

## Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 November 2008 at 7.00pm  
the following Parish Councillors were present:

G Downey (Chairman)

T Baldwin, M Duggan, F Forrest, L Green, J Harkins, C Mitchell and G Payne

### **4720 Declarations of interest**

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have;

Councillors Downey and Mitchell declared their respective interests in the payments for cheques numbered 5076 and 5084.

### **4721 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Varney.

### **4722 Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2008**

The Parish Council agreed that the minutes be received as a correct record and authorised the Chairman to sign them.

### **4723 Disposal of business from the last meeting**

The Parish Council considered the following item deferred from the last meeting and agreed the decision shown:

	Details	Decision
1	Proposed donation in memory of former Parish Councillor Jack Denman	Deferred until the next meeting pending suggestions from the family as to the most appropriate beneficiary

### **4724 Clerk's action**

The Parish Council noted the following action taken by the Clerk since the last meeting:

	Details
1	Wrote to Sefton Council regarding illegal advertising along Ormskirk Road
2	Contacted Sefton Council and the LALC for advice regarding a letter from a resident
3	Authorised the Aintree Family Church to play a football match on 8 November 2008
4	Agreed that the site meeting with Mr Thick regarding the footpath be held on 7 November 2008 at 3.00pm; Councillors Baldwin, Carlton and Payne to represent the Parish Council

### **4725 Park and safety issues**

The Parish Council considered the following items and agreed the decisions shown:

	Details	Decision
1	Review of delegation to the Park Committee; 4374 (5) of the meeting held on 10 April 2007 states: "the Parish Council agreed that the Park Committee be re-constituted and consist of Councillors Harkins, Mitchell and Payne with delegated authority to make appropriate decisions on park matters"	Deferred to the next meeting
2	Policy decision – at its meeting on 26 November 2007 the Parish Council agreed that "the same standard and identifiable work wear be issued to the parks' staff on a regular basis, instead of the current intermittent purchases"	Noted
3	Minutes of the Park Committee held on	The Parish Council thanked the committee for its

	30 October 2008	full and explanatory report and agreed that the park was now in a far better condition than it was two years ago prior to Mr Atherton's employment with the Parish Council
4	Outcome of meeting with Maghull Town Council and Lydiate Parish Council regarding the Sefton Ranger Service	The Parish Council noted that Councillor Harkins had attended the meeting and had suggested that any service might include the locking/unlocking of the park plus drive by security
5	COMTECHSA's initial report on the pavilion – please see attached	COMTECHSA be thanked for its very useful report and in view of its contents, no further action be taken on a structural survey for the time being

#### **4726 Financial matters**

The Parish Council agreed that the following payments were lawfully payable under the General Powers of the Parish Council and Open Space legislation and consequently agreed that the following payments be made:

	Payee	Details	Amount £-p	Cheque no/ Payment method
1	G Downey	Second half chair's allowance	250.00	5076
2	D Evans	Second half internal audit fee	150.00	5077
3	Turners	Repair Ransome Magna unit and Qualcast	114.04	5078
4	Netsolva	Monthly web upkeep	45.00	DD
5	K Ellis	Refreshments/envelopes	11.67	5079
6	British Gas	Usage/standing chg July/October 2008	16.71	5080
7	Kirkby Skips	Skip hire 24 October 2008	141.00	5081
8	Natwest	Wages 6 November 2008	3,841.72	Autopay
9	HMR &C	Tax/NI November 2008	1,128.09	5082
10	R G Harris	Purchase of photograph and postage costs	19.70	5083
11	C Mitchell	Purchase of Christmas Cards	48.00	5084

*Having earlier declared his interest in the payment for cheque 5076, the Chairman Councillor Downey vacated the chair for that payment and did not take part in the discussion or decision; the Vice Chairman Councillor Baldwin took the chair for that item. Having earlier declared her interest in the payment for cheque 5084, Councillor Mitchell did not take part in the discussion or decision for that payment.*

#### **4727 Correspondence**

The Parish Council considered the following items of correspondence and agreed the decisions shown:

	Details	Decision
1	Altside Business Village Partnership Manager regarding the creation of a Charitable Company/Trust to manage and develop the Hornby Visitor Centre to be sited in the new Maghull Sports Centre and a request for a Parish Council representative to sit on the Trust	Councillor Green be requested to discuss with the Business Village Partnership Manager the implications of being a member of the Trust and report to the next meeting
2	Mayor's Officer regarding the protocol for wearing the ceremonial robes	Noted
3	Communities and Local Government – Consultation on Codes of Conduct for the Parish Council's and employees	Noted

4	Mr J Thick suggesting a site meeting for the footpath and landscaping of the racecourse	In respect of landscaping, it was noted that the company had an ongoing programme of landscaping
5	Sefton Council regarding illegal advertising on Ormskirk Road and brambles by Hunters House	Noted that the advertisements had been removed and the brambles had been cut
6	Sefton Council regarding a resident's suggestion to reposition the traffic lights by Handcock's Bridge	Noted that Sefton Council would be taking no action
7	Sefton Council regarding commencement of verge works in Oriel Drive partly funded by the Parish Council	Noted
8	SELRAP (Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership) – request to send message of support for the reinstatement of the Colne to Skipton missing rail link	Support to be given
9	Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service regarding Merseyside's Waste Plan	Noted
10	Maghull Town Council regarding its Plan for Maghull	Noted
11	Mrs D Dutton – thank you card re Civic Service	Noted
12	Woodlands Hospice – thank you letter for donation in memory of the late Parish Councillor Jack Rooney	Noted
13	Mr Harper re "Ain Tree" issues	Noted that the Chairman, Councillor Harkins and the Clerk had met the Deputy Legal Director Mr D Mackey and discussed the contents of Mr Harper's letter with him; further noted that no real action could be taken at this time

#### **4728 General matters**

The Parish Council considered the following general matters and agreed the decisions shown:

	Details	Decision
1	Leukaemia Trust Fund Annual Ecumenical Carol Service, at St Teresa's RC Church on 4 December 2007 at 7.30pm	Noted that the Chairman and Councillors Baldwin, Harkins and Mitchell would be attending
2	Outcomes from the LALC and MAPTC AGMs	Noted that as far as the LALC AGM was concerned, the main items were that the annual conference might be reduced to one day and be free and that the subscription should not be increased unless the national subscription was increased
		Noted that as far as the MAPTC AGM was concerned, the meeting had been poorly attended and no major issues had arisen but there was a request for the next ordinary meeting to be held in the Assembly Room on 4 February 2009 which was agreed at no charge
3	Outcome of site meeting with Mr Thick	Noted that Councillors Baldwin and Payne with

	regarding the footpath held on 7 November 2008	Councillor Carlton had attended the site meeting and that Mr Thick had agreed that the footpath would be better maintained; agreed to review progress at the AGM
4	Network Rail – passenger safety	No discussion due to proposer not being in attendance; Clerk to report to the next meeting on guidelines as to what should be discussed at the Parish Council meetings
5	Procurement	No discussion due to proposer not being in attendance

#### **4729 Minute deemed confidential and not for publication**

#### **4730 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors**

The Parish Council considered the vacancies but no nominations were made.

#### **4731 Planning matters**

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Details</u>
1	0738	Permission for ATM machine – Natwest Bank
2	0754	Permission for extension – 38 School Lane
3	0878	Permission for extension – 49 Taunton Drive
4	0816	Application for two storey health centre after demolition – 243 Oriel Drive
5	0805	Application for air conditioning unit – PC World
6	0651	Approval for new shop front, construction of new ramped access at front, alterations to rear service area, construction of fenced compound and double rear access gate – 6/10 Molyneux Way

#### **4732 Chairman’s communications**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at St Giles with St Peter’s Church on Sunday 9 November 2008 and had laid a wreath on the Parish Council’s behalf.

#### **4733 Any Other Business**

The following matters were raised for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:

1. Possible painting of the third bridge across Aintree Lane by Transpennine Way
2. Donation to the Women’s Fellowship
3. Swearing during football matches/respect campaign
4. New budget layout
5. Sweeping of footpath between Mostyn Avenue and Aintree Lane
6. Area Committee
7. School crossing patrols across Ormskirk Road
8. Setting and unsetting times of the alarm
9. Boiler service contract

#### **4734 Dates of next meetings**

The Parish Council noted the dates of the next meetings, all to commence at 7.00pm:

24 November 2008  
15 December 2008  
12 January 2009

26 January 2009  
9 February 2009  
23 February 2009  
9 March 2009  
23 March 2009  
14 April 2009 Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by a Parish Council meeting  
27 April 2009  
11 May 2009 Annual General Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Minutes 4720 to 4734 received as a correct record on 24 November 2008

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Chairman