

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2017, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10854 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Mrs Atherley	-	personal commitment
Councillor Grant	-	business commitment

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10855 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests at the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10856 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 OCTOBER 2017, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10857 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Aughton's Best Kept Garden Competition – to confirm the Presentation of Awards, for trophy winners, would be held on Saturday, 25 November 2017, commencing 11am in Aughton Village Hall Annexe.

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

A resident from The Serpentine referred to the Minutes September 2017, Para.10834, Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor, and questioned the Dispensation procedure. A full explanation was given.

A resident from Long Lane referred to the issue of speeding traffic on Long Lane and asked for an update.

The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council was awaiting a response from Lancashire County Council following the outcome of the meeting with the Police and the Speed Tasking Group.

A resident from Granville Park raised the issue of 'fly-tipping' in the Quarry woodland from a nearby residential property.

The Chairman said the WLBC Environmental Protection Officer had been contacted, had visited the site and would be revisiting the site over the coming week. The matter would be monitored by the Parish Council and the matter considered further at a future meeting.

A resident from Noel Gate referred to the presentation made by Chief Inspector Jill Halliwell at the October meeting and, in particular, the offer to the Parish Council and local residents present of a visit to Lancashire Constabulary HQ at Hutton to view the Communication/Call Centre. The local resident was happy to organise it and anyone interested was invited to contact the Clerk in the first instance who would then liaise with the Noel Gate resident and the local police.

A resident from Granville Park gave her views on planning applications 2017/0966 (boundary treatment, doubling the width of the gates – inappropriate) and 2017/1065/OUT (crowded development in the middle of the countryside).

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

(Councillor Pendleton, as a nearby resident from Bleasdale Close, declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in 2017/1077/FUL)

10858 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items – there were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

(Para.10858 PLANNING Continued)

\*2017/0945 0991 1009 1017 1057 1077 1097(Variation) 1106 1111

(items marked\* were considered under the Parish Council Prior Notification Procedure (PNP) to meet the deadline for response)

In the case of:

2017/0915/FUL 284 Prescot Road – members supported the views of LCC Highways on the proposed new vehicular access

2017/0966/FUL 43 Granville Park West – members raised no objections to the proposed extensions to the property. In respect of the proposed new entrance, however, members considered the height and width of the gates (involving loss of part of the hedge) was inappropriate and would harm the character and appearance of Granville Park Conservation Area.

2017/1065/OUT 67 Gaw Hill Lane – referring to the relevant policies in the West Lancashire Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework on Protection of the Green Belt, members could not support the Outline Planning Application for the following reasons:

- i) the proposal would, by definition, be harmful to the Green Belt – very special circumstances would not apply so the proposed use would be inappropriate.
- ii) the site was considered ‘isolate’ given its very rural location. Any new dwellings would be prominent in this location.
- iii) on viability, the poor condition of the majority of unsubstantial buildings on site, and concern that the ongoing employment use (agriculture) was not viable, would not justify the change of land use to ‘new build residential’.

b) Appeals/Planning Control – none.

c) Planning Committee – a brief report was given on the meeting held 9 November 2017. The recommendations were READ and the RESULTS noted.

2017/0940/FUL Lyncroft, Butchers Lane – Approved with Conditions (landscaping scheme noted)

d) WLBC Open Space Study: consultation with Parish Councils (notes circulated prior to meeting) – it was AGREED to assist the Borough Council with an important piece of research currently being undertaken to assess/identify local need for provision within West Lancashire. A meeting with the representative from the Consultancy Company, Knight, Kavanagh & Page had been arranged on Friday, 17 November, 10am at the Sports Pavilion. The Chairman and Clerk would attend.

10859 VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK’S NOVEMBER MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 7 November 2017. There had been 13 reported crimes since the last meeting including: 1 shoplifting (Co-op Convenience Store); 1 criminal damage to a dwelling (Long Lane); 1 other theft or unauthorised taking (Aughton Village Hall); 3 burglary in a dwelling (Noel Gate, St Michael Road, Scarth Hill Lane); 1 burglary in a Care Home (Long Lane); 1 other notifiable offence (fly-tipping in Swanpool Lane); 1 domestic incident; 1 assault with injury; 1 malicious communication; 1 public fear, alarm or distress (Long Lane); 1 criminal damage (other) (Church Lane). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 33 reported crimes with 13 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 261 incidents in Southern Parishes with 112 of those being in Aughton. It was reported that Southern Parishes now had a new Community Beat Manager and he would be part of the Neighbourhood Team for the area.

10860 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 s.137) plus a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion (PAPERBANK FUND) plus a donation of £25 to Mr R Morris (bugler) who played his part so well at the Granville Park War Memorial (PAPERBANK FUND).

- b) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL):
- i) To receive notification of CIL receipts due to Aughton Parish Council – October 2017 = £14,214.58.
  - ii) Regulation 62A of the CIL Regulation 2010 (as amended) – the procedure was confirmed in respect of publication of an annual report for CIL monies, receipts and expenditure to be published by 31 December.

10861 PLAYAREAS (notes circulated prior to meeting) – the reports for two inspections of 4 playareas were received and it was RESOLVED to approve payment in the sum of £400 (plus VAT) to Yates Playgrounds Ltd. The recommendations for minor repairs/painting of equipment were approved (budget allocation £1,077 (plus VAT)).

10862 LALC WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 19 October 2017 (notes circulated prior to meeting). Members considered a Motion/Resolution proposed from the Area Committee for the LALC Annual General Meeting in respect of the forthcoming Review of the Land Drainage Act (1991). After discussion, it was AGREED to abstain from the vote (not enough information at this stage).

10863 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Notice of an application to divert part of Lydiate Footpath Number 4 in connection with a change in the field boundaries of land to the east of Greens Lane near to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Rimmer's Bridge, Lydiate L31 4LS - following a site visit, members considered the proposed changes should not spoil the enjoyment of the users of the Footpath. There were no objections to the diverted convenient alternative route.

10864 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	
WLBC – CIL monies due 30 September 2017	14,214.58
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	85.58
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter Maintenance including additional work for Remembrance Sunday	4,130.00
Volunteer Website Webmaster (Dr David Gallagher) – reimbursement of hosting/domain renewal	298.68
Aughton (Old Hall District) Guides – donation (Paperbank Fund)	50.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – supply & delivery of wreath (Free Resource – LGA s.137)	17.00
Royal British Legion – donation (Paperbank Fund)	50.00
Mr R Morris (Bugler) – donation (Paperbank Fund)	25.00
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	1,583.86
Yates Playgrounds Ltd – playarea inspection reports	480.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,227.71
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	154.83

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10865 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11 December 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.