

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2016, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Ian Grant

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10557 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Willman - personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10558 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10559 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 FEBRUARY 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10560 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Response to donation – a letter of thanks from Queenscourt Hospice for the donation following the Aughton Christmas Lights switch-on (refer Minutes January 2016, Para.10538).

10561 VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR (Town Green Ward & Christ Church Ward) – confirmation that Notice had been displayed around the Parish and notified to WLBC Electoral Services, in respect of the Vacancy in Christ Church Ward. Unless a requisition for an election by poll was received within the timescale, the Parish Council would seek to fill the vacancy by co-option in accordance with the Local Election (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules. The vacant seat in Town Green Ward would also be advertised and filled by co-option.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this stage and welcomed members of the public present.

A resident from Long Lane referred to WLBC Consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement and asked if the Parish Council had submitted any comments.

The Chairman said members would be considering the matter at Agenda Item 6d.

A resident from The Serpentine spoke about the Parish Councillor vacancies and asked if one of the previous applicants (ineligible due to age) would be offered one of the posts.

The Chairman confirmed that the vacancies would be advertised, interviews would be held, and the most suitable candidates offered the positions (the Clerk to notify the ineligible applicant, previously interviewed, of the current vacancies).

The resident continued by informing the Parish Council of the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in The Serpentine, of which he was the co-ordinator, and asked if funding would be provided by the Council for NWS signs.

The Chairman said unfortunately, the NWS Liaison Officer was currently on sick leave but the Parish Council would be making contact on her return to discuss all relevant issues, including funding.

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

(Councillor Walne, as a resident of The Rowans, declared a NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST in 2016/0222/FUL)

## 10562 PLANNING

## a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2016/0028/FUL 0153 0174 0192 0214 0222

In the case of:

2016/0137/FUL 3 School Close – members raised no objections to the application providing the proposed alterations would not impact on off-road parking provision in this Cul-de-sac development.

2016/0143/FUL 53 Granville Park – members wished to ensure full tree protection was afforded to the site.

2016/0208/FUL 6 Church View – members wished to ensure any extension and alteration would be consistent/commensurate with the character of the terraced almshouse building.

## b) Appeals/Planning Control – none.

## c) Planning Committee Meeting Reports held 11 February &amp; 10 March 2016 – the RECOMMENDATIONS were READ and the RESULTS NOTED.

2015/1173/FUL Birches Brow, Formby Lane (Deferred for negotiations)

2015/0090/FUL Land at the Junction with Long Lane/Aughton Park Drive – variation of Condition No. 21 imposed on planning permission (Approved with Conditions)

## d) Consultation on West Lancashire's Draft Statement of Community Involvement: Planning – members referred, in particular, to Para.433 and considered that Parish Councils should receive prior notification by WLBC of all matters 'pre-verification stage'.

## 10563 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY:

a) Policing on Remembrance Sunday – a brief report was given on the meeting held at Skelmersdale Police Station on 17 February 2016 to review the arrangements in respect of reduced police officers and resources at these important community events. A further update in due course.

b) Policing of Aughton – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 2 March 2016. There had been 11 reported crimes since the last meeting some of which were serious issues and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents connected to premises on Liverpool Road. Others were:

1 assault with injury (Whalley Drive), 1 domestic type (Westhaven Crescent), 1 theft or unauthorised taking (Molyneux Road), 2 burglaries in dwellings (Moss Delph Lane & Hillrise View). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 27 reported crimes with 11 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 213 incidents with 94 of those in Aughton. Discussion took place over the wide-ranging duties of the PCSO including the problems with youths and ASB at McDonalds in Ormskirk. There was no update on Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

## 10564 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

a) Highways issues: to consider the state of the roads in Aughton – after discussion, it was AGREED to invite LCC Cabinet Member for Highways, to the Annual Parish Assembly to address the matter.

b) Subsidised Bus Services – the latest information from LCC had been circulated to members previously. It had, however, been confirmed that the No. 5 Ormskirk-Aughton Town Green Circular subsidised bus service would be maintained and would run in some form or other but there may be changes to routes and times of services. NOTED

10565 LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2016 – 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 for both villages was APPROVED (Section 137). The competition was supported by LALC, Lancashire Life, The Villa at Wrea Green, and several Lancashire County Councillors. Judging Period 4 June to 17 July, with the final judging taking place during early September. The Awards Ceremony would be held on 17 October at The Villa, Wrea Green.

10566 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.

10567 NATIONAL CITIZENS SERVICE (NCS): for information – after discussion, and providing the NCS carried their own third party liability cover, members supported the initiative. A meeting would be arranged with the Programme Manager.

10568 PARISH COUNCIL CAR PARK AT WINIFRED LANE – after discussion, members noted the concerns of the Village Hall Management Committee in respect of occasional inappropriate parking by users of the hall and others.

10569 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- a) 2016 Stakeholder Survey ('Give views on a number of issues including possible reductions in spending, satisfaction with WLBC and use of technology') – the survey was NOTED without comment.
- b) Council Meeting held 24 February 2016 – to note decision in respect of Parish Council Funding. Confirmation that Council Tax Support Grants and Concurrent Grants would be reduced by 10% for the next 3 years. NOTED

10570 THE ALT-CROSSENS CATCHMENT – after discussion, it was AGREED to invite WLBC Portfolio holder for Planning to the Annual Parish Assembly to give the up to date position on this matter.

10571 AUGHTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION:

- a) to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman – it was proposed by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Jones that Councillor Walne be elected Chairman of the association for the forthcoming year. It was further proposed by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Jones that Councillor Gibbons be elected Vice-Chairman of the association. Both councillors were thanked for taking on the new roles.
- b) to confirm date of next meeting – Wednesday, 23 March 2016, Sports Pavilion, commencing 7pm.

10572 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – as previously agreed, the Annual Parish Assembly would be held at 8.15pm on 9 May 2016, at Aughton Village Hall Annexe, following the Annual Meeting of the Council which would commence at 7.15pm. Representatives from Lancashire Constabulary, West Lancashire Borough Council and Lancashire County Council would be invited to attend.

10573 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	79.15
Desktop NW Ltd – printer ink	68.86
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	32.04
BT Payment Services Ltd – One-bill telephone/business broadband	189.13
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping Ltd – Winter grounds maintenance	850.00
Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – entry fee	40.00
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	75.00
S Moorcroft – expenses (3 months)	90.68

10573 (Continued)

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to approve delegated authority to the Chairman & Vice-Chairman to authorise payment for invoices outstanding between 15 March and 31 March 2016 for Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd, S Moorcroft (expenses 1 month), Imprest Renewal, Salaries and HMRC (income tax and NIC).

10574 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11 April 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.