

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 OCTOBER 2016, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL
ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Ian Grant

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10673 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Gibbons	-	personal commitment
Councillor Wohlers	-	personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10674 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10675 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 SEPTEMBER 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10676 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

- a) Long Lane: Traffic & Road Safety – an update was given on action being taken/proposed including the arrangements to deploy a temporary SPID in the 30mph section of Long Lane, east of Parrs Lane.
- b) Neighbourhood Watch – an update was given on action being taken through the Watch Liaison Officer to gather information from Scheme Co-ordinators in respect of ‘drug issues/signage requirements’.
- c) New housing development on Springfield Road – the height and siting of the boundary fence was being investigated by the Enforcement Officer.

10677 VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR – to confirm procedure. Once the deadline for expiry of Notice had been reached, ie 14 October 2016, the co-option process would commence.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this stage and sadly announced the recent death of ex Parish Councillor Ray Wardle who joined the Parish Council in 1976 and served Delph Ward for some 14 years. A short period of silence was held to remember Ray.

Councillor Geoff Roberts was thanked for presiding at the last meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Grant then paid tribute to Dave Willman and Peter Cullington, who had recently resigned from the Parish Council, for their work and commitment during their short period of office and to ex Parish Councillor Dr David Gallagher for setting up the Parish Council website and for his generous commitment in maintaining it over a number of years.

The Chairman then invited comments/questions from members of the public present.

One local resident gave his views on speed of traffic and parked vehicles from commuters in Long Lane and the need for a car park or permit scheme near the station; in the locality - use of speed bumps and speed cameras; identified a ‘hotspot’ for drug dealing.

A resident from The Serpentine commented on drilling for shale gas in Lancashire. He spoke on Neighbourhood Watch and said he was keeping a log of ‘drug incidents’.

A resident from Long Lane commented on the problem of farm vehicles using the Lane and the lack of adequate parking for commuters.

The Chairman thanked local residents for their comments and resumed the meeting.

(Councillors Grant and Jones declared PERSONAL NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS in 2016/0878/FUL, as they were known to a relative of the owner of the site)

10678 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2016/0948 0950 *0957 (due to timescale for submitting response, the Parish Council had to consider the application without the opportunity of considering neighbours' comments)

In the case of:

2016/0878/FUL Store and Premises 30A Scarth Hill Lane – having taken into account the history of the site, 'street scene' issues and access arrangements, members considered that if the proposal did not breach planning policy or highway regulations, although the housing density seemed excessive, the development overall could improve the aesthetic appearance of the location and be of benefit to this residential area.

2016/0900/FUL 1 Cherry Green – members were concerned about the height of the wall, posts and fencing and the impact on visibility and manoeuvrability for other road users plus the safety of pedestrians and children playing in this narrow cul-de-sac.

b) Planning Committee – a brief report on the decisions of the meeting held 6 October 2016

The RECOMMENDATIONS were READ and the RESULTS NOTED:

2016/0625/FUL 183A Long Lane – Approved with Conditions

2016/0381/OUT Garages to the East of Arnian Court, Molyneux Road – Decision to grant planning permission delegated to Director of Development & Regeneration with the Chairman of the Planning Committee subject to a planning obligation under Section 106 being entered into.

c) Appeals/Planning Control – none.

d) Notification of New Addresses: Site Location – Land at Aughton Chase, Springfield Road – consultation on proposed road names. With local knowledge, the Parish Council supported the developer's choice, ie Robbins Bridge Meadows. The local community referred to that particular part of Aughton as 'Robbins Bridge' so given the local and historic significance and in order to separate the name from the existing stone bridge along Springfield Road, ie 'Robins Bridge' etched on the stone, Robbins Bridge Meadows seemed the most appropriate name for this prestigious development built in green fields on the Parish boundary.

e) Planning Appeal Decision on Land to the East of Prescott Road – to note action taken. Referring to Minutes Sept.2016, Para.10662 bi), the letter to the LPA and the response was NOTED.

f) A Local Plan Review for West Lancashire – an invitation to comment. Given the amount of time spent and the vast cost involved in the production of the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027, adopted just 3 years ago in October 2013, Aughton Parish Council would confirm its support of the rational of the current Development Plan Document and would not support any further release of Green Belt in this area in the future.

g) BT Payphone Kiosk Removal – consultation. Members were disappointed at the proposal to remove the payphone kiosk at the corner of Long Lane/Aughton Park Drive but, given the low usage and from a business point of view, reluctantly raised no objections.

h) CIL Monies Consultation: proposed use of Community Infrastructure Levy monies 2017/18 – members considered the four worthy suggestions but offered support for Option 2 which included improvements to the leisure facilities at Great Altcar/Downholland.(cycle paths/footpaths).

10679 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 4 October 2016.

There had been 8 reported crimes since the last meeting including 2 domestic type; 1 burglary in a dwelling (Sunnyside); Public Order Offences (Molyneux Road); 3 criminal damage to vehicles (Molyneux Road, Town Green Lane, Springfield Road); 1 criminal damage (Bargain Booze, Moss Delph Lane). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 18 reported crimes with 8 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 179 incidents with 39 of those being in Aughton. The criminal damage to a mature tree on Parish

Council land, previously reported, was still under investigation. Other matters discussed included problems with some dog owners not having full control of their dogs on public open spaces. The police across the borough were preparing for Operation Bright Sparx (5 November). Aughton now had an additional Police Community Support Officer to bring it up to full complement.

10680 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR OUTSIDE AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL – to inform. The defibrillator outside the Village Hall had been deployed and used successfully on a casualty at the Aughton Institute in September. The equipment had been replenished and was now back in use. The club members were now fundraising to hold their own defibrillator at the Institute.

10681 PLAYAREAS – the Inspection Reports from Yates Playgrounds were considered and the recommendations approved in the sum of approx £1,288 (plus VAT) (Budget Allocation).

10682 AUGHTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION – a brief report was given on the meeting held 28 September 2016 which had been well attended. The sports clubs appreciated the facilities at Winifred Lane and the contractors were commended for the maintenance of the playing field and bowling green. Membership numbers were reducing for cricket, bowls and tennis but football was still proving popular with the youngsters.

10683 COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- a) Aughton's Best Kept Garden Competition – it was AGREED to hold the Presentation to trophy winners on Saturday, 19 November 2016, at Aughton Village Hall Annexe, commencing at 11am. All expenses from s.137 (Free Resource).
- b) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2016 – the results for the various categories were NOTED.
- c) Festive Lighting at Town Green Lane Shops – it was AGREED to light up the village on 1 December 2016.

10684 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – the 72nd Annual General Meeting 2016 would be held on Saturday, 19 November 2016. Members interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

10685 FINANCE/GOVERNANCE – it was AGREED to hold the next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 2 November 2016, at Aughton Village Hall, commencing at 7pm.

10686 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	
Interest from Investment (half yearly)	274.68
WLBC – Parish Precept (Part II)	28,451.50
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	178.65
Rawthorne Commercial Landscaping – Winter grounds maintenance	2,389.00
WLBC – pest control for the removal of large wasps nest (Redsands Park)	54.96
Yates Playgrounds – fee for inspection of playareas and reports	240.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,313.59
HMRevenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	157.89

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10687 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14 November 2016.

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