

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2025, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

AT AUCKLEY PARISH CENTRE

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

E. Lear (Clerk)

Four members of the public

Public Participation

Three members of the public attended to discuss the potential development on the Poor's Land which is owned by the Richard Metcalfe Charity. It was explained that the land had not been sold to South Yorkshire Housing Association. The Parish Council had received details of the Scheme from the developer and the Charity had given reasons for its need to be sold.

It was explained to the public that any proceeds from the sale would need to be invested and the income generated would still need to meet the aim of the Charity. It was explained that selling to a Housing Association who are a 'not for profit' organisation and providing social housing was in line with the objectives of the Charity.

The other member of the public represented a developer who were soon to submit a planning application for two houses to replace an existing bungalow on Bell Butts Lane. He described the type of housing, the energy efficiency of the new builds and the reasons for the size of the houses. Off road parking has been provided to prevent on road parking. No major objections were expressed by the council as it is infill.

1. Non-Attendance by Councillors

- a) Apologies were received from Cllrs Featherstone and Wraight
- 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 11th December 2024

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. Reports from District Councillors and/or CDC Officers

Ward Councillor S. Cox had sent his apologies for the meeting and responded regarding the parking on Hayfield Lane. Included was a letter from South Yorkshire Police to parents and guardians at Hayfield Lane School. The email described using planters on a kick rail to discourage parking. Clerk to contact Ward Councillors supporting the measures by CDC but asking about the location of the kick rail-**AGREED**

6. Matters Arising from the December Minutes

Matters arising from previous minutes

- Planning breach on Eilers Lane- CDC have spoken to the property owner regarding what business activities take place at the property and will need to carry out a site visit in the new year.
- The Spey Drive path will be completed by the CDC contractor.
- No further response from CDC regarding the suggestion to install a bin on Eastfield Lane- Clerk to chase.

8. Contact Made by Members of the Public

- a) Road safety at Hayfield Lane/Hurst Lane Junction- referred on to CDC and Ward Councillors- no response
- b) Standing Water at Mosham Road/Hurst Lane Junction- referred on to CDC and Ward Councillors- no response.

9. Consideration of the Ellers Lane car park
Contacted new contact regarding the car park- no response as yet.
7. Consideration of Contact made by Members of the Public
a) New College request to use football pitch on Riverside Park on a Wednesday afternoon. Clerk to reply no to the use of Riverside Park as the pitch couldn't take extra use. Clerk to suggest Hayfield Park as an alternative location but use would be based on its current state as there are no resources to improve. New College representatives to be invited to inspect the pitch to gauge suitability- **AGREED**
8. Consideration of the Third Quarter Audit and Budget Monitoring Reports
The bank reconciliation was received and **NOTED**. The budget monitoring report was received and **NOTED**, showing that the budget was on track for the year.
9. Approval of the Council's Budget for 2025/26
£55,000- **APPROVED**
10. Consideration of the Council's Precept for 2025/26
The Precept of £55,000 was proposed following on from the agreement of the budget at the same amount.- **AGREED**. A budget increase was required to cover the upcoming elections costs. A letter to residents is to be drafted and the Newsletter/Arrow item is to be added to the next agenda, depending on the dates for the February Arrow.
11. Consideration of the Appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2024/25- DEFERRED
12. Review of the Christmas Light Period
The plug socket at Oak Tree Avenue was changed prior to switch on. The lighting company were late switching the lights on at all locations. A storm (windy conditions) resulted in the tree at Larch Avenue leaning with broken light cables and a blown transformer. Multiple contractors attended before the lights were switched back on after 1 ½ weeks.
Call out charges for the festive lighting company are high and should be considered as part of any new contract.
13. Consideration of a Donation to Firefly
Cllr Worthington proposed £100- **AGREED**
The Eagle & Child should be thanked for their support of the Christmas Carol Service.
14. Consideration of the Phone Box on Ellers Lane
The contractor who will be undertaking the work is still keen to do the job. A quote had been obtained for the glazing alone but the cost was relatively high for this aspect compared to the whole job by the contractor and concern was raised that the glazing was not to the necessary specification.
There was still concern that the contractor did not understand how the contract needed to be broken down i.e. three invoices: preparation, painting and glazing with ordering of resources to be completed on the previous invoice i.e. the glazing can be purchased and invoiced for with the painting works.
Clerk to confirm details with contractor by phone.
15. Consideration of Defibrillators
Concern was raised that the defibrillator at Auckley School could no longer be accessed due to the new gates. Members agreed to check if access was still available.
The Parish Centre does not have a defibrillator. Due to the type of activities occurring at the Centre access to a defibrillator would be beneficial. Cllr Warrender to raise at the next Parish Centre meeting- **AGREED**
16. Consideration of VE Day 80 Celebrations
a) Consideration of the purchasing of flags
Purchase of four flags for: Hayfield School
Eagle & Child
bridge railings
railings outside Hayfield School
viewed as a positive suggestion but to wait until nearer the event as at the moment flags are expensive.

- b) Consideration of the quote from Armthorpe Elmfield Band
For the evening of 8th of May, £150 for 1 hour of playing- **AGREED** but waiting on confirmation from the scouts. Clerk to ask if they are willing to split their playing time on the evening.
The 4th Doncaster Scouts have not yet had a meeting regarding the proposal to use their site on Thursday 8th of May but items for the night were in place. The Reverend has agreed to do the reading.
Saturday 10th of May- the Parish Centre is provisionally booked for the pensioners' tea and members are looking into music.

17. **Discussion of Highway Matters**

- a) Cllr Staniforth has reported the soakaways on Hurst Lane
b) The lid to the stop cock outside 99/101 Main Street is missing- Clerk to report to Yorkshire Water
c) A car is parking in the layby by Church Close for extended periods- Clerk to report to St Leger Homes.

18. **Discussion of Recreational Matters**

- a) Hayfield Park:
1. To consider the maintenance contract (including the strimming of perimeters and box cut)
The contract is to remain the same and the clerk is to obtain quotes.
b) Riverside Park:
1. To consider the maintenance contract (including the strimming of perimeters)
The contract is to remain the same and the clerk is to obtain quotes.
2. To consider the bin emptying schedule
A trial is to be undertaken to stop the use of the dog bin by the car park. A bag should be used to cover and signage put in place after the bin has been emptied. CDC to be informed that it is not in use.
Site Supervisor to monitor use of the bins by the basketball court and River Way.

Site Supervisor to tidy the Richard Langdon memorial garden and then plants for the area are to be considered.

19. **Police Report and Crime Figures**- Not available for November.

20. **Discussion of Matters Associated with Parish Council Website/ Facebook**- NONE

21. **Consideration of Items for Referral to Ward Councillors**

Parking on School Lane as the addition of the gates seems to have caused more cars parking on the road.

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

Auckley Parish Centre meeting- attended by Cllr Warrender- they are holding a fayre on the 23rd of March to raise money for the roof and the lease is not yet in place.

Cllr Worthington to attend the upcoming Broadcasting Council meetings webinar at a cost of £10- **AGREED**.

23. **Consideration of Planning Applications-**

- a) 24/02300/FUL- Erection of a single storey side extension with raised parapet and flat roof- 5B River Way, Auckley – **No comments or objections.**

24. **Report Decisions made by CDC's Planning Committee**

- a) To consider a planning breach on Nene Grove
Patio doors have been located upstairs and no safety railings placed on the outside wall. Clerk to contact CDC Planning to ask if a building control or planning issue.

Decisions NOTED. Clerk to ask Planning what GRANTED (Sec106) means in relation to 20/03415/FULM- A hybrid application... Land Off Insall Way, Auckley.

25. **Updates and Recommendations from the Staffing Committee**

- a) Minutes of the last meeting held 13th November 2024- **RECEIVED**

The Clerk's appraisal is completed. The committee has reviewed the work of the Site Supervisor and will meet next month to discuss if the permanent position will be offered.

26. **Banking Transactions**

DDCR 24/25 9	British Gas	Pavilion Electricity	£23.08
DDCL 24/25 10	British Gas	Oak Tree Avenue Electricity	£19.62
24/25 98	Clerk	Salary plus travel expenses	£907.22
24/25 99	Site Supervisor	Salary	£438.71
DDO 24/25 10	O2	Mobile Phone	£14.35
24/25 100	CDC	Bin Emptying Q2	£349.88
24/25 101	CDC	Bin Emptying Q3	£187.88
DDP 24/25 10	Nest	Clerk & Site Supervisor's Pension	£49.17
24/25 102	Christmas Plus Ltd	Call Out Larch Avenue	£234.00
24/25 103	Auckley Parish Centre	Room Hire April- December 2024	£182.00
24/25 108	Glendale Countryside	Strim x 1	£336.00
24/25 104	RJ Electrical	Oak Tree Avenue socket	£114.00
24/25 105	RJ Electrical	Oak Tree avenue cabinet and cable damage at Larch Avenue	£270.00
24/25 106	Reimbursement	Strimmer (including drill)	£129.99
24/25 107	Reimbursement	Cleaning Tools	£46.00

Hayfield Park

DD HP 24/25 7	Eon	MUGA electricity	£30.42
HP 24/25 24	CDC	Bin Emptying Q2	£291.79
HP 24/25 25	CDC	Bin Emptying Q3	£195.02
HP 24/25 26	Glendale Countryside	Strim x 1	£198.00

27. **Receipt of Correspondence:**

YLCA – Weekly News, Training programmes

NALC – Chief Executives Bulletin

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th of February 2025 at Auckley Parish Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Chair.....

Date: