

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2019, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

11072 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Gallagher - personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11073 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their Interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

11074 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 FEBRUARY 2019, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

11075 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a) New development off Springfield Road – confirmation that, in compliance with the original planning permission conditions, work had started by the developer to reduce the height of the timber boundary fence. NOTED

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

Borough Councillor David Westley gave an update on the West Lancashire Local Plan: Preferred Options prior to the next Cabinet Meeting on 12 March 2019 with a proposed timetable for further progress.

ARG 2012 representatives confirmed they had written to the Leader of the Borough Council, Councillor Ian Moran, to raise a number of concerns relating to the Preferred Options Papers.

The Chairman read out an e-mail from County Councillor Paul Greenall relating to traffic issues on Long Lane.

Councillor Greenall arrived at this stage of the meeting and said he had been in discussion with LCC Highways about Long Lane and they were well aware of the issues but indicated there were no plans to introduce traffic calming measures at this time. Collision records showed there had been 12 incidents on Long Lane in the past 5 years which had been predominately associated with driver error at junctions and one related to excessive speed. Local residents needed to ensure that all incidents were reported. Progress was being made in the installation of Parish Council funded permanent solar powered SpID/Driver Feedback signs on Long Lane, Bold Lane & Prescott Road. Councillor Greenall suggested residents 'littering the road with parked cars' would create a chicane and slow traffic down.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Greenall for his update and suggested local residents contacted him direct with any further information on Long Lane.

A resident from Sandy Lane, also representing local residents from Mickering Lane area, listed the objections raised for the Network Rail planning application for a proposed installation of a Substation on land adjacent to the Railway Line, Sandy Lane including Green Belt location, loss of habitat, visually intrusive, loss of residential amenity, noise & light pollution, unsightly fencing, flooding etc. She said there must be a more suitable site and asked the Parish Council to support the local residents in their objections to the development.

The Chairman agreed that the Parish Council would submit additional comments on the proposal, supporting the local residents' objections.

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

11076 ORDINARY ELECTION FOR AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL: to be held on 2 May 2019 – full notes had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The Parish Council Elections would be combined with the Borough Council Elections with the publication of Notices on Friday, 22 March 2019. The Clerk had taken receipt of the Nomination Packs for use by Candidates who would be standing in the Ordinary Parish Council Election or these could be obtained from the WLBC Electoral and Administration Services Manager at the Council Offices. The Nomination Period was between 9.30pm and 4pm on each working day from Monday, 25 March until the close of nomination at 4pm on Wednesday, 3 April.

(Councillor Jones declared a NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST in 2018/1253/FUL, as he was known to the applicant and Councillor Mercer declared a NON PECUNIARY INTEREST in 2019/0152/FUL as he was known to the applicant)

11077 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2018/1311/FUL 0091 0123 0136 0141

In respect of:

2018/1253/FUL 183A Long Lane (Amendment) – members noted and supported LCC Highways comments in respect of a vehicular access dropped crossing to the property.

2018/1243/FUL Woodend, Back Lane – members noted the proposed extensions without comment but with regards to the proposal of a 1.8m high boundary fence adjacent to the A59, considered some landscaping/green relief would benefit the visual amenity of this Green Belt location.

2019/0152/FUL Aughton Grange EMI Care Home, 26 Granville Park – members supported the 'change of use' to residential and noted the recommendations made by the LPA during the pre-application consultations.

2019/0060/FUL Land Adjacent to Railway Line, Sandy Lane – additional comments from the Parish Council: members noted the strong objections from the local community on the proposal and would, therefore, support refusal of the application. The siting at this particular location on Sandy Lane, in close proximity to dwellings, would have a detrimental affect on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties, plus a negative impact on the openness of the Green Belt. Light pollution, noise, flooding and drainage issues, loss of wildlife, had all been brought to the Parish Council's attention by local residents. An alternative, less prominent location nearer Merseyside should be considered by Network Rail for this proposal.

b) Appeals/Planning Control

Notice of Appeal Decisions:

2018/0739/FUL 145 Gaw Hill Lane (Removal of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 1980/1218 to allow use of the building as a domestic garage/store) – Appeal Allowed.

2018/0387/FUL Pancheree, Formby Lane – erection of single dwelling and associated works – Appeal Dismissed.

2018/0866/FUL 70 Liverpool Road – 2 storey gable extension – Appeal Dismissed

Notice of Appeal against Refusal of Planning Permission:

2018/1238/FUL 15 Fernhurst Gate – Front and rear first floor extensions plus internal alterations (Householder application)

Planning Control:

Aughton Park Drive/Long Lane – new development (E/2019/0017/BC) Allegation of Breach of Planning Control – a wheel wash facility now in place and functioning – breach remedied.

c) West Lancs Design Awards 2019 (notes circulated prior to meeting) – members did not put forward any nominations this year.

11078 CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK'S MARCH MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 5 March 2019. There had been 32 reported crimes since the last meeting including:

1 fraud/forgery; 9 domestic incidents; 4 criminal damage to a dwelling excluding vehicles (Sandy Lane, Brookfield Lane, Noel Gate, Prescot Road); 1 theft of a pedal cycle (near Quarry Drive); 8 burglary domestic (Middlewood Road, Cromfield, Church Lane, Shepherds Lane, Redsands, Victoria Road, Bold Lane, Butchers Lane); 1 attempted burglary (Bold Lane); 4 vehicle crime (New Lane, Liverpool Road, Mickering Lane); 1 burglary at Sports Pavilion (reclassified Criminal Damage); 1 malicious communication; 1 civil dispute; 1 assault (Nursing Home). No further issues had been reported in the Cherry Tree Lane/Delph Park Avenue area. It was reported that Aughton now came under the new area Ormskirk/Aughton/Burscough/Westhead/Neighbouring Policing Team.

11079 PARISH FINANCE (notes circulated prior to meeting):

a) Sports Pavilion – an incident at the Sports Pavilion (criminal damage- police enquiries still ongoing – cctv assisted with 4 youngsters on camera). It was RESOLVED to approve payment to Rapid Secure Ltd (emergency call-out service provided through the local police force, fire or ambulance service) in the sum of £190 (plus VAT) and payment to Graeme Jarvis Property Services of Ormskirk in the sum of £398.49 for the emergency work to reinstate the building (replacement fire door, glass in window, new locks and extra keys). BHIB Insurance had been notified of a possible claim but awaiting the court decision.

b) Traffic Issues – the Working Group's recommendation for 'slowing traffic down' on various locations in the Parish (circulated to members prior to meeting). After 3 meetings/discussions and full consideration of all the options, the recommendation to purchase 4 Solar Powered Speed Awareness/Vehicle Activated Signs with data-logging units had been APPROVED. The details plus the sign locations were currently with the LCC Travel team/Highway Engineer for assessment and approval.

c) Outdoor Gym Equipment (details circulated to members prior to meeting) – it was AGREED to set up a Working Group to progress this item (Councillors Jones, Grant, Roberts, and Mrs Morrison).

d) Replacement Litter Bins & Dog Waste Bins – the second phase of this project for replacement litter bins (8) and the purchase of additional dog waste bins (6) was NOTED and it was RESOLVED to authorise payment to Earth Anchors Ltd in the sum of £4,150.00 (plus VAT) (Repairs & Renewals Fund).

e) Timber Bus Shelter Replacement – it was RESOLVED to authorise payment to David Porter (Joiner) of Scarisbrick for supply and fit one shelter on Liverpool Road in the sum of £1,350). A further 2 shelters would be ordered for Prescot Road and Town Green Lane (Bus Shelter Replacement Fund).

11080 'DOG ISSUES' ON PUBLIC OPEN SPACES – the 'control of dogs' and the increase in 'dog fouling' on parks, playing field and the area around Town Green Primary School had been brought to the attention of WLBC Enforcement Team. Following site visits, it was agreed for action to be taken over the coming weeks including 'stencils' on footways, stickers on posts, site assessment visits and discussion with local dog walkers. On the site visit to Town Green Lane, a stray dog from Mickering Lane was dealt with by the Environmental Enforcement Officer.

11081 LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019 (details circulated prior to meeting) It was NOTED that the main change this year was 'no Certificate of Merit entries' instead nominations would be for 'Outstanding Features' of the village – the focus on these being 'something special'. It was AGREED to enter Holt Green (Small Village Class) - £20 entry fee and Town Green (Medium Village Class) - £30 entry fee. The entry fee of £50 for both villages was approved (Section 137).

11082 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.

11083 COMMUNITY PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR (Winifred Lane site) – to consider and approve funding for a replacement case (notes circulated prior to meeting) – it was RESOLVED to approve funding from the Parish Council Community Safety Fund for a more robust replacement case, taking advice from the Northwest Ambulance Service who would make the arrangements for the changeover.

11084 CHRIST CHURCH AUGHTON – to receive an Invitation from the Churchwardens to the Institution of the Rev. Sarah O’Donoghue as Vicar on 7 April 2019. It was AGREED to accept the invitation. (Councillors Grant and Roberts would be attending)

11085 ACCOUNTS/DELEGATED AUTHORITY (circulated to members):

Income

Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	80.36
S Moorcroft – expenses (3 months)	83.25
Graeme Jarvis Property Services – emergency reinstatement work (Sports Pavilion)	398.49
Rapid Secure Ltd – emergency call-out service arranged by the police ditto	228.00
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	314.16
Shaw Savage Services Ltd – printer ink	75.43
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	100.00
WLBC – peppercorn rent for siting of bus shelter off Town Green Lane (7 day invoice)	.25
Earth Anchors Ltd – supply of litter bins and dog waste bins	4,980.00
David Porter (Joiner) – replacement timber bus shelter	1,350.00
The Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – entry fee	50.00
BT One Bill – telephone/business broadband	242.36
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,359.40
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	156.01

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to approve delegated authority to the Chairman/Vice-Chairman and one other cheque signatory to authorise payment for invoices outstanding between 12 March and 31 March 2019 including Imprest Renewal, S Moorcroft (expenses 1 month).

11086 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8 April 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.