

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

11192 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor G Roberts - personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11193 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

11194 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2019, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

11195 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Speed Awareness Signs – a brief update was given on the installation of the 4 signs.

11196 VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR – to complete the final stage of the Co-option process – the Chairman reported the Interview Selection Panel had interviewed a prospective candidate who appeared to be committed to contributing to the Parish Council’s aims and objectives in serving the local community. The recommendation was then made that Mr Colin Greene be invited and co-opted onto Aughton Parish Council to fill a vacancy in Delph Ward. The recommendation was APPROVED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY. The new member then READ and SIGNED the DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE in the presence of the Clerk/Proper Officer of the Council. A Form of Written Undertaking to observe the Code as to the Conduct which was expected of Members of Aughton Parish Council was signed by the new member Councillor Colin Greene.

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

A resident from Gaw Hill Lane circulated a copy of her letter to WLBC raising her concerns about planning application 2019/0980/FUL at 67 Gaw Hill Lane for the demolition of existing farm buildings and the erection of 8 detached dwellings (incorrect address on plans; urban style of proposed development was out of context with the rural environment; outline permission was granted for 7 homes not 8; hedgerows, boundary treatment, tree cover/removal/landscape plans/bat survey/light pollution/drainage).

A resident from Granville Park gave her views on planning applications 2019/0980/FUL, 2019/1019/FUL, 2019/0958/FUL and 2019/1042/ADV. Some discussion took place over the problems in the Parish and nearby areas on Mischief Night, the work undertaken by the local police on that night, and the possibility of community engagement with local youths. Other issues discussed included volunteering at Aughton Police Station and Neighbourhood Watch.

Finally, the Clerk iterated information on the 2019 Lancashire Volunteer Partnership – ‘Our Lancashire’ which would be launched on ‘Lancashire Day’ and anyone wishing to become a volunteer in Lancashire – view www.ourlancashire.org.uk

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

(*Councillor Ian Mercer, as a close relative of the applicant, declared his PERSONAL PECUNIARY INTEREST in planning application 2019/1019/FUL and left the meeting during discussion)

11197 WLBC PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2019/0996/FUL 1010 0829 1050 1051 1055 1077 1083 1042 ADV

In the case of:

2019/0980/FUL 67 Gaw Hill Lane – members queried the number of dwellings proposed given that the Outline approval was for up to 7. The site is considered ‘isolate’ given its very rural location and any new buildings would be prominent in this location. The design of the dwellings should, therefore, be more in-keeping with the countryside. The boundary treatment for walls 1.8m high should be replaced with hedging or a green relief planting more appropriate for this countryside setting. To avoid significant light pollution in the countryside, a detailed lighting scheme should be produced and approved prior to development.

(*Councillor Mercer left the meeting during discussion of the next item)

2019/1019/FUL 71/71A Town Green Lane – members wished to ensure the outward appearance of the proposed dwelling was more in-keeping with the existing façade.

(*Councillor Mercer resumed the meeting)

2019/0958/FUL 75 The Serpentine – members raised concerns about the height of the brick wall to replace the existing fence and it was suggested its design should allow access to amphibians.

b) Appeals – none.

Planning Control – none

Licensing – Notification of a Hearing in respect of a Premises Licence New Application for 69 Town Green Lane to be held on Monday, 18 November 2019, 10.30am in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices in Ormskirk. It was AGREED that the Clerk would represent the Parish Council at the Hearing.

c) Planning Committee Meeting Report held 17 October 2019 – for information purposes, the result of planning application 2018/1291/FUL (Derby Ward) Land at the South-Eastern End of the Campus Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk – use of land as overflow car parking for c. 500 car parking spaces and provision of new/upgraded access routes with the University Campus (retrospective) – the application was Withdrawn for all party discussion.

d) Public Space Protection Orders (notes circulated prior to meeting) – after discussion, it was AGREED to make a further request to include the enclosed children’s play area at Rachel Taylor Memorial Playing Field.

11198 POLICING OF AUGHTON: Chairman/Vice-Chairman/Parish Clerk’s November Meeting with the Local Police – a brief report was given on the informal meeting held 6 November 2019 – PCSO Jillian Reid attended. There had been 18 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 case of theft (Brookfield Lane), 2 burglary in a dwelling (Prescot Road, Mill Lane), 1 burglary from a business (Liverpool Road), 1 other notifiable crime (Church Lane), 4 domestic incidents, 3 vehicle crime (Noel Gate), 3 malicious communications, 2 criminal damage excluding a vehicle (Crescent Green, Narrow Lane), 1 criminal damage to a vehicle (Crescent Green). In Aughton, other than reported crimes, there had been 86 incidents with 12 incidents in the Nuisance category. Discussion took place over problems with damage to fencing along the path leading to the Quarry woodland and the need for residents to keep reporting such incidents to the local police. Also, just before Mischief Night, a substantial padlock (one used for locking up tools or building materials) had been placed on the playarea gate, off Delph Park Avenue – this action was unauthorised as it was not Parish Council policy to lock parks or playareas. The PCSO and the Clerk had made enquiries but after nothing materialised, the padlock was removed. There had been a number of complaints from St Michael School parents who frequently used the gate to access the playarea after school. Enquiries were still ongoing.

11199 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: New Road and Street Works Act 1991 – Notice of Completion of the Permanent Reinstatement in Bold Lane, Long Lane & Prescott Road (Form SWL4) – to execute works and place apparatus on the highway in accordance with the Approved Licence (for Speed Awareness Signs) – it was RESOLVED to approve payment to Lancashire County Council in the sum of £1,699.68 (plus VAT).

11200 COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a) Remembrance Sunday – to consider donations arising from the occasion. It was RESOLVED to make a donation of £50 to Aughton (Old Hall District) Guides for making and serving refreshments (Paperbank Fund), a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion (Paperbank Fund), a payment of £17 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the supply and delivery of the wreath (Free Resource LGA s.137) and a donation of £25 to Mr Bob Morris for playing the bugle at the Ceremony of Remembrance (Paperbank Fund).
- b) The Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2019 – the results for the trophy and certificate of merit winners were READ and NOTED – Town Green Village came 3rd in the Medium Village Class, Holt Green came 8th in the Small Village Class, William Arnold Silcock Memorial Playing Field came 3rd in the Public Playing Fields Class (21 entries) and was Highly Commended, the Stanley Arms in Holt Green came 8th in the Public Houses Class (32 entries). Everyone involved was thanked for their efforts.
- c) Defibrillator Training/Re-training for users of the Sports Pavilion and Village Hall – the event held on Saturday, 9 November 2019 at Aughton Village Hall between 10.30am-12.30pm had been successful. It was recommended that a check be made with the contact at the NW Ambulance Service in respect of a set of pads for young children to be stored with the Defibrillator.

11201 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL):

- a) To receive notification from WLBC of CIL receipts paid to Aughton Parish Council October 2019 - total amount = £13,636.94 (land at junction of Long Lane/Aughton Park Drive). NOTED
- b) Public Consultation on how WLBC should spend some of its CIL receipts – a shortlist of projects had been NOTED and members gave their support to both schemes.

11202 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

WLBC – CIL monies received October 2019	13,636.94
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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	140.58
ID Business – cctv inspection/incident download etc	118.80
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – includes hedging, additional work for Remembrance Sunday, leaf clearance, etc	3,522.75
Lancashire County Council – in accordance with Licence, completion of the permanent reinstatement works in 4 locations (Posts for Signs)	2,039.62
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – supply and delivery of wreath (s.137)	17.00
Royal British Legion – donation (Paperbank Fund)	50.00
Aughton (Old Hall District) Guides – donation (Paperbank Fund)	50.00
Mr R Morris (Bugler) – donation (Paperbank Fund)	25.00
Shaw Savage Business Ltd – printer ink	106.20
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,315.05
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	154.46

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

11203 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9 December 2019.

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