

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 APRIL 2015, IN AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE,
COMMENCING AT 7.15pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor David Gallagher

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10411 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor D Addison	-	business commitment
Councillor Mrs Atherley	-	personal commitment
Councillor Roberts	-	personal commitment

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10412 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10413 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 MARCH 2015, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10414 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only:

a) Queenscourt Hospice – a letter of thanks for the donation following the Aughton Christmas Lights switch-on (refer Minutes January 2015, Para.10375).

Cross Roads Care NW – a letter of thanks for the donation towards an ‘emergency care service’ (refer Minutes January 2015, Para.10377).

(Councillor Jones arrived during the next item)

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

The Chairman of ARG 2012 commented on the issue of ‘the pre-determination clause’ affecting some councillors on planning issues. He asked the Parish Council to support the refusal of the Redrow & Wainhomes’ planning applications once validated. Local residents from Long Lane and Parrs Lane gave their views on these hostile planning applications which were contrary to Local Plan Policies and should be refused planning permission. In respect of the planning application 2015/0274/FUL for development of land at the junction with Long Lane/Aughton Park Drive, local residents objected to the A1 retail unit, the design of the buildings for A1 & D1 use, car parking/traffic/highway issues and the conflict between the proposed D1 use at this location and the Wainhomes proposal for a D1 use at Prescott Road/Parrs Lane.

The issue of the speed of traffic on Long Lane was brought up again and the Chairman suggested the resident raised the matter with the police and county council representative at the Annual Parish Assembly, following this meeting.

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

10415 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY: POLICING OF AUGHTON – Police & Communities Together (PACT) – a brief report was given on the PACT Panel Meeting held 7 April 2015. There had been 9 crimes reported since the last meeting including 1 burglary in a building other than a dwelling (sub-station on Springfield Road); 1 criminal damage to a vehicle (New Lane); 1 aggravated vehicle taking (Northway); 1 other theft/unauthorised taking (Prescot Road); 1 burglary in a dwelling (Ledson Grove); 3 domestic related crimes; 1 exposure (Long Lane). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 22 reported crimes with 9 of those in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with, other than reported crimes, there had been 242 logged in Southern Parishes with 106 of those in Aughton, mainly dealt with by PCSO’s. Discussion took place over current problems with lack of

control of dogs on the playing fields and dog fouling around the Parish – both matters were currently receiving the attention of the WLBC Environmental Officer and the PCSOs.

(the Parish Clerk left the meeting during discussion of 2015/0276/FUL as the applicant was a close relative)
10416 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:

*2015/0222/FUL *0212 0216 0270 0276 0300 0311 0294 0295

In respect of:

*2015/0208/FUL 44 Granville Park - members raised no objections to the proposed kitchen extension and roof improvements. The replacement of a timber fence with a brick wall would not, however, be considered appropriate in this location.

2015/0264/LDC Store and Premises at 30A Scarth Hill Lane – members were not able to provide any information in respect of this application for a Certificate of Lawfulness.

2015/0122/FUL 278 Prescot Road – members raised no objections in respect of the extensions at the rear. With regard to the single storey attaching garage extension at side, members wished to ensure there would be no vehicular access to side or front of the property.

2015/0274/FUL Land at the junction with Long Lane/Aughton Park Drive – erection of A1 retail unit and D1 medical centre, with associated pharmacy, car parking and service area and public open space – the site was designated as ‘Green Space’ on the WLLP Proposals Map No. 5. Members, having considered the relevant WLLP Policies for the proposed development, would object to the planning application and comment as follows:

- 1) Policy EN3 – Provision of Green Infrastructure and Open Recreation Space – members would oppose the loss of this green space which, although currently in private use (previously a school playing field), provides ‘green relief’ and contributes to the open character of this particular location. There appears to be an undersupply of open space in the North of the Parish and the development proposals on this site should be resisted. An informal public open space or children’s playarea would be of benefit to the local community.
- 2) Policy GN1 – Settlement Boundaries – the proposed development for A1 and D1 use would be more acceptable on brownfield land.
- 3) Policy GN5 – in respect of the proposed introduction of another Retail Unit (A1 use) – Aughton Parish had parades of shops on Moss Delph Lane, Town Green Lane also a small Convenience Store on Long Lane near the junction with Parris Lane, Policy GN5 Sequential Tests should therefore be applied.
- 4) Highway Issues – the proposed development which incorporates 47 car parking spaces would create additional traffic problems with access from Long Lane and egress from Aughton Park Drive onto the busy Long Lane.
- 5) Design Issues – the proposed design of the buildings would be out of character with the area, detract from the visual amenity of the location, and would not complement the local distinctiveness of the surrounding area.

b) Appeals/Planning Control - Notice of an Appeal Decision in respect of 2014/0741/FUL
7 The Hollies – Appeal Dismissed in so far as it relates to the front porch. Appeal Allowed in so far as it relates to the single storey rear extension and alterations. NOTED

c) West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027: Land off Parris Lane (Plan ‘B’ Site) – (reference Minutes March 2015, Para.10401d)) – members NOTED the response from the Assistant Director Planning in respect of applicable points and, based on the evidence currently available, the fact that the Council could demonstrate a 5-year housing land supply.

d) Notification of New Addresses – consultation on postal address for new housing development off Aughton Park Drive. After consideration of the names suggested by the developer, members supported ‘Mount Carmel Gardens’.

e) Permitted Development – notice of proposed upgrade to existing telecommunications radio base station installation at Aughton Park Railway Station (notes circulated prior to meeting). NOTED without comment.

10417 PARISH FINANCE:

a) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – notes circulated prior to meeting. Notification from West Lancashire Borough Council that Aughton Parish Council has received CIL receipts totalling £107.16 (Financial Year 2014/15). It was AGREED to reserve the money (to be paid to APC before 30 April 2015) in a CIL Capital Fund.

b) Drainage Improvement Work on Winifred Lane Playing Field (notes circulated prior to meeting):

i) with the drainage equipment/machinery already on site and the short timescale involved before the start of the cricket season, the additional essential work to replace 4 original field drains, fully stoned, authorised by the Vice-Chairman of APC in conjunction with the Chairman of ASA, was noted with approval in the sum of £4,082 (plus VAT) from the Repairs & Renewals Fund.

ii) to approve part payment for work carried out to date – it was RESOLVED to approve payment (Pt. I) to Pope's of Hightown Ltd in the sum of £10,000 (plus VAT).

c) Sports Pavilion Roof – it was RESOLVED to approve payment to Mark Jones Ltd of Ormskirk in the sum of £1050.00 (plus VAT) – a variation in price of £30 due to unavoidable replacement of additional Stonewold Tiles (refer Minutes March 2015, Para.10408c).

10418 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Refer Minutes March 2015, Para.10409

		(includes VAT)
Income	Interest from Bank 30 Sept-31 March	44.42
2014/2015		
Expenditure	P & R Electrical Contractors Ltd – Sports Pavilion	330.00
2014/2015	Yates Playgrounds Ltd – supply only basis replacement play equipment	5,472.00
	S Moorcroft (Park-keeper) – expenses (2 months)	59.66
	S R Moorcroft (Contractor) – minor repairs	48.88
	Imprest Renewal	55.30
	Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,286.34
	HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	156.14
Income		
2015/2016	WLBC – Parish Precept Part I (includes Grant)	31,519.50
Expenditure	Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping Ltd – grounds maintenance	1,091.00
	Pope's of Hightown Ltd – Part Payment I (Sundry Creditor)	12,000.00
	Agricultural Repair Services Ltd – tractor service/repair (Sundry Creditor)	472.69
	E Rothwell & Son – tractor gas/oil. (Sundry Creditor)	709.80
	Mark Jones Ltd – essential roof work to Sports Pavilion (Sundry Creditor)	1,260.00
	Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,282.72
	HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	173.21

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10419 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – the Annual Meeting of the Council – 11 May 2015.

The Chairman, Councillor David Gallagher, took the opportunity to express his sincere thanks to all those Parish Councillors who had given their services to Aughton Parish Council, for the benefit of the local community, over many years and would be 'stepping down' after 7 May 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.