

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12 MARCH 2018, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10902 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Gallagher	-	personal commitment
Councillor Roberts	-	personal commitment
Councillor Walne	-	indisposed
Councillor Woolgar	-	personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10903 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests at the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10904 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 FEBRUARY 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10905 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

- a) Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor – it was noted there had been one interested person and the co-option procedure would now progress (Minutes Feb.2018, Para.10894)
- b) Annual Parish Assembly – it was noted Chief Inspector Jill Halliwell had accepted the invitation for a return visit to the Parish on Monday, 14 May 2018 to report on ‘the policing of Aughton’ (Minutes Feb.2018, Para.10896).

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this stage and invited comments/questions from members of the public present. He welcomed Borough Councillor David Westley to the meeting.

A question and answer session took place on the Review of the Local Plan between a resident from Noel Gate, some members of the Parish Council and Borough Councillor Westley who was invited by the Chairman to participate.

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

(*Councillor Jones, a friend of the applicant, declared a DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST in 2018/0166/FUL and confirmed he would leave the meeting during discussion of the application)

10906 PLANNING:

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2018/0046/FUL 0118 0121 0132 1276 0134 0146 0185 0153 0181 0164 0203 0216

In the case of:

2018/0154/FUL 18 Granville Park - members were concerned about the close proximity of the proposed garage/gym which could lead to loss of privacy and residential amenity of the neighbouring property

(*Councillor Jones (Chairman) left the meeting at this stage)

2018/0166/FUL Charlton, Quarry Drive

Due to the Chairman's departure, THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS NOW DECLARED INQUORATE so no comments could be made on planning application 2018/0166/FUL at this meeting.

(Councillor Jones returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair – THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS NOW DECLARED QUORATE)

2018/0172/FUL – 19 Greenwood Close – members reiterated comments made on previous proposals for this property, ie it would lend itself to traffic and parking issues at the head of this cul-de-sac resulting in loss of residential amenity to neighbouring properties.

b) Appeals/Planning Control – none.

10907 CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK'S MARCH MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 7 March 2018. There had been 10 reported crimes since the last meeting including 2 burglary in a dwelling (Gaw Hill Lane & Rothwell Drive); 2 domestic incidents; 1 assault with injury (Delph Park Avenue); 1 public fear, alarm or distress/harassment; 1 attempted burglary (The Serpentine); 1 perverting the course of justice; 1 theft of a motor vehicle (Fir Tree Lane); 1 shoplifting (Co-op Convenience Store). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 29 reported crimes with 10 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 209 incidents in Southern Parishes with 80 of those being in Aughton. On reviewing the playarea and surrounding area off Cherry Tree Lane, the local police confirmed the last nuisance call was 1 November 2017.

10908 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS: the EU regulation, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), would come into force on 25 May 2018. The Data Protection Bill would come into force (by 25 May) 2018. When enacted, it would repeal the Data Protection Act 1998 and legislate on data protection matters for the UK not already covered by GDPR – details to date had been circulated to all councillors. It was AGREED to set up a Committee to progress this matter once all the information in respect of Parish Councils had been confirmed (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillors Grant & Pendleton with the Clerk in attendance).

10909 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL: Stakeholder Survey 2018 (circulated prior to meeting) – members briefly discussed the various issues and gave their views on possible reduction in spending, satisfaction with the Borough Council and use of technology, satisfaction on services, etc. It was AGREED the Chairman and Clerk would finalise the response by 22 March 2018.

10910 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

a) Notice of Temporary Footpath Closure: Public Footpath 18 – from 23 February for 6 months or until works completed on or near the Footpath (junction with Brookfield Lane to junction with Mickering Lane) – NOTED.

b) Notice of Temporary Road Closure on Butchers Lane on 21 March 2018 to enable overhead cable maintenance works to take place – NOTED.

10911 LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2018 – 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). Judging period Saturday 9 June-Sunday 22 July with the final judging taking place early September.

10912 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.

10913 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND: to review – it was RESOLVED to renew membership in the sum of £36 (£36).

10914 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) Redsands Park: line of mature conifer trees (notes circulated prior to meeting) – ITEM DEFERRED to the April 2018 meeting.
- b) Tennis Court Lighting (notes circulated prior to meeting – refer Minutes March 2017, Para.10746d) – it was RESOLVED to make further modification to the floodlights on the tennis courts (from Sodium to LED) by P & R Electrical Contractors Ltd of Skelmersdale in the sum of £1,034 (plus VAT) (Repairs & Renewals Fund).
- c) Litter Bins & Wayside Seats – to consider and approve purchase (notes circulated prior to meeting) - It was RESOLVED to purchase 2 replacement wayside seats and 8 litter bins (rolling programme of replacement street furniture to match existing) from Earth Anchors Ltd of Croydon in the sum of £3,806.00 (plus VAT) (Repairs & Renewals Fund).
- d) Replacement Mower – it was reported to the Clerk yesterday that the rotary mower which was hitched behind the tractor had broken down and was beyond economical repair (wear and tear). It was AGREED to delegate authority to the Chairman & Vice-Chairman to approve a suitable replacement, if possible, before the start of the grass-cutting season at the beginning of April. (Machinery Repair & Renewals Fund).

10915 ACCOUNTS/DELEGATED AUTHORITY (circulated to members)

Income

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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	355.08
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping Ltd – maintenance including Flagging - trip hazards, tennis court maintenance (part) & winter clearance of debris/litter at Quarry woodland	1,433.36
S Moorcroft (expenses – 3 months)	81.00
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	32.04
Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – entry fee	40.00
British Telecommunications plc – One Bill/telephone/business broadband	192.74
Desktop NW Ltd – stationery	74.30
CPRE – membership renewal	36.00
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	100.00

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to approve delegated authority to the Chairman and one other cheque signatory to authorise payment for invoices outstanding between 13 March and 31 March 2018 including Imprest Renewal, S Moorcroft (expenses 1 month), Salaries and HMRC (Income Tax & NIC).

10916 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9 April 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.