

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Ian Grant

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10688 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Jones - arriving late

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10689 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10690 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 OCTOBER 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10691 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

- a) Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor – as the deadline for expiry of Notice had been reached, ie 14 October 2016, the Parish Council had been able to start the co-option process. Also, a general ‘Notice of Vacancies’ had been displayed around the parish, on parish council noticeboards and on the website, etc.
- b) Long Lane: Traffic & Road Safety – the outcome of LCC officers’ investigations were READ and NOTED. There was no proposal to carry out any speed management at this time. Work to improve the highway environment (signage) on Long Lane and Parris Lane was NOTED.

(Councillor Jones arrived during discussion)

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

A resident from Long Lane referred to ‘Traffic and road safety on Long Lane’ and said he was disappointed by the analysis from LCC. He asked if the dates of site visits could be requested/confirmed.

Another resident from Long Lane spoke about the parked cars near the station on Long Lane and asked if details could be confirmed as to what time of day the site visits were made.

The Clerk would make further enquiries with LCC.

The Chairman said the Parish Council had taken this matter up with the relevant authorities and the outcome had been noted. He suggested that Long Lane residents group could make an approach direct to Lancashire County Council and the local MP, if they wished to pursue this matter further (a brief synopsis if the details would be drawn up by the Clerk).

A resident from The Serpentine complained about the lack of leaf clearance/street cleaning by the Borough Council. He voiced his anger at the proposal to abolish the Watch Liaison Officer post at Lancashire Constabulary. He said the housing land on Town Green Lane and other grass verges had received the last cut of the season in October but he felt one more cut was required to tidy everywhere up. As the Borough Council was unable to do this due to financial difficulties, could the Parish Council take this on board.

(Public Question Time Continued)

On this last point, the Chairman said this would be seen as 'double rating'. The Borough Council had made cuts to Parish Council funding. If the Parish Council was to take on board this additional task, then what next?

A resident from Long Lane, Chairman of ARG 2012, spoke on the Planning Appeal Decision on Land to the East of Prescot Road, the Challenge by the Local Planning Authority and questioned the timescale for such matters.

The Chairman said he had no knowledge of the timescale.

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

10692 PLANNING

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

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

*2016/1001 1031 0989 0976/OUT 1114/PNT

In the case of:

*2016/0912/FUL 2 Meadow Drive – as the applicant was an Aughton Parish Councillor, Aughton Parish Council would not be submitting any comments on the proposed planning application.

*2016/1008/FUL Aughton Institute, Bold Lane – members were concerned about the over-development of this backland location in totality. An additional access at this particular location, alongside the bowling green and onto the Aughton Institute Car Park, could detrimentally affect pedestrian and highway safety.

b) Appeals/Planning Control –

i) Notice of an Appeal Lodged against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission at Number 12 Bleasdale Close for a proposed two storey extension to either side of the existing detached dwelling with single storey extension to the rear. The Appeal would be determined on the basis of written representations under the Householder Appeals Service. NOTED

ii) Appeal in respect of land to the north-west of Parris Lane – an update was given and NOTED.

iii) Planning Control – Notice of a temporary closure on Town Green Lane between 2000 hours and 0600 hrs on 12-14 November, or until completion of the works – to enable urgent repairs to the railway bridge following a vehicle strike. (Highway/Pedestrian Safety to be raised with LCC)

c) Planning Committee – a brief report was given on the meeting held 10 November 2016. The recommendations were READ and the RESULTS noted.

2016/0668 The Cockbeck Tavern (change of use) – Approved with Conditions.

2016/0878 Store and Premises, 30A Scarth Hill Lane (erection of 8 detached dwellings and access road following demolition of existing buildings – Approved with Conditions.

d) Granville Park Conservation Area: Draft Conservation Area Appraisal Update – consultation. Following on from the Workshop held in April and a public exhibition held in October, the public consultation exercise invited the final responses. Members supported the extension of the current boundary to include The Cockbeck Tavern, but also the bowling green at the rear, the row of shops and the railway station; the extension of the Article 4 Direction across the whole of Granville Park CA; replacement of highway trees; improvement to 'street scene'.

10693 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 9 November 2016. There had been 21 reported crimes since the last meeting including 2 criminal damage to a dwelling (Beaumont

Crescent & Aughton Park Drive); 3 theft from a vehicle (Swan Delph, Delph Park Avenue & Norris House Drive); 4 burglary in a dwelling (Swan Lane, Mill Lane, Long Lane & Middlewood Road); 2 harassment; 1 criminal damage (other) (Westhaven Crescent); 1 incident involving a bogus caller (Arnian Court); 1 burglary in a building other than a dwelling (Arnian Court); 4 domestic type incidents (Long Lane, Blackmoss Lane, The Rowans & A59 Northway); 1 criminal damage to property (Robins Bridge Nursery); 1 exposure (Gaw Hill Lane); 1 criminal damage to a vehicle (Church Lane). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 41 crimes with 21 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 247 incidents with 106 of those in Aughton. Issues discussed included obstruction of parked vehicles outside Town Green School causing a safety issue for children walking to school. The local police were also dealing with a similar matter at St Michael's School. The additional new Police Community Support Officer was in attendance.

10694 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Watch Liaison Officer post – the proposal to abolish the role as part of Lancashire Constabulary's change process was NOTED. Further information/Parish Council consultation to be investigated.

10695 ORMSKIRK SCHOOL TRUST GOVERNORS (OSTG) – to elect representation for a 4 year term. (Aughton Parish Council held 2 representatives on OSTG – i) Councillor J D Walne: 2012-2016 & ii) Councillor G M Roberts: 2014-2018). The Chairman asked for nominations in respect of i) and it was RESOLVED unanimously to elect Councillor J D Walne for a further term of office.

10696 PARISH FINANCE:

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 at the gathering in Aughton Village Hall after the Ceremony of Remembrance (PAPERBANK FUND). It was FURTHER RESOLVED to approve payment of £17 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the supply and delivery of the wreath ('Free Resource' LGA Section 137) plus a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion (PAPERBANK FUND). It was FURTHER RESOLVED to make donations of £25 each to both buglers who played their part at the Granville Park War Memorial (PAPERBANK FUND).

(Members present declared their DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, having all been granted Dispensations in respect of any matters relating to 'discussing/debating the Budget/the Precept)

b) Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held 2 November 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record. It was RESOLVED to approve all the RECOMMENDATIONS.

c) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):

- i) to receive notification of CIL receipts due to Aughton Parish Council – October 2016 = £2,568.72.
- ii) Regulation 62A of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) – the procedure was confirmed in respect of publication of an annual report for CIL monies received in 2015/2016, ie £2,771.91.

10697 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

WLBC – CIL monies due October 2016	2,568.72
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Expenditure

Imprest Renewal	84.19
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Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – winter grounds maintenance plus additional work relating to Remembrance Sunday	4,450.00
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Chubb Fire & Security Ltd – annual fire equipment check (Sports Pavilion)	24.93
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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – for supply & delivery of wreath (FREE RESOURCE)	17.00
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Royal British Legion – donation (Paperbank Fund)	50.00
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Aughton (Old Hall District) Guides – donation (Paperbank Fund)	50.00
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Mr R Morris (bugler) – donation (Paperbank Fund)	25.00
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Mr A Bearon (bugler) – donation (Paperbank Fund)	25.00
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Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	1,541.86
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Agricultural Repair Services Ltd – repair to tractor	85.10
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David White (Power Factors) – mower repair	120.00
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Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper (winter hours)	1,210.76
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HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	157.69
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It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

100698 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12 December 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.