

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 December 2009 at 7.00pm
the following Parish Councillors were present:

Councillor C Mitchell (Chairman)

T J Baldwin, R Barber, G Downey, M Duggan, F Forrest, L Green, G Payne and G Povey

4985 Declarations of interest

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

4986 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Carroll.

4987 P Carlton; resignation from the Parish Council

The Parish Council formally received Councillor P Carlton's resignation with effect from 29 November 2009 and noted that the Clerk had advertised the vacancy.

4988 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2009

The Parish Council agreed that the minutes be received as a correct record and the Chairman be authorised to sign them. There were no matters arising.

4989 Park and safety issues

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

	Details	Decision
1	Playbuilder grant; outcome of meeting with prospective contractor on 30 November 2009	<p>Noted that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) contractor had not submitted the plans as yet but they would be available for the next meeting 2) consultation letters had been sent to residents surrounding the park and to children 8-11 via primary schools; the secondary schools had not replied to the Clerk re the 11-13 age group. <p>Agreed that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the Chairman be requested to organise a collection of the responses from residents 2) the applications form for the Playbuilder grant be completed as a matter of urgency.

4990 Financial matters

The Parish Council agreed

- 1) that Councillors Mitchell and Payne, the Clerk and the RFO be requested to review the 2009/10 expenditure and the likely balances at 31 March 2010 and to submit a proposed budget and precept for 2010/11 to the next meeting for the Parish Council's consideration
- 2) the following amendment to the Clerk's delegated powers and the Parish Council's financial regulations due to the change to monthly meetings:

- the Clerk be delegated the power to authorise the payment of any invoice which the RFO deems should be paid between meetings to comply with conditions agreed with the Parish Council's creditors, or for such reasons as being acutely outstanding; any such payments must still appear in the list of payments at the following meeting

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

	Payee	Details	Amount £-p	Cheque no/ payment method
1	Aitkens	Fungicide/fertiliser/line marker	342.55	5260
2	HMR & C	Tax/NI, December 2009	1,233.65	5261
3	NatWest Autopay	Salaries/wages, December 2009	4,257.13	DD
4	Plymol (RBS Finance)	New Parish Council flag	371.45	5262
5	Asda	Fuel, November 2009	21.14	DD
6	K Ellis	Refreshments/stamps	9.86	5263
7	R G Harris	Staff gifts/refreshments/stamps/copy paper	102.61	5264

4) considered and noted the following budget statement for November 2009; in doing so, the Parish Council noted that the effective balance was £106,328 due to provision being made for the committed section 137 grant of £3,600 and that the effective balance would reduce further to £61,980 should the Parish Council spend exactly the remaining expenditure balance of £44,348; further, that pence figures did not appear for ease of reading so totals would not necessarily balance:

Expenditure

<u>Budget head</u>	2009/2010 budget £	Eight months' expenditure £	Balance £
1. Altside Business Village	2,500	2,500	0
2. Bank charges	500	219	281
3. Capital expenditure	59,560	55,975	3,585
4. Loan repayments	14,200	7,099	7,101
5. Mileage	500	375	125
6. Sundry expenses	15,400	11,308	4,092
7. General park expenses	7,020	3,868	3,152
8. Maintenance expenses park	10,000	7,087	2,913
9. Section 137 grants	1,000	725	275
10. Utilities	3,000	2,318	682
11. Salaries/wages	68,000	45,858	22,142
Totals	£181,680	137,332	44,348

Income

	2009/2010 income £	Eight months' income £	Balance £
12. Bank interest	200	0	-200
13. Bowls	400	522	+122
14. Donations/refunds	20	26	+6
15. Football	600	739	+139
16. Sefton Council double rating	13,450	16,774	+3,324
17. Precept	125,000	125,000	0
18. VAT collected from receipts	-	271	+271
19. VAT refunded	-	716	+716
20. Area Committee contribution and sundry receipts	3,860	4,441	+581
Totals	£143,530	£148,489	+£4,959

After taking account of un-presented cheques of £1,984, the Parish Council had cash in hand at 30 November 2009 of £109,928 as follows:

- £17,754 – current account
- £92,074 – capital reserve account
- £100 – petty cash

4991 Correspondence

The Parish Council considered the following item of correspondence and agreed the decision shown:

	Details	Decision
1	Chief Superintendent I Pilling; Parish Council's letter passed to Chief Inspector Ellison	Noted that the Clerk had been unable to make contact; agreed that Parish Councillors on the Aintree Village Neighbourhood Watch and/or the Area Committee be requested to take up the issue of manning levels at their respective meetings in January 2010

4992 General matters

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

	Details	Decision
1	Village Inn; outcome of application for extension of hours	Councillor Baldwin briefed the Parish Council on the outcome which was essentially that the management had been given the extension of hours requested; the police had not submitted an objection and there was a right of review if problems occurred. Councillor

	Baldwin was thanked for representing the residents and the Parish Council
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2	<p>Web site In November 2009:</p> <p>1) 179 people accessed the web site; 100 from the UK, 30 from the USA, 4 from Ireland, 2 from France, 2 from Australia and 1 from New Zealand with 40 unknown</p> <p>2) they visited the site 187 times and viewed 921 pages</p>	Noted
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4993 Planning matters

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	Application number	Details
1	S/2009/0878	191 Altway, Aintree; advertisement consent for the display of a non-illuminated shopping centre sign at the first floor level
2	S/2009/0964	Aintree Health Centre, 243 Oriel Drive; non-material amendment to application S/2008/0816 approved on 12 December 2009 to exchange car parking space 14 with planter and a new 1.8 metre high mesh fence with double car gate and pedestrian gate to the leased boundary
3	S/2009/0988	2 Oriel Drive; application for the erection of a conservatory to the rear
4	S/2009/0917	Unit 9B Topham Drive; advertisement consent for the display of one non-illuminated fascia sign on the front elevation and one internally illuminated fascia sign on the rear elevation of the premises
5	S/2009/0997	39 Aintree Lane; application for the erection of a single storey extension incorporating a porch at the front

4994 Parish Plan

The Parish Council considered and noted the minutes of the Parish Plan Sub Group's meeting held on 30 November 2009.

4995 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

No nominations were made.

4996 Chairman's communications

4997 Any other business

1. The Clerk reported that the Mayor's Charity Evening would be held on 12 February 2010 and that the Parish Council's policy was that the Chair and Vice Chair and their partners should be requested to represent the Parish Council and that single tickets be purchased for other Parish Councillors, the Clerk and the RFO should they wish to attend; further that joint transport be hired for the evening. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillors Duggan, Forrest and Payne and the Clerk indicated that they would be attending.
2. Sweeping of footpath – Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue
3. Rubbish in private car park by Handcock's Bridge.

4998 Press relations

No issues were raised.

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4999 Dates of next meetings

The Parish Council noted the following schedule of meetings for 2010, all to commence at 7.00pm:

25 January
22 February
29 March
26 April Annual Parish Meeting followed by a Parish Council meeting
17 May Annual Meeting
21 June
26 July
23 August
27 September
25 October
22 November
13 December

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Minutes 4985 to 4999 received as a correct record on 25 January 2010

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Chairman