

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12 APRIL 2021, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm. In accordance with the Provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and the Local Authorities and Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police & Crime Panel Members) (England and Wales) Regulation 2020, this meeting took place by Zoom Conferencing/electronic/telephone communication.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance (completed by the Clerk)

The Chairman called for a minute's silence, out of respect for His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, who had sadly passed away.

11325 APOLOGIES for attendance at the meeting were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Ms Woolgar	-	safeguarding (Public Health Pandemic) but electronic/telephone communication
Councillor Roberts	-	personal commitment

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

11326 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – if a member requires advice on Declarations of Interest, he/she should contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

11327 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 MARCH 2021, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED as a correct record (for signature by the Chairman when appropriate to do so).

11328 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) CIL Monies – Project 3 Playareas – to confirm completion of the project on all 3 playareas for safety surfacing renewal.

11329 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS – confirmation that there had been no matters on agenda items raised by e-mail to the Clerk.

11330 VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR DELPH WARD – to confirm that following the Notice of Vacancies in Delph Ward, the Borough Council had not received a Requisition for an election by Poll so the Parish Council would seek to fill the vacancies by Co-option in due course (in compliance with COVID-19 Public Health Pandemic guidelines/Roadmap). An Interview Panel was elected, ie Chairman, Councillor Waugh & Councillor Pendleton with the Clerk in attendance.

11331 PLANNING: Planning On-Line Public Notices – view plans on www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning

a) Weekly List Items (items marked* were considered under the Parish Council Prior Notification Procedure (PNP) to meet the deadline for response – to note and record that Councillor Greene declared his Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in 2020/1207 & 2020/1208 as he was a friend of the applicant and did not participate in the PNP.

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

*2020/1207 *2020/1208 *2021/0197 *2021/0222 *2021/0250 2021/0230 2021/0267 2021/0269
2021/0307 2021/0339

In the case of:

2021/0112/FUL Eastwood Farm, Narrow Lane, Halsall – members noted the application for minor amendments to the internal layout, without comment.

2021/0273/FUL 45 Long Lane – members wished to ensure full tree protection was afforded to the site.

Tree Preservation Order application at 18 Winifred Lane - members considered the correspondence from the WLBC Arboricultural Officer and commented as follows:

- i) in respect of the ‘alleged damage to property’, a qualified surveyor’s report should be provided before consideration of any tree management work.
 - ii) in respect of the amenity value of the tree, tree management by way of crown lifting, reduction and thinning could be considered.
 - iii) if, however, your professional advice would be to remove the tree then a condition must be imposed for the applicant to undertake an appropriate replanting scheme.
- b) Planning Applications receiving a Refusal Decision:
2021/0047/FUL Royal Oak, 134 Liverpool Road – conflicts with NPPF Para.133 and LP Policy GN1 & GN3.
- c) WLBC: Cabinet Meeting held 9 March 2021 includes Timetable for the new Local Plan – to note link on www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning
- d) WLBC: CIL funding available for infrastructure projects across the Borough 2022-24 (details previously circulated to members). Discussion took place over the possibility of increasing the number of WLBC cctv monitored cameras in Aughton. Technical expertise, costings, matchfunding/on-going costs, justification/police support, compliance with ‘infrastructure’ criteria for the use of CIL monies, compliance within timescale (full information/submission/bids to be submitted by 7 May 2021). It was agreed the Clerk would make enquiries with WLBC Community Safety Officer and the Chairman would take the matter up with Aughton’s Borough Ward Councillors.

11332 POLICING OF AUGHTON – a brief report was given on problems with damage and anti-social behaviour around William Arnold Silcock Memorial Playing Field plus youth problems around the Co-op Convenience Store. It was AGREED to contact the Chief Inspector to highlight the need for ‘a visible police presence/proper policing’ in the Parish.

11333 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS: briefing on ‘Preparing for the Possible Return to Face to Face Meetings (previously circulated to members) was NOTED. The Provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and the Flexibility Regulations were limited to meetings held before 7 May 2021 – unless provision could be made to extend the legislation beyond that date, local authorities would have to return to ‘face-to-face meetings’ as remote meetings would no longer be lawful. The Clerk would keep members updated of any changes.

11334 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – to receive Notice of proposed temporary road closures on Clieves Hills Lane, Brookfield Lane and Small Lane – for details and dates view www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads website.

11335 LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2021 (notes circulated prior to meeting) – in order to support the Competition, members AGREED to enter Holt Green (Small Village) and Town Green (Medium Village). It was RESOLVED to approve the entry fees in the sum of £50. The aim of the competition was ‘Making Lancashire Villages better places to live, work and visit’.

11336 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) CIL Monies/WLBC Capital Partnership Scheme: Project 3 Playareas – to confirm receipt of full amount of partnership funding in the sum of £10,000 from West Lancashire Borough Council. NOTED
- b) WLBC: CIL funding direct to Aughton Parish Council – to confirm an amount of £8,480.48 for the period 1 October 2020-31 March 2021 (money to be paid before 30 April 2021) – developments money derived from – 6 Thornhill; 150 Prescott Road; Arnian Court, Molyneux Road. Money to be spent within 5 years of receipt by Parish Council. NOTED

11337 COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC – the Clerk’s Report including information on dog-fouling, litter and litter bins was READ and NOTED.

It was AGREED to set up a small Working Group to consider all these matters including similar issues at William Arnold Silcock Memorial Playing Field and to include the use of the site and the Parish Council Car Park (Councillors Jones, Greene, Pendleton with an invitation to Councillors Woolgar & Roberts).

11338 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income

2020/21

WLBC: Capital Partnership Scheme Funding – playareas	10,000.00
Annual Bank Interest	61.86
Annual Interest from Investment	466.70

Expenditure (between 9 March & 31 March 2021)

(includes VAT)

2020/21

Imprest Renewal (3 months)	174.90
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grds maint repairs/tree management	815.00
S Moorcroft – expenses/repairs (3 months)	209.63
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – bowling green intensive maintenance	399.48
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,477.80
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	164.70

Income

2021/22

HM Revenue & Customs – VAT reimbursed for 2020/21 (part)	2,637.13
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Expenditure

2021/22

(includes VAT)

Agricultural Repair Services Ltd – tractor full service/parts and labour	643.50
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance restarting season	1,532.00
Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – entry fee	50.00
Shaw Savage Business Services – printer toners and A4 paper	129.00
Viking Tree Services – essential tree management (Redsands Park) S/C	2,100.00
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,497.53
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	172.45

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

11339 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual Meeting date to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.