

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 July 2008 at 7.00pm
the following Parish Councillors were present:-

G Downey (Chairman)

T Baldwin, P Carlton, F Forrest, L Green, J Harkins, G Payne and M Varney

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Duggan, C Mitchell and J Rooney

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, Pastor John Kearns of the Old Roan Baptist Church discussed with Parish Councillors his church's plans for the former Holy Rosary infant school site.

4620 Minutes – 23 June 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2008 were received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4621 Financial Matters

The Parish Council

- 1) agreed to the renewal of its insurance cover with Zurich Municipal
- 2) agreed to match fund with Sefton Council the tarmacing of damaged verges in Oriel Drive between Denstone Avenue and Haileybury Avenue at a cost of £5,100 comprising £2,550 from the Area Committee's allocation to the Parish Council for 2008/2009 (being Sefton Council's element) and £2,550 from the Parish Council's funds; Sefton Council be asked for information as to the specification, when the work would start, any likely comeback or effect on the Parish Council, guarantees for the work and quality control while the work is in progress
- 3) approved the following for payment:

Payee	Details	Amount £-p	Cheque no.
Scottish Power	Electricity – April/June 2008	100-65	5006
Scottish Power	Electricity – Adjustment	2-53	D/D
R J Brownbill	Fencing repairs and soak away work	4,545-00	5007
Sefton Council	Annual alarm maintenance	629-33	5008
HMRC	July 2008 tax/NI	1,179-44	5009
Autopay	July 2008 payroll	3,868-84	D/D
Euphony	Telephone calls	4-74	D/D
ASDA	Fuel	46-16	D/D
K Ellis	Stamps/refreshments	9-63	5010
Nat West Bank	Bank charges	18-77	D/D
Liverpool Roller Shutters	Shutter repair	105-75	5011
Thomas and Dolan	Bollard repairs	309-03	5012
R G Harris	Purchase – park system/telephone rental/calls	90-39	5014
Zurich Insurance	Annual premium	8,523-23	5015
J Gordon	Taxi reimbursement	50-30	5016
Sefton Council	Match funding as per 1) above	2,550-00	5017

- 4) agreed to defer consideration of the internal auditor's report to the next meeting
- 5) agreed that the above payments were lawfully payable under the General Powers of the Parish Council and Open Space legislation
- 6) considered and noted the following budget monitoring report for May 2008:

<u>Budget head</u>	2008/2009 budget £	Two monthly budget £	2 months' expenditure £
Wages	70,000	11,666	10473
Heat, light & telephone	2,500	417	361
Water	2,000	333	0
Repairs & renewals *	10,000	1,666	3072
Bank charges	500	83	50
Loan repayments	14,200	2,366	0
Sundries	15,000	2,500	1245
Purchases	20,000	3,333	3180
Mileage	500	83	27
Section 137	2,000	333	200
Altside Business Village membership	2,500	417	0
Totals	£139,200	£23,200	£18,608

4622 Correspondence

- 1) Mr A Mitchell of Davenhill United – letter of thanks for grant noted.
- 2) Aintree Park Group Practice – noted that Liverpool PCT had agreed to a complete rebuild of the group's premises in Oriel Drive.
- 3) Liverpool City Council – noted that the grass cutting along Sherwoods Lane had been delayed due to herbicide application but it had now been cut.
- 4) Sefton Council – noted that the Area Committee on 17 July 2008 had been cancelled and the next meeting would be held on 11 September 2008.
- 5) Sefton Council – noted that the tree outside 66/68 Keble Drive would be removed and that other trees would be pruned back from properties over the footpath and over the road.
- 6) Society of Local Council Clerks' Annual Conference 17/19 October 2008; agreed that the Clerk could attend.
- 7) Sefton Council – noted that a collapsed sewer in Haydock Park Road had not caused the road defect and so the work had now been completed.
- 8) COMTECHSA AGM on 15 July 2008; agreed that apologies be sent.
- 9) Sefton Area Partnership meeting on 22 July 2008; agreed that Councillors Downey, Harkins and Varney be requested to represent the Parish Council.
- 10) Merseytravel's 0870 and 0871 numbers – noted that the local number of 0151 236 7676 was still available and could be used instead of the 10p per minute 0870 and 0871 numbers.
- 11) Sefton Council – Leisure Services Annual Report for 2007/2008 noted.
- 12) ASDA – noted request for local bus service had been referred to the store services team.

4623 Park/Safety Issues

The Parish Council noted that

- 1) Windy Bar FC had withdrawn its application for a football pitch for which permission had been granted on Sundays
- 2) the new soak away had been constructed and appeared to be successful
- 3) the annual RoSPA inspection would take place in August and the Clerk had asked if Mr Atherton could accompany the inspector.

The Parish Council agreed that

- 4) minute 4615 be adhered to and the Harrow Drive pedestrian gate be left unlocked at all times
- 5) Aintree Vipers FC be given permission to use the Assembly Room for meetings at a cost of £10 per meeting, the first of which could be held on 20 July 2008
- 6) regretfully, an offer of a football pitch be not made to Aintree Vipers FC due to the number of Saturday applications exceeding the number of pitches
- 7) agreed that an offer a football pitch be made to Falcon FC for half use on a Sunday

- 8) an application for park keeper be referred to the Parks Committee
- 9) the reasons for the bollards being down be obtained
- 10) the reasons for staff returning to lock the park on 23 June 2008 and this evening be obtained.

4624 Planning Issues

The Parish Council noted the following planning matters:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Details</u>
0431	Approval for advertisement – 9A Racecourse Retail Park
0398	Withdrawn – anti intruder alarm – Aintree Library
0553	Retrospective approval for flue stacks – unit 2 Becher's Drive
0429	Pending – application for extension – 11 Davenhill Park
0436	Approval for advertisement – 5B Racecourse Retail Park
0493	Application for extension – 55 Altway
0379	Approval for exterior refurbishments – McDonald's
0469	Application for garage and porch – 27 Greenside Avenue

4625 Model Chairmanship Procedures and Standing Orders

The Parish Council

- 1) thanked Councillors Baldwin and Payne for reviewing the above
- 2) agreed that their copy showing suggestions for amendments be circulated to Parish Councillors for discussion at the next meeting under an agenda item.

4626 Web Site

The Clerk reported that there were difficulties with the transfer of the domain ownership due to the intransigence of the company concerned but again it was hoped that the new site would be running before the next meeting.

4627 Parish Councillors' Business/Clipboard

- 1) Picnic tables at Village Inn; situation re planning permission.
- 2) A boards outside the Village Inn.
- 3) Paradox sign.
- 4) Missing road signs – Melling Road, Monmouth Avenue, Oakham Drive and Beaumont Drive.
- 5) Trees outside 133, 135 and 137 Aintree Lane overhanging footpath and private homes.
- 6) Plaque for the new "Ain Tree" to be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 7) Councillor Payne's report relating to site meeting about the signs and lighting on Switch Island; noted that the Highway's Agency contractor would look into the issues raised and advise the Parish Council of any action to be taken in due course.
- 8) Repair of Blue Anchor Bridge.
- 9) Clearing of the canal.
- 10) Guide to the Sustainable Communities Act deferred to the next meeting under an agenda item.
- 11) Draft disciplinary and dismissal procedures; Clerk to amend to match the Parish Council's structure and to resubmit in due course.
- 12) Councillor Baldwin reported on the successful meeting he and Councillor Mitchell had attended with Inspector Meadows following which a nominated police officer had been designated for the park; agreed that Inspector Meadows be invited to attend a Parish Council to discuss general matters.
- 13) Parking in Wrekin Drive; Chairman to suggest to the resident concerned that a white line might be the answer to parking across private driveway.

4628 Past Parish Councillor John Mahon

Parish Councillors heard with great sadness that past Parish Councillor John Mahon had recently passed away and agreed to fly the Union Flag at half mast in accordance with the agreed protocol for the flag and as a token of the Parish Council's respect.

4629 Next Meetings

The Parish Council noted that the next meetings would be held at 7.00pm on the following dates:

- 28 July 2008
- 11 August 2008
- 8 September 2008
- 22 September 2008
- 13 October 2008
- 27 October 2008
- 10 November 2008
- 24 November 2008
- 15 December 2008

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

Minutes 4620 to 4629 received as a correct record on 28 July 2008

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Chairman