

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2018, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mrs Margaret Boulton (Vice Chairman)

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

11011 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Jones (Chairman of APC)	-	personal commitment
Councillor Roberts	-	personal commitment

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their Interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

11013 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 SEPTEMBER 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

11014 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

- a) the safety barrier protecting the footway on Prescott Road outside Number 278, in the vicinity of Town Green Primary School, which had been ‘damaged’ – the barriers had been made safe and an order placed for new. The replacement panels would be erected by LCC once delivered.
- b) blocked gullies on Town Green Lane causing safety problems for school children – some remedial work had taken place but the problem may not have been resolved.
- c) potholes on Bold Lane – confirmation from LCC that surfacing works would be carried out on Bold Lane and Sandy Lane this financial year using the pothole action fund.
- d) overgrown hedges, blocked grids on A59 – work was in progress.

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

A local resident from Long Lane asked for any progress on the provision of SpIDs in the Parish. It was reported that the Parish Council Working Group had drawn up a list of suggested sites which had been sent to Lancashire County Council (LCC) for assessment and approval. A review was planned by LCC in the near future on the provision of SpIDs for temporary and permanent sitings and the outcome would be reported in due course.

A local resident from Long Lane said he understood the grids were cleaned out by LCC just once a year and this was insufficient. It was reported that this service was a ‘reactive service’ and individual blocked gullies should be reported direct to LCC via the website under ‘Report It’. A log reference would be confirmed enabling local residents to keep track of the complaints.

County Councillor David O’Toole said he had the Highway Engineer out to the gullies in and around Town Green School where flooding was regularly occurring. These had been inspected and the main one by the school had been cleared and the water was running freely. The problem seemed to be ‘capacity’ further down stream.

One other suggestion was the lack of sweeping of the channels by WLBC. A request for a schedule of ‘sweeping’ would be made.

A resident from Crescent Green raised his objections to the planning application for 6 Thornhill which would detrimentally impact on his property at the rear.

Councillor David Westley said he had ‘called in’ the application for a site visit and to be looked at by the full Planning Committee.

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

11015 PLANNING:

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

There were no comments in the cases of:

*2018/0847/FUL *0868 0921 0939

In the case of:

*2018/0892/FUL 14 Pine Crest – members wished to ensure, in the interests of visual amenity, full tree protection was afforded to this site.

2018/0904/FUL 6 Thornhill – members considered the proposal to construct a new dwelling, given the height and mass, on this elevated site would detrimentally impact on privacy and residential amenity of neighbouring properties. The site lies in Granville Park Conservation Area and the proposal may have a negative impact at this particular location. In order to ensure the ‘green relief’ to the rear of this site, due to the proposed loss of trees, a good landscaping scheme should be approved prior to any consideration for development. An organised site visit was considered desirable to appreciate the views into and out of this site.

2018/0973/FUL 37A The Serpentine – members considered that if Condition 4 was imposed on planning application 2016/0312/FUL in order to protect residential privacy/amenity, then it should therefore be retained.

2018/0604/ADV Elysian Bathrooms, 130C Liverpool Road – members noted the views of LCC Highways on this retrospective planning application and providing the proposal would not have a detrimental affect on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties, no further comments were raised.

b) Appeals/Planning Control – none.

c) West Lancashire Local Plan Review: Preferred Options – an update was given on the procedure to date and the latest consultation information was noted. The document could now be viewed on line at www.westlancs.gov.uk/lpr with an extended 9 week consultation period from Friday, 12 October 2018 to Thursday, 13 December 2018. A list of the consultation events proposed in West Lancashire had been circulated and members noted there was no event planned in Aughton, given that the proposals were significant. An invitation to attend the next Parish Council monthly meeting on 12 November 2018, to give a brief presentation and take part in a question and answer session during the Public Forum, had been accepted by Councillor John Hodson, WLBC Portfolio Holder for Planning.

11016 CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK’S OCTOBER MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the informal meeting held 2 October 2018. There had been 14 reported crimes since the last meeting including:

3 domestic type incidents; 1 criminal damage to a dwelling (Rosehill Drive); 1 public fear/alarm/distress (Rothwell Drive); 2 other theft or unauthorised taking (Middlewood Road & Robins Bridge Nursery); 1 burglary in a dwelling linked to 1 harassment incident (Liverpool Road); 1 criminal damage (other) (Gorse Hill Nature Reserve); 1 case of shoplifting (Co-op Convenience Store); 1 case of harassment (Whalley Drive); 1 trafficking in controlled drugs (Redsands); 1 theft of a pedal cycle (Liverpool Road). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 30 reported crimes with 14 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 184 incidents in Southern Parishes with 85 of those being in Aughton. There had been no reports of ‘Nuisance/ASB’ in the Cherry Tree Lane/Delph Park Avenue area.

11017 COMMUNITY EVENTS:

a) Remembrance Sunday – to consider the arrangements. The Parish Council had been invited to attend Christ Church this year for the Remembrance Sunday Service on 11 November 2018, meeting in the Ministry Centre at 10.20am for 10.45am service. This would be followed by a gathering in Aughton Village Hall before the procession to the Ceremony of Remembrance at Granville Park War Memorial at approximately 12.15pm. Light refreshments would be served back at the Village Hall after the service. It was RESOLVED to take all expenses from LGA s.137 (Free Resource).

b) Festive Lighting at Town Green Lane Shops – it was AGREED to ‘light up the village’ during the first week of December 2018 – a partnership arrangement with a local business.

Para.11017 (Continued)

c) Aughton's Best Kept Garden Competition – to consider the arrangements for the Presentation of Awards. It was AGREED to hold the Presentation to trophy winners on either Saturday, 17 or 24 November 2018 at Aughton Village Hall, commencing at 11am (to be confirmed). It was RESOLVED to take all expenses from LGA S.137 (Free Resource).

11018 PARISH FINANCE:

a) Ormskirk & Preston Travellers' Association (OPSTA) – to consider annual membership renewal. It was RESOLVED to renew membership to OPSTA in the sum of £10.

b) Granville Park War Memorial (notes circulated prior to meeting giving details of the Invitations to Tender, specification, method statement, minimum public liability insurance cover, earliest date for carrying out the work, Tender Opening, etc) – after discussion, it was RESOLVED to approve the lowest, most suitable offer from Specialist UK Restorations in the sum of £1,000 (plus VAT).

c) Graveyard Grants: St Michaels Church & Christ Church – it was RESOLVED to approve payment of £500 to each church (Budget Allocation).

d) External Audit: to receive an update of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2018. The Society of Clerks had confirmed that all Councils where the Review had not yet been signed off/completed by 30 September 2018 by the auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP of London, had received Interim Reports. It was AGREED to approve payment of £300 (plus VAT) for professional services rendered to date for the Limited Assurance Review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 2018. Notices, Inspection Rights etc would be displayed accordingly.

e) Finance/Governance – it was AGREED to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 21 November 2018 at Aughton Village Hall, commencing 8pm (venue to be confirmed).

11019 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (LALC)/LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LCC):

a) LALC Annual General Meeting to be held 7 November 2018 at Penwortham and

b) LCC Annual Conference to be held 24 November 2018 at County Hall, Preston.

It was AGREED that any members wishing to attend either/both meetings should contact the Clerk for full details.

11020 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

WLBC – contribution towards Concurrent & General Expenditure (Part II)	3,554.50
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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal	64.48
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance/repairs/litter collection	1,921.18
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	148.32
Agricultural Repair Services Ltd – mower repair	98.30
OPSTA – membership renewal	10.00
St Michaels Church PCC – Graveyard Grant	500.00
Christ Church PCC – Graveyard Grant	500.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP – professional services rendered for external audit	360.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,359.12
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	156.00

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

11021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12 November 2018

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.