

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

**AT AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE**

Councillors Present: I. Swainston (Vice Chair), M. Caygill, R. Dobson, G. Warrender, J. Staniforth, L. Sydney, D. Wraight

E. Lear (Clerk),

Two representatives of the South Yorkshire Housing Association

**Public Participation**

SYHA are looking to purchase land off Hurst Lane with the aim of submitting a planning application for 34 affordable homes in Spring 2025, which will be a mix of housing from 1 to 4 bedrooms including bungalows. A public consultation event will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of December with two distinct sessions- one for SYHA residents and one for residents of the surrounding estates (plus all other members of the public)- these have received leaflets about the sessions. The consultation will remain open until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of January. The SYHA board support the application.

It was confirmed that the consultation event was open to all members of the public to attend.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed diversion of the current public right of way.

**1. Non-Attendance by Councillors**

- a) Apologies were received from Cllrs Featherstone and Worthington
- b) The reasons were accepted.

**2. Declarations of Other Interests and Any Amendments**

None.

**3. Determination of the Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Not required.

**4. Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

**5. Reports from District Councillors and/or DMBC Officers- None received**

**6. Matters Arising from the November Minutes**

Public Participation- The local police inspector is not aware of anyone being prosecuted for speeding on Hayfield Lane, though Officers are aware of the area. They do not receive information from the roads policing teams and the camera van regarding the issue of tickets.

**7. Contact Made by Members of the Public**

- a) SYMCA will look in to the bus timetables of the 357 and 359.
- b) Doncaster Council are looking into the bin request for Eastfield Lane.

**9. Consideration of the Action Plan**

A request has been made to the Ward Members for funds for planters and benches on the Green.

**12. Consideration of Quotes for the Red and Yellow Items**

The dead trees have been removed behind River Way and the red/yellow works will be completed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.

**16. Discussion of Highway Matters**

Doncaster Council are looking into the incomplete path on Spey Drive play area- awaiting response.

17. Discussion of Recreational Matters

a) 1. Site Supervisor has cleared the gulleys around the MUGA on Hayfield Park but has had problems securing the covers again.

23. Consideration of Planning Applications

Awaiting response from the planning officer regarding the planning breach on Ellers Lane.

7. **Consideration of a Proposal from the Charity Trustees Regarding Hurst Lane Land**

Cllr Swainston explained the history of the site which was originally being rented out as a hay meadow and because of modern farming requirements was no longer large enough for crop use. The Charity was faced with a loss generating issue affecting its aims.

When SYHA showed an interest in the site it was felt that this was a good compromise as the housing built would be social housing and generally in line with the objectives of the Charity.

The Charity Trustees have agreed the sale as they feel that the land cannot be used to raise an income any longer.

The proceeds of any sale will be invested and the interest used in the same way as rental income from the land.

As the Parish Council do not own the land, discussions were **NOTED**.

8. **Consideration of Contact made by Members of the Public**

a) Safety of the Hayfield Lane/Hurst Lane Junction- Clerk to refer on to CDC copying in Ward Councillors- **AGREED**

b) Flooding/standing water at Mosham Road/ Hurst Lane junction- Clerk to refer on to CDC copying in Ward Councillors- **AGREED**.

9. **Consideration of the Ellers Lane Car Park**

Discussion regarding the sunken grates and holes in the car park and the continued concern regarding the safety of the area. Clerk to raise concerns with the new contact- **AGREED**.

10. **Consideration of the Phone Box on Ellers Lane**

Concern was expressed about the length of time it was taking to complete the job. The contractor was requiring an upfront payment in order to purchase the materials due to their high cost.

Discussion took place about splitting the job into smaller elements i.e. removal of glass and painting, then a separate job of glazing the telephone box. Clerk to approach current contractor with proposal and other contractors are to be approached for quotes- **AGREED**.

11. **VE Day 80 Celebrations Update**

The working group have met. The plan is to hold a bonfire and lamp lighting event on the evening of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of May in line with the national celebrations plus an afternoon tea party for pensioners on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

Cllr Sydney to draft emails for Clerk to send to the scouts and the Reverend enquiring about their availability, with Clerk to send- **AGREED**.

12. **Cycle Path Update**- awaiting report.

13. **Consideration of the Purchasing of a Strimmer for the Site Supervisor**

Clerk to purchase the One battery Ryobi Strimmer at £129.99 which includes battery and charger- **AGREED**.

Additional batteries will be acquired with future purchases of the same brand of tools.

14. **Consideration of the Action Plan**

Via Councillors independently voting for their priorities, a combined priorities list was formed for the Action Plan:

1. New Signage at Riverside Park
2. Refurbishment of the Pavilion Kitchen
3. Re-siting of the Noticeboard at Hayfield Lane Primary School
4. Refurbishment of the Richard Langdon Memorial Garden
5. Resurfacing of the Pinfold

15. **Consideration of the Auckley Show Committee Fire Extinguisher Proposal**

The Auckley Show Committee proposed changing the annual fire extinguisher service for both the Council's and Show's fire extinguishers to the week preceding the Auckley Show in August. They had

offered to pay for the Council's service at this point in order to facilitate the move. They requested that the Council be responsible for organising the service of all extinguishers- **AGREED.**

16. **Biodiversity Policy Review**

The policy was reviewed and additions made:

1. To leave the perimeters in a natural state
2. To leave cuttings/arising/ trees where health and safety issues are not a concern, to provide wildlife habitat.

Following the additions, the policy was **AGREED.**

17. **Discussion of the Interim Budget for 2025/26**

Discussion took place regarding the current levels in the bank account as well as suggested additions and reductions for budget heads. These will be updated for discussion of the final budget in the January meeting.

18. **Discussion of Highway Matters**

- a) Collection of litter along Hayfield Lane- litter is collecting along the road from the bridge on Hurst Lane, along the length of Hurst Lane (past the school and college) and then turning onto Hayfield Lane, up to the Spar. Site Supervisor to carry out an initial litter pick and to monitor- **AGREED.** Site Supervisor not to enter private gardens. Clerk to check insurance documents regarding carrying out activities on other owner's land.

19. **Discussion of Recreational Matters**

- a) Hayfield Park:

1. To consider the s106 application

The Clerk has obtained the three path quotes which have been forwarded on to CDC (path sample shown). Clerk to complete task to update all quotes (must be like for like) as quotes need to be less than six months old- **AGREED.** The quotes are for play equipment (swings, roundabout, see-saw) with Wetpour safety surfaces, a metal fence adjacent to the car park and a new path network surface to replace the existing surface.

Council will cover any extra costs above the s106 funding available if required- **AGREED.**

The see-saw would be removed from the quotes if onsite measurements did allow the space for this item- **AGREED.**

- b) Riverside Park:

1. Site Supervisor to tidy the Richard Langdon Memorial Garden before future development is discussed- **AGREED.**

20. **Police Report and Crime Figures**- 19 in October.

21. **Discussion of Matters Associated with Parish Council Website/ Facebook**- None

22. **Reports of Meetings Attended by Members of the Council:**

Ward Members Meeting-attended by Cllr Swainston- parish boundaries, the airport and the Ward member's budget were discussed. The next meeting will take place in March.

YLCA SYMCA Bus Consultation Meeting- attended by Cllr Swainston- SYMCA would take on ownership of all fleet and buildings with the franchising money coming from central government. The aim would be to get all buses to a certain standard as currently the operators have an aging stock of vehicles. SYMCA would then franchise out the bus routes. Concern was expressed about the difficulty of completing the online consultation as it was felt it wasn't objective.

Scribe Webinar- Insurance Risk & Responsibilities- attended by Cllr Worthington- the need to carry out a risk assessment as the council, for activities carried out by users of our facilities was discussed.

23. **Consideration of Planning Applications-**

- a) 24/02138/FUL- Proposal to re-roof and add rooms within roof space, formation of a roof terrace and front porch and retention of existing white render (PART RETROSPECTIVE)-5 School Lane, Auckley- **no comments or objections.**
- b) 24/02200/FUL- Internal alterations and installation of new windows- 35 Sandhill Rise, Auckley- **no comments or objections.**

24. **Report Decisions made by DMBC's Planning Committee**- None

25. **Banking Transactions**

DDCR 24/25 8	British Gas	Pavilion Electricity	£21.75
24/25 88	CDC	Replacement grass mats	£174.00
24/25 89	Site Supervisor	Salary	£438.91
24/25 90	Clerk	Salary plus travel expenses	£958.62
DDCL 24/25 9	British Gas	Oak Tree Avenue Electricity	£16.53
DDO 24/25 9	O2	Mobile Phone	£14.35
DDP 24/25 9	Nest	Clerk & Site Supervisor's Pension	£49.17
24/25 91	YLCA	Council Websites webinar	£10.00
24/25 92	Glendale Countryside	Grass cut x2 Strim x1	£604.64
24/25 93	Vulcan Trees & Landscape	Dead Tree removal from Copse behind River Way	£210.00
24/25 94	Fireguard Ltd	Annual Fire Extinguisher Service	£30.60
24/25 95	Bawtry Forest Christmas Trees	2 x 20-25ft Norway Spruce	£1268.00
24/25 96	Reimbursement	Cleaning Items	£2.60
24/25 97	Reimbursement	Dustpan & Brush	£3.00

Hayfield Park

DD HP 24/25 6	Eon	MUGA electricity	£55.82
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26. **November Bank Reconciliation- NOTED.** Discussion regarding a better interest on the Council's savings account.

27. **Receipt of Correspondence:**

YLCA – Weekly News, Training Programmes, Law & Governance Bulletin

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin

Council's solicitor in the small claims court action- Notice of Discontinuance

New College- Christmas card

28. **Confirmation of Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 at Auckley Parish Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Chair.....

Date: .....