

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 JUNE 2018, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mrs Margaret Boulton (Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council)

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10958 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Jones (Chairman of the Parish Council)	-	personal commitment
Councillor Mercer	-	personal commitment
Councillor Walne	-	indisposed

All APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10959 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests before the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10960 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD 14 MAY 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10961 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a) Extraordinary Meeting to consider and approve the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 – to confirm the arrangements - Wednesday, 27 June 2018, at Aughton Village Hall, commencing 8pm (refer Minutes May 2018, Para.10950).

10962 ITEMS DEFERRED FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING:

a) Representation of the Council on Other Bodies and Committees/Responsible Members – the list submitted was considered and the changes in representation were APPROVED and the outstanding vacancies NOTED (to be filled in due course). A new list would be circulated to members.

In respect of the Ormskirk School (1920) Scheme Foundation Trust, Councillor Geoff Roberts had tendered his resignation on the Ormskirk Foundation Governors after nearly 30 years service. He was thanked for his services representing the Parish Council and it was hoped the Vacancy could be filled in due course.

b) Lancashire County Council - consultation

i) Community Transport in Lancashire (closing date extension to 24 June 2018) – local residents views could be sent via <http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/consultation/responses/response.asp?ID=346> NOTED.

ii) Street Lighting Maintenance (response by 17 June 2018) – local residents views could be sent via <http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/consultation/responses/response.asp?ID=347> NOTED

10963 MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD 14 MAY 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED as a correct record (for signature at the 2019 Annual Parish Assembly).

10964 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Policing of Aughton – an update from Chief Inspector Jill Halliwell of matters raised at the Annual Assembly was READ and NOTED.

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

(Public Question Time – Continued)

A question and answer session took place on highway issues, overgrown hedges, an update on the provision of SpIDs and the suggestion of an update to the Parish Council website in respect of a new text for volunteers to assist police front line services at Aughton Police Station.

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

10965 PLANNING:

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2018/0431/FUL 0463 (approved) 0478 0513 0503

In the case of:

2018/0296/FUL 24 Noel Gate – members considered the proposal would interfere with the openness of the estate and impact on the ‘street scene’ particularly in respect of the brick pillars and gates.

2018/0335/FUL 46 Granville Park West – members would wish to ensure full tree protection was afforded to the site.

2018/0493/FUL Building adjacent to Narrow Lane Barn, Narrow Lane, Clieves Hills – members noted the proposal was to retain the building as it stood with only minor internal modifications and therefore raised no objections to the change of use providing there would be no increase in traffic to and from the site, in the interests of highway safety.

2017/0039/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters – erection of 4 No. dwellings including details of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping – members comments at Outline Stage and previously against 2017/1139/ARM on 21.12.2017 still stand. Additional housing at this particular location would detrimentally impact on highway safety and residential amenity in the immediate vicinity of the site.

2018/0003/COU Lime Tree Barn, 59 Winifred Lane – members noted the amendment/additional information and referred to comments made against the original application dated 13 April 2018 and noted/were reassured by the latest comments made by the Principal Environmental Health Officer on controls over emissions, DEFRA approved, data on noise levels, working hours for operation and deliveries etc.

b) Appeals/Planning Control – a planning application proposal at Spurriers Lane, Melling (forwarded by Bickerstaffe Parish Council) was NOTED without comment.

c) Planning Committee Report on Meeting held 24 May 2018 – the RECOMMENDATIONS were received and the RESULTS NOTED.

2018/0241/FUL Aughton Institute Land – Approved with Conditions.

10966 VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK’S JUNE MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE – a brief report was given on the meeting held 6 June 2018. There had been 7 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 criminal damage to a dwelling (Cherry Tree Lane); 2 burglary in a dwelling (Quarry Drive & Prescott Road); 1 damage to a vehicle (Moss Delph Lane); 3 stealing of motor cycles (Bold Lane, Town Green Lane & Prescott Road). The police were looking for a rider on a quad bike who had been seen at various locations. Additional Information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 38 reported crimes with 7 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 207 incidents in Southern Parishes with 98 of those being in Aughton. It was reported that Chief Inspector Jill Halliwell attended a recent Clerks’ Liaison Meeting at WLBC and informed everyone that crime was up 20% with the greatest increase being in the categories malicious communication and harassment. In respect of the antisocial behaviour problems at Cherry Tree Lane area, the local police had been working with the senior local schools and 8-9 youngsters had been spoken to and appropriate action taken. The situation had now improved but would continue to be monitored. Antisocial behaviour at Moss Delph Lane Shops and Winifred Lane Recreation Field would continue to be looked at by the local police.

10967 AUGHTON'S BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION – a preliminary discussion took place and two members offered their services for this popular community event. There would be no change to the arrangements and it was AGREED to take all expenses from the 'Free Resource'.

10968 ACCOUNTS (circulated to members)

Income	-
Expenditure	(includes VAT)
Imprest Renewal	61.74
Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance plus additional litter collection during Park-keeper's annual leave	3,453.00
Ron Crosbie Tyres Ltd – supply and fit replacement tyres on PC tractor plus disposal of old tyres	376.80
BT One-bill – telephone plus business broadband	247.53
Viking Trees (approved arboricultural contractor) tree management work at Rachel Taylor Memorial Playing Field	1,800.00
Aughton Village Hall – hiring (3 months)	75.00
Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance/mower repair	50.04
Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,359.32
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	155.80

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

10969 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9 July 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.