

## Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 October 2008 at 7.00pm  
the following Parish Councillors were present:

G Downey (Chairman)

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

### **4691 Declarations of interest**

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have; no declarations were made.

### **4692 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Green.

### **4693 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2008**

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

### **4694 Disposal of business from the last meeting**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Investigation of the invoices for grass seed	Noted that not all the expenditure was on grass seed; further that the budget head title had been altered to more accurately reflect the different items of expenditure.

### **4695 Clerk's action**

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

	Details
1	Wrote to Poker Club regarding alleged illegal advertising along Ormskirk Road
2	Wrote to Sefton Council regarding parked advertising vehicle on the footpath on Ormskirk Road

### **4696 Review of the operation of the model agenda**

The Parish Council agreed that the review be deferred until 26 January 2009 and noted that NALC was reviewing the model standing orders which might take some time to review.

### **4697 Park and safety issues**

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

	Details	Decision
1	RoSPA – Safety inspection report of 14 August 2008 – please see attached	Report noted and referred to the Park Committee for detailed discussion and action in liaison with Mr Atherton; the Parish Council particularly noted the inspector's comment that it was "well maintained on day to day basis; well done team".
2	Request to use the park: Paul Ingham of Revelation Soccer Academy on Saturday and Sunday from 9am onwards catering for children from the age of 4 to 14.	Mr Ingham be invited to discuss his proposals with Parish Councillors who would be able to attend at 6.45pm before the next meeting.

### **4698 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	Playsafety Equipment	Annual park inspection	213.85	5054
2	United Utilities	Half year rates	526.30	5055
3	Scottish Power	Electricity usage – playing fields	29.77	DD
4	Scottish Power	Electricity usage – changing rooms	111.79	5056
5	Scottish Power	Electricity usage – bowls pavilion	25.61	DD
6	K Ellis	Refreshments/cleaning materials	14.52	5057
7	Netsolva	Monthly website update	45.00	DD
8	Natwest Autopay	Payroll October 2008	4,220.09	DD
9	HMR&C	Tax/NI October 2008	1,190.98	5058
10	Manchester Rotational Mouldings	Dog litter bins	286.70	5059
11	Sefton Partnership of Local Councils	Annual subscription	50.00	5060
12	R G Harris	Telephone rental (65%) and call reimbursement	36.44	5061
13	R G Harris	£50 vouchers and frame for Civic Award; stamps and ream of paper	58.64	5062
14	Kirkby Skips	Skip hire 22 September 2008	141.00	5063
15	GLM Ops	Bowling green renovation	587.50	5064
16	BT	Quarterly line rental	68.29	DD
17	Asda	Fuel	43.53	DD

#### 4699 Correspondence

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

	Details	Decision
1	Mr J Thick of Aintree Racecourse requesting permission for the closure of the footpath across the racecourse from 5pm on Saturday 22 November 2008 until 5pm on Sunday 23 November 2008	Closure agreed.
2	Department for Communities and Local Government – the making and enforcement of byelaws consultation	Noted.
3	LALC Newsletter containing information on conference dates, Council for Voluntary Services, VIRSA, Real Lancashire, Lancashire Day, proposal to eliminate single use polymers and Freedom of Information Act publication scheme	Noted; further noted that the Clerk would report back in due course on the requirement to adopt a new publication scheme under the Freedom of Information Act.
4	Councillor J Colbert – request to Sefton Council to consider traffic order by entrance to Aintree Davenhill School from Atholl Crescent	Noted.
5	Manchester Mouldings – cost of plaque for the new Ain Tree – £450 plus VAT; also 200 x 150mm – £290 plus VAT and 200 x 200mm – £310 plus VAT	Deferred to the next meeting with the possibility that the grant made to the Aintree History Group might cover the cost of the plaque.
6	Government Office for the North West – Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021	Noted.

7	Bargain Booze – outcome of licensing hours application	<p>The decision of the Licensing Sub Committee to allow the long opening hours received with dismay and bewilderment, reinforced by Councillor Baldwin's report on the proceedings; agreed that the Clerk be requested to express the Parish Council's concerns to the sub committee in appropriate terms.</p> <p>The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Councillor Baldwin for his time and commitment in this matter and agreed that in future, it might allow discretion to Parish Councillors attending such hearings to vary any mandates in the light of discussions at the hearings.</p>
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#### **4700 General matters**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Proposed donation in memory of former Parish Councillor Jack Denman	Deferred to the next meeting.
2	Bargain Booze – outcome of licensing hours application	Dealt with in 4699 (7) above.
3	NALC – alternative names and styles for Parish Councils	Deferred until the Annual General Meeting on 11 May 2009.
4	Purchase of three litter bins along Wango Lane and School Lane	Referred to the Area Committee.
5	Handcock's Bridge – request from resident to reposition the traffic lights on both sides of the bridge further away from the bridge so as to act as a traffic calming measure	Referred to Sefton Council for consideration.
6	Report on LALC Conference 4/5 October 2008	Councillors Downey, Harkins and Payne's detailed reports received and noted with thanks; they were also thanked for representing the Parish Council at the conference which was only liberally supported by other Parish Councils; agreed that the issue of Quality Parish Council status be kept in mind as an objective and the issue of a Parish Plan be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
7	Web site counter	Noted that a free counter was now in use.

#### **4701 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors**

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

#### **4702 Planning matters**

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Details</u>
1	0706	Application for advertisement – 6/10 Molyneux Way
2	0650	Approval for air conditioning units – 6/10 Molyneux Way
3	0652	Approval for ATM machine – 6/10 Molyneux Way

4	0600	Approval for external fenced compound- unit 4 Racecourse Retail Park
5	0738	Application for additional ATM machine – 9b Altway (Natwest Bank)

**4703 Chairman’s communications**

- 1) The Chairman reported that he had recently represented the Parish Council at functions with Melling Parish Council and at Maghull High School.
- 2) The Chairman and the Clerk reviewed the arrangements for the 2008 Civic Service to be held on 19 October 2008.

**4704 Any Other Business**

- 1) Footpath across the racecourse and any other racecourse issues – agenda item for the next meeting.
- 2) Successful completion of the 2007/2008 external audit – agenda item for the next meeting.
- 3) “Jig for Jack” fund raising event on 22 November 2008.
- 4) This sentence deemed declared confidential and not for publication

**4705 Dates of next meetings**

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

- 27 October 2008
- 10 November 2008
- 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 9.50pm

Minutes 4691 to 4705 received as a correct record on 27 October 2008

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Chairman