wainhomes notifying them of their intention to submit outline planning permission for their developments on the Plan ‘B’ Site in Parrs Lane. As this was contrary to the adopted West Lancashire Local Policy, the Parish Council was asked to send an appropriate response to the developers.

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

10400 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 4 March 2015. There had been 8 crimes reported since the last meeting including 1 theft from a vehicle (Liverpool Road); 1 burglary other than in a dwelling (a shed in Fir Tree Lane); 3 domestic type; 1 criminal damage to a vehicle (Delph Park Avenue); 1 attempted burglary in a dwelling (Meadow Drive); 1 criminal damage other (a fence panel in Granville Park). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 18 reported crimes with 8 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with, other than reported crimes, there had been 171 incidents with 62 of those Aughton, mainly dealt with by the PCSO’s. Items raised at the meeting included problems with the lack of control of dogs on two of the playing fields and the PCSO and WLBC Enforcement Officer would give particular attention to the matter.

10401 PLANNING

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

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of: 2015/0066/FUL 0149 0180.

In the case of:

\*2015/0097/FUL Land Adjacent to Bramcote, Parrs Lane – members wished to ensure full tree protection was afforded to this site.

2015/0104/FUL 3 Cut Lane – members noted the proposal for this Green Belt location had a slightly larger footprint overall but could not foresee any problems on highway safety grounds for the increased use.

b) Appeals/Planning Control -

Notice of an Appeal Decision in respect of 2014/0249/FUL 100 Delph Park Avenue (erection of a 2100mm high fence to side boundary) – Appeal Dismissed.

Notice of an Appeal Decision in respect of 2014/1156/FUL 133 Prescott Road (part two storey/part single storey extension to side/rear) – Appeal Allowed.

Notification of an Appeal Lodged by Hive Energy Ltd in respect of the decision by WLBC to refuse planning permission for the construction of a Solar Farm, housing, substation and associated works at Gerard Hall. Members agreed to iterate original objections to the Planning Inspectorate with additional comments pointing out that Government support for developing Solar Farms on Green Belt land was waning. Previously developed land or use of roofspace on public buildings, schools, community halls, etc was gaining support and this should be taken into account during consideration of the Appeal.

c) Scoping Opinion Requests (refer Minutes Feb.2015 Para.10391 d) – a letter from WLBC Borough Solicitor confirming the regulations under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact) Regulations 2011 was NOTED including the specific point about consultation and consultation bodies, ie the only statutory consultees in such matters were (practically) Lancashire County Council, the Environment Agency and Natural England. Parish Councils were not statutory consultees in such matters.

d) West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027: Land off Parrs Lane (Plan ‘B’ Site) – to receive and note ‘neighbourhood consultation’ letters from Wainhomes Developments Ltd and Redrow Homes Ltd regarding the proposals by these developers to submit Outline Planning Applications for development of the land off Parrs Lane which was safeguarded as a Plan ‘B’ site in the West Lancashire Local Plan.

After discussion, members considered this course of action very premature and AGREED to send a letter of concern to the WLBC Assistant Director Planning with copies to both developers.

e) West Lancashire Design Awards 2015 – it was agreed to nominate the property at the junction of Narrow Lane and Cut Lane.

10402 ITEMS RAISED ON THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN:

i) Aughton’s Parish Plan 2010 Review – after discussion, it was AGREED to display the Plan Review on the Aughton Community Together (ACT) and Aughton Parish Council websites.

ii) Aughton Parish Council Website – after discussion, it was AGREED to approve funding for an upgrade on renewal of the Licence.

10403 LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2015 – to consider entry and approve fee. It was AGREED to enter a) Holt Green and b) Town Green Villages in the competition and appropriate entries for Certificates of Merit. The entry fee of £40 (£40) for both villages was APPROVED (Free Resource). The competition was supported by LALC, Lancashire Life, The Villa at Wrea Green, Craggs Energy, and several Lancashire County Councillors. Judging period 7 June to 20 July (inc), with the final judging taking place during August. The Awards Ceremony would be held on 20 October at the Villa, Wrea Green.

10404 AUGHTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION (ASA) – to confirm arrangements. The next meeting of ASA would be held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015, commencing 7pm in the Sports Pavilion. Members of the Playing Fields Committee were invited to attend.

10405 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – to confirm arrangements. The 2015 Parish Assembly would be held on Monday, 13 April 2015 at Aughton Village Hall Annexe, commencing 8.15pm (following the April monthly meeting commencing 7.15pm). Invitations extended to Lancashire Constabulary, the Police & Crime Commissioner, Borough Councillor David Westley to give the Borough Report and County Councillor David O’Toole to give the County Report.

10406 WLBC: CLERKS' LIAISON MEETING – a report was given on the meeting held 13 February 2015 which had included an overview of the Adopted Local Plan, Guidance on the Community Infrastructure Levy, Finance including Precept Calculation and Council Tax Support Grant. Presentations on some items had been circulated to all parish council members and NOTED.

10407 LOCAL AUTHORITIES (PUBLICITY A/C) (EXEMPTION) ORDER: to review (notes circulated prior to meeting) – it was RESOLVED that Aughton Parish Council would not spend more than £3,000 on publicity and would not exceed that expenditure in the next financial year.

10408 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) Tree Surveys and Reports – to approve payment for recommended tree felling and priority tree management (deferred from last meeting – notes circulated) – it was RESOLVED to approve payment to Mike Dolling of Rufford Tree Services in the sum of £950.
- b) Drainage Improvement Works on Winifred Lane Playing Field & Redsands Park (notes circulated prior to meeting) – it was AGREED to continue with this essential work to improve the playing/play facilities from 16 March 2015 (weather permitting):  
 Next Phase at Winifred Lane Playing Field - £16,495 (plus VAT) funded from Capital Allocation Fund (s.106 funding) plus allocation from Repairs & Renewals Fund  
 Next Phase at Redsands Park - £6,410 (plus VAT) funded from Capital Allocation Fund (s.106 funding) plus allocation from Repairs and Renewals Fund; £5,322 (plus VAT) – Capital Scheme 2014/2015 – partnership with WLBC plus allocation from Repairs & Renewals Fund.
- c) Sports Pavilion Roof (notes circulated prior to meeting) – it was AGREED to accept the lowest, most suitable offer from Mark Jones Ltd of Ormskirk in the sum of £870 (plus VAT) plus improvements to the roof canopy in the sum of £150 (plus VAT).
- d) Playareas: Play Equipment – it was AGREED to continue with the rolling programme of replacement play equipment in the sum of £7,000. A supply only basis from Yates Playgrounds in the sum of £4,560 (plus VAT) was approved with installation of all equipment to be undertaken as soon as possible when ground conditions allowed (Capital Partnership Scheme bid/Repairs & Renewals Fund).

10409 ACCOUNTS/DELEGATED AUTHORITY – to receive and approve.

Income

Interest from Investment: September 2014 & March 2015	549.36
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	65.55
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter grounds maintenance	253.00
Lancashire Turf Supplies – intensive Spring maintenance	131.64
BT Payment Services Ltd – onebill telephone/business broadband	161.29
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months) plus additional use	100.00
The Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – entry fee	40.00
Mike Dolling of Rufford Tree Services – tree felling/management	950.00
Sportsline of Wigan – replacement tennis court equipment	420.00
Yates Playgrounds Ltd – repair/maintenance playareas	915.60
Mark Jones Ltd – emergency roofing repair (Sports Pavilion)	120.00
Desktop NW Ltd – stationery replenishment	72.00

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to approve delegated authority to the chairman/two cheque signatories plus the Clerk, to authorise payment for invoices outstanding between 10 March and 31 March 2015 for P & R Electrical Contractors Ltd (Sports Pavilion Electrical Inspection); Yates Playgrounds Ltd (supply of replacement play equipment Part I); S Moorcroft (expenses); S R Moorcroft (Contractor) – minor repairs; Imprest Renewal; Salaries and HMRC (income tax & NIC).

10410 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13 April 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.