

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 SEPTEMBER 2016, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE,
COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: refer Para. 10657 below

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10657 CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING – to elect a Chairman to preside at the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council (LGA 1972 Sch.12 para.11). It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Atherley and SECONDED by Councillor Walne, that Councillor Geoff Roberts be elected to chair the meeting. There being no other nominations, it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY and Councillor Roberts took the Chair.

10658 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Grant (Chairman of APC)	-	personal commitment
Councillor Jones (Vice-Chairman)	-	long standing business related commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

It was reported that Councillor Dave Willman (North-East Ward) had tendered his resignation, with immediate effect, owing to a matter of a personal nature. The formalities would be carried out and the Vacancy Notice displayed.

10659 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10660 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 AUGUST 2016, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10661 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only) – none.

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

Some local residents present entered a lengthy discussion and voiced their anger over the Inspector's decision on the Appeal by Wainhomes Developments Ltd and asked the Parish Council to write to the Local Planning Authority expressing its dismay at the decision.

Borough Councillor David Westley touched on the background to the Appeal and the Inspector's Decision letter. He confirmed that a full report on the Appeal Decision had been requested and the matter had been included on the Agenda as a restricted item at the Cabinet Meeting to be held Tuesday, 13 September.

A resident from Long Lane spoke about the state of some overgrown hedges in the Parish (LCC had responsibility for enforcement).

A resident from Brookfield Lane spoke about the new development on Springfield Road and questioned the siting of the new timber boundary fencing (Councillor Westley agreed to make enquiries and report back to the resident).

The Chairman thanked everyone for participating in the discussions and resumed the meeting.

10662 PLANNING

- a) Weekly List Item
2016/0810/FUL - no comments
- b) Appeals/Planning Control:

At this stage, the Chairman reminded members to declare their interests, if appropriate.

- i) Appeal Decision – to note the Inspector’s Decision on the Appeal by Wainhomes Developments Ltd in respect of Land to the east of Prescott Road (Appeal Reference APP/P2365/W/15/3132594) – Appeal Allowed and Planning Permission Granted for a hybrid application – full planning application for the erection of 50 dwellings and associated works and outline application including details of access for development of up to 100 dwellings plus 295m² of D1 uses.

Members considered residents’ comments and during the discussion, Councillor Cullington was reminded of the Members’ Code of Conduct/Disclosable Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests (Localism Act 2011, Section 28 & 30, the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012). After some discussion, he announced his resignation from the Parish Council and left the meeting to take up a seat in the Public Forum.

Finally, taking into account the views of local residents present, it was AGREED to send a letter to the Local Planning Authority expressing the Parish Council’s dismay and considerable concern on the Inspector’s decision and to offer support and assistance should that decision be appealed.

- c) Planning Committee – a brief report was given on the decisions of the meeting held 1 September. The RECOMMENDATIONS were READ and the RESULTS noted.
39 Bold Lane – Granted 183A Bold Lane – deferred for organised site visit.

10663 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 8 September 2016. There had been 8 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 attempted break-in to a van (Springfield Road) and the same van was broken into on a previous occasion at the same site and tools stolen; 1 other theft or unauthorised taking (Robbins Bridge Nursery, Springfield Road); 1 burglary in a dwelling (Long Lane); 1 burglary in a dwelling (St Michael Road); 1 shoplifting (Bargain Booze, Moss Delph Lane); 2 x theft from vehicles (Butchers Lane & Prescott Road); 1 damage to vehicles (Liverpool Road). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 30 reported crimes with 8 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 232 incidents with 91 of those in Aughton. There were 9 cases of ASB/nuisance in Aughton.

10664 LONG LANE: Traffic & Road Safety – the matter had been taken up with Aughton’s County Councillors and confirmation had been received from LCC Highways that the matter would be included on the agenda of the next speed tasking group meeting – this was a monthly meeting attended by County, Borough and Police Officers to discuss traffic, safety and speeding concerns – and it was hoped the best possible solution could be found to assist with the problems on Long Lane.

(Councillor Walne left the meeting at this stage)

10665 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: to receive costings and consider a request to display signage around the Parish ‘Drugs: there is a zero tolerance to drugs being used in this area’ (a copy of the proposed Sign displaying the Lancashire Constabulary Logo, the number for non-emergency calls: 101 and the number to call Crimestoppers anonymously: 0800 555 111 was displayed at the meeting). Members noted the costings and considered ‘street scene’ issues etc. It was AGREED to contact the Watch Liaison Officer in respect of enquiries with the 20 NW Schemes currently in Aughton and identify other locations in

the Parish where a sign might be beneficial - all subject to the final approval of LCC Highways and the local police.

10666 TREE MANAGEMENT (notes circulated prior to meeting):

- a) Rachel Taylor Memorial Playing Field – tree survey work plus additional work due to unauthorised damage to a mature tree. Also approved tree surgery to remove 4 large dead trees in Delph Quarry. It was RESOLVED to approve payment to Mike Dolling of Rufford (Approved Tree Surgeon) in the sum of £850.
- b) Delph Quarry – emergency removal of a fallen tree on woodland boundary during high wind and boundary fence repair. It was RESOLVED to approve payment to Chasewood Tree Services of Scarisbrick in the sum of £100 and Alan Ratoff of Scarisbrick (fence repair) in the sum of £132.25.

10667 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - to consider the arrangements. The Parish Council had been invited to attend Christ Church this year for the Remembrance Sunday Service on 13 November 2016, 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 12.15pm. Light refreshments would be served back at the Village Hall after the service. It was RESOLVED to take all expenses from the FREE RESOURCE (LGA Section 137).

10668 GRAVEYARD GRANTS: St Michael's Church & Christ Church – it was RESOLVED to approve payment of £400 to each church (Budget Allocation).

10669 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) External Audit – completion of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2016 – External Auditor's Certificate & Opinion/Public Notice. Notice of Conclusion of Audit (Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015) dated 26 August 2016 for display in a conspicuous place for 14 days and on the website. The Annual Return Parts 1, 2 & 3 were approved and accepted by the Parish Council and would be displayed on the website. There were no issues arising from the audit. It was RESOLVED to approve payment to BDO LLP for the audit fee in the sum of £300 (plus VAT).
- b) Independent Internal Audit – Mr A Gore MCIPD CILCA of Ormskirk (an ex Parish Clerk) had carried out a satisfactory completion of an internal audit of the council's books and records and completed and signed the Annual Return Part IV for the year ending 31 March 2016. There were no matters arising from the audit. It was RESOLVED to approve payment to Mr A Gore for carrying out the internal audit in the sum of £100.

10670 AUGHTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION – to confirm the date of next meeting. To be held on Wednesday, 28 September 2016, 7.00pm in the Sports Pavilion. All members of the Playing Fields Committee were invited to attend. NOTED

10671 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	-
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	56.42
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance	3331.00
BT Telecom plc – One bill telephone/business broadband	149.52
Desktop NW Ltd – replacement printer drum/toner	133.66
Mike Dolling of Rufford – tree surgery	850.00
Aughton Village Hall – hiring fee (3 months)	75.00
S Moorcroft – expenses (5 months)	149.38
S R Moorcroft – minor repairs Sports Pavilion area	35.00
Arthur Gore – independent Internal Audit fee	100.00

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Expenditure

(includes VAT)

BDO LLP – external audit fee	360.00
St Michael’s Church PCC – Graveyard Grant	400.00
Christ Church PCC – Graveyard Grant	400.00
Chasewood Tree Services – emergency tree work (Quarry boundary)	100.00
Alan Rantoff – emergency fence work (Quarry boundary)	132.25
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1313.79
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	157.69

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10672 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10 October 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.