

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2015, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Ian Grant

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10482 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Mrs Atherley	-	indisposed
Councillor Gallagher	-	personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10483 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10484 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 AUGUST 2015, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10485 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- a) WLBC Housing Land: Grass Verges on Town Green Lane – confirmation that the ‘fencing scheme’ had been completed (refer Minutes August 2015, Para.10475).
- b) Aughton Park Bridge Railings, Long Lane – confirmation that a ‘replacement railings scheme’ had been completed.
- c) Long Lane: Speeding of Vehicles – confirmation that a further update would be given following the next meeting of the Speed Tasking Group scheduled to take place on 13 October.

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 (also the Chairman of ARG 2012) thanked everyone who was involved with bringing the ‘replacement railings scheme’ on Long Lane to a satisfactory completion.

A resident from The Serpentine raised the issue of overgrown vegetation on Winifred Lane. He also referred to a letter to Chief Planning Officers in England dated 31 August 2015 from the Department for Communities and Local Government in respect of a planning policy statement on Green Belt protection and intentional unauthorised development (copy passed to the Parish Clerk).

Another resident from Long Lane referred to the ‘fencing scheme’ on Town Green Lane and hoped that a planting scheme would eventually follow.

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

10486 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:

*2015/0792/FUL *0821 0585 0619 0914

In the case of:

*2015/0820/LBC Moor Hall, Prescott Road – members wished to ensure that any essential demolition/rebuilding work to this 19th century walled garden should not detrimentally impact on the setting

of the Listed Building but preserve the significance of the wall and its contribution to the setting of Moor Hall.

2015/0802/FUL Plot 1, 223 Prescott Road (Variation to planning permission) – members were concerned that the alteration to the planning permission scheme, replacing a true bungalow and garage with a detached two storey dwelling with detached garage, would overall result in over development of the site and impact on the ‘street scene’. Comments raised against the original scheme in respect of surface and foul drainage problems in this locality still stand.

2015/0865/FUL Site of former 12 Springfield Road – members were concerned that the size of the proposed dwelling would have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt compared to the previously approved dwelling. It would impact on the ‘street scene’, be out of keeping with the surrounding area and affect the residential amenity of the neighbouring property.

2015/0884/FUL Moor Hall, Prescott Road – change of use of the barn at Moor Hall, alongside minor ancillary provisions including car parking and landscaping to enable use as a bistro, micro brewery and storage. Members referred to the first application for the Grade II Listed Building of Moor Hall which had recently received planning permission for restoration and renovation and the Parish Council’s concerns over the increase in the volume of traffic and the problems of access and egress at this particular location. With a second application for a change of use of the barn at Moor Hall, members raised further concerns over a substantial increase in traffic and main entrance usage (OSVD).

2015/0885/LBC Moor Hall, Prescott Road – as above.

b) Appeals/Planning Control

In accordance with Schedule 2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, a letter of Notification had been received from the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the Appeal by HIVE Energy Ltd: Land off Butchers Lane, North and South-West of Gerard Hall, Prescott Road – following the Site Visit (Accompanied), the Inspector was now preparing his report and recommendation(s) for submission to the Secretary of State for consideration and a decision would be issued on or before 12 November 2015.

c) Planning Committee Meeting held 3 September 2015 – the RECOMMENDATIONS were READ and the RESULTS noted. 2015/0639/COU 78 Redsands (HMO student accommodation) - RECOMMENDATION: Approval PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISION: Refusal (Reasons for Refusal The proposed development by virtue of the alterations required to create additional on-site car parking, would be harmful to the appearance of the streetscene and the visual amenity of the area, contrary to Policy GN3 WLLP 2012-2027 Development Plan Document). NOTED

10487 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 2 September 2015. There had been 11 crimes reported since the last meeting including 3 criminal damage to dwellings (Winifred Lane, Swan Delph & Moor Hall Farm); 1 ASB incident (Delph Quarry); 1 burglary in a dwelling (Winifred Lane); 1 stealing of a vehicle (Winifred Lane); 1 Other Theft (Whalley Drive); 2 attempted burglaries (Gaw Hill Lane & Narrow Lane); 1 theft of a cycle (Delph Quarry); 1 shoplifting (Bargain Booze, Moss Delph Lane). In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 222 incidents with 88 of those in Aughton. Items reported to the PACT Panel included the continued problem of drug-taking at Winifred Lane site also police staffing was discussed.

10488 CIVIC SUNDAY (refer Minutes May 2015, Para..10452) – the arrangements were confirmed, 11 October 2015 at Christ Church, meeting at the Ministry Centre off Long Lane at approximately 10.20am for 10.45am service and afterwards to join the congregation for light refreshments at the rear of the church. It was RESOLVED to take all expenses from the ‘FREE RESOURCE’ LGA Section 137).

10489 WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

a) Civic Sunday – an invitation from the Mayor of West Lancashire to send representation on 4 October 2015, 3pm at the Parish Church, Ormskirk was noted with thanks.

b) Gambling Act 2005 – formal consultation on Statement of Policy. The documents, previously circulated to members, were discussed and NOTED without comment.

10490 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

a) Draft Corporate Strategy – formal consultation. The documents, previously circulated to members, were discussed and NOTED without comment.

b) Commercial Local Bus Service Revision/Subsidised Service Revision (notes circulated prior to meeting) – the changes were NOTED.

c) Public Rights of Way: Countywide Sign Posting Project (to ensure the Rights of Way network signage was in good condition)– after discussion, it was AGREED to take part in the project by surveying all the points where public rights of way met or crossed a tarmac road, etc. Any work to be undertaken as a result of the surveys to be carried out by LCC.

(Councillor Walne, as a member of Aughton Sports Association, declared a NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST in 10491 a)

(Councillor Ms Woolgar, as the Chairman of Aughton Community Together (ACT) declared a PECUNIARY INTEREST in 10491 c), and left the meeting during discussion). Councillor Gibbons, as a Committee Member of ACT declared a PECUNIARY INTEREST in 10491 c), and left the meeting during discussion)

10491 PAPERBANKS AT WINIFRED LANE:

a) to receive additional revenue – a total amount of £635.75 had been received for wastepaper collected, to be transferred to the Paperbank Fund.

b) to consider annual donation to Aughton Sports Association – it was RESOLVED to donate £300 for the benefit of the sports clubs whose members regularly saved their newspapers for these paperbanks.

c) to consider a request for a donation to the Aughton Community Together (ACT), towards the running costs of the ‘Hobnobs Club’ which offers regular coffee mornings at Aughton Village Hall for ‘older adults’ living in Aughton. It was RESOLVED to approve a donation of £150 from the Paperbank Fund.

(Councillors Ms Woolgar and Gibbons resumed the meeting)

10492 GRAVEYARD GRANTS: St Michael’s Church & Christ Church – it was RESOLVED to approve payment of £350 to each church (Budget Allocation).

10493 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS: 71ST Annual General Meeting 2016 – to consider representation. It was AGREED to elect Councillor Willman and the Clerk as the voting representatives at the meeting to be held on 7 November 2015 at County Hall, Preston.

10494 ACCOUNTS

Income

WLBC: additional revenue from wastepaper collected (Paperbanks)	635.75
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	120.39
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance	2,263.00
Aughton Sports Association – donation (from PAPERBANK FUND)	300.00
Aughton Community Together ‘Hobnobs Club’ – donation (PAPERBANK FUND)	150.00
St Michael’s Church PCC – Graveyard Grant	350.00
Christ Church PCC – Graveyard Grant	350.00
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months plus additional meetings)	111.00
BT Payment Services Ltd – Onebill Telephone/Business Broadband	182.68
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,282.52
HMRevenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	173.41

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10495 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12 October 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.