

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2019, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

11170 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Mrs C Morrison	-	personal commitment
Councillor J Pendleton	-	personal commitment

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11171 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

11172 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 AUGUST 2019, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

11173 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- a) Parish Council Uncontested Election 2019 (Para.11168a) – the explanation of 3rd party costs from the WLBC Electoral and Administration Services Manager was READ and NOTED.
- b) Civic Sunday – the final arrangements were confirmed and NOTED.

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

A brief discussion took place over the West Lancashire Local Plan Review. The Local Plan Cabinet Working Group had met on 4 September 2019 and made its recommendations including that the current Local Plan would cease in its entirety. The item would be considered at the WLBC Cabinet Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 10 September 2019. The outcome would be reported at the next APC monthly meeting.

A local resident spoke about a planning application, outside of the Parish, for an extremely large extension to the Mushroom Farm on Smithy Lane in Scarisbrick on Grade I agricultural land (a request to support the objections to this inappropriate development was noted without comment).

Also, the Licensing Application for a Wine Bar serving food at 69 Town Green Lane (the ex Spa Supermarket) – comments should be raised on restricted hours/antisocial behaviour issues.

A resident from Brookfield Lane referred to the new development off Springfield Lane and the outstanding issues of fencing and containers, which he had taken up with WLBC.

A resident from Long Lane referred to outstanding issues on Long Lane, ie the installation of ‘dragon’s teeth’ and the ongoing flooding issues on Prescott Road near Doctor’s Bridge, which he had taken up with LCC. He also raised the proposed installation of the Speed Awareness Signs by the Parish Council and asked for an update. The Chairman said the 4 signs had been ordered, a Licence to install was being undertaken with LCC and the posts to support the signs had been ordered and would be erected by LCC Highways. The project should be completed by the end of the year.

A resident from Prescott Road complained about parking on pavements, another resident complained about the inability to report incidents at Aughton Police Station and finally, a new footbridge had been installed near Doctor’s Bridge but the area was now extremely dark so additional lighting was required.

The Chairman reminded everyone that Mr Clive Grunshaw, the Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Inspector Ian Jones had been invited to attend the October Parish Council Meeting along with

Borough and County Councillors representing Aughton and he hoped for a good turnout so that some of these points could be taken up with them.

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

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11174 WLBC PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

2019/0685/FUL Lyncroft, Butchers Lane – members noted the extended glasshouse extension would be used specifically for growing organic fresh produce and raised no objections to the proposal.

2019/0692/FUL 34 Narrow Lane – members wished to ensure the proposal would not affect the residential amenity of the adjacent property

2019/0870/FUL 5 Sherwood Avenue – members noted the replacement parking plan to provide 3 car parking spaces within the curtilage of the site. Providing this would enable direct highway access for all 3 vehicles, preventing on-road parking at the head of the cul-de-sac, and full tree protection was afforded to the mature Pine Tree, no objections were raised.

b) Appeals/Planning Control:

Appeals – Notice of an Appeal made against the BC's decision to refuse planning permission for the proposed ground floor extension to the rear, first floor extension to the side and new mono-pitch roof to existing ground floor front elevation at 21 Greenwood Close (the Appeal was proceeding under the Householder Appeals Service) – Noted

Planning Control – Licensing: Address of Premises – Ground Floor, 69 Town Green Lane (to sell alcohol and operate as an off-licence, with provision for alcohol to be consumed on the premises and food to be served to customers at the premises) – it was NOTED that the Parish Council was not a statutory consultee on 'Licensing' but comments could be forwarded to WLBC to meet the deadline for response. It was agreed to submit concerns in respect of:

- To impose stringent public safety conditions to ensure and promote the crime and disorder objective.
- Public Nuisance issues, proposed hours of use, lack of car parking, detrimental affect on residential amenity.
- Policing – a request that Chief Inspector Ian Jones be consulted on this new Premises Licence Application.

c) Planning Committee – a brief report was given on the meeting held 5 September 2019 – Land at the north-eastern end of Suttons Lane, Great Altcar – County Matter Application Number LCC/2019/0037 – construction of a temporary wellsite and associated access track, drill, hydraulically stimulate and test two petroleum exploration boreholes including drilling rig (maximum height 60m) and associated plant and equipment, followed by wellsite restoration – decision Objections raised to the application and Lancashire County Council be notified accordingly.

d) WLBC Cabinet Meeting to be held Tuesday, 10 September 2019 – to note Agenda Items on the Local Plan Review ('the report was only seeking an initial steer from Cabinet on strategic development options for a new Local Plan') & Liverpool City Region Spatial Planning Statement of Common Ground.

11175 POLICING OF AUGHTON:

a) Chairman/Vice-Chairman/Parish Clerk's September Meeting with the local police – a brief report was given on the informal meeting held 4 September 2019 – CBM Paul Austin & PCSO Jillian Reid attended. There had been 17 reported crimes since the last meeting including 3 cases of theft (Liverpool Road (2), Co-op Convenience Store), 6 domestic incidents, 1 case of fraud/forgery, 2 burglary in a dwelling (Turnpike Road, Prescott Road), 2 criminal damage excluding vehicles (Sports Pavilion off Winifred Lane, a building on St Michael Road), 2 malicious communications, 1 vehicle crime (Swan Lane). In Aughton, other than reported crimes, there had been 99 incidents and 25 nuisance/antisocial behaviour calls. Discussion took place over the recent antisocial behaviour/wilful damage incidents in the Parish and the work being undertaken by the police offering a high visible presence. The situation appeared to be improving although trespass on the bowling green at Winifred Lane and youths/damage in the Quarry Woodland were still giving concern. The police proposal to make regular visits to the local 'hotspots' via a 'community hub' was noted.

One Parish Councillor put forward suggestions for providing additional facilities (not organised) at Winifred Lane site for young people, eg a football goal & net, a permanent table-tennis table, etc. The Chairman said the Parish Council would need an assurance that antisocial behaviour/drug problems/wilful damage etc had

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been sorted out/eradicated before any further development of the site. Another suggestion was to enquire whether Edge Hill University would be willing/interested in developing a community engagement project with the Parish Council for the teenage residents of Aughton.

b) To note Invitations had been sent to Mr Clive Grunshaw, the Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Inspector Ian Jones to attend the October Parish Council Meeting to discuss the Policing of Aughton – attendance to be confirmed.

11176 AUGHTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION:

a) to consider and approve date for next meeting – it was AGREED to hold the meeting on Wednesday, 2 October 2019, 7pm, at the Sports Pavilion (as previously notified to Sports Clubs).

b) to elect Chairman & Vice-Chairman from the Parish Council representatives. It was RESOLVED that Councillor Ms Julia Woolgar (current Vice-Chairman) be elected Chairman of ASA and Councillor Ian Mercer be elected Vice-Chairman. Both members were thanked by the Chairman.

11177 COMMUNITY MATTER: to consider a request from a local resident in respect of ‘a Scarecrow Festival in Aughton’ (circulated to members prior to meeting) – after discussion, it was agreed this was something for a community group to undertake together with the assistance of the local schools. The group would need to ensure highway approval, insurance cover, etc. The Parish Council would be willing to consider making a donation from the Parish Paperbank Fund if the project ‘moved forward’.

11178 PARISH FINANCE:

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

b) Finance Committee – after discussion, it was agreed to circulate available dates and venue before/at the next monthly meeting.

11179 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

WLBC – Parish Precept Part II 28,867.00

Expenditure (includes VAT)

Imprest Renewal 109.55

S Moorcroft – expenses (3 months) 91.80

Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping including additional work (C.Safety Budget) 3,028.60

Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance plus

Mower service/parts/repair 963.53

J Baldwin Plumbing – replacement wash basin (damage) plus provision/fitting

of isolation valves in dressing room/showers Part II 200.00

Graeme Jarvis Property Repairs – replacement glass/repairs (damage) at Sp.Pavilion 150.00

Aughton Village Hall – hiring (3 months) 75.00

Viking Trees Services – emergency tree work in Quarry Woodland 144.00

iD Business Ltd – attending Sports Pavilion & Village Hall cctv systems to check

and reset systems following lightning and thunder storms 58.80

St Michaels Parochial Church Council – Graveyard Grant 500.00

Christ Church Parochial Church Council – Graveyard Grant 500.00

Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper 1,430.05

HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC 154.46

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

11180 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 14 October 2019

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