

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 December 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

4749 Declarations of interest

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

Councillor Harkins declared her interest in the payments for cheques 5092 and 5096.

4750 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Varney.

4751 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2008

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

4752 Disposal of business from the last meeting

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

	Details	Decision
1	Extension of keep clear zone at the junction of Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue	Sefton Council to be asked to extend the keep clear zone
2	Road safety study to improve or restrict pedestrian routes around Ormskirk Road/Park Lane	Sefton Council to be asked to carry out a pedestrian safety survey with a view to improving pedestrian safety
3	Crab Apple tree on the green at Lincoln Drive	One Vision Housing to be requested to remove the tree or to be proactive when the fruit is falling

4753 Clerk's action

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

	Details
1	Wrote to One Vision Housing regarding cars on the green at Lincoln Drive and surrounding path

4754 Park and safety issues

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

	Details	Decision
1	Goal post footings	Noted that both pitches now had footings for round posts
2	Saturday and Sunday working hours	Agreed that the park should be staffed as far as possible on Saturdays and Sundays
3	Mr A Harrold – contract of employment and two days' holiday outstanding	A contract of employment be issued to Mr A Harrold for fifteen hours per week, predominantly on Saturdays and Sundays and authority be given to pay him for two days' holiday entitlement outstanding

4	Request from Head Groundsperson/Park Manager to attend the Annual BTME Show in Harrogate on 20/21 January 2009	Two days with pay be agreed for Mr Atherton to attend the show; also £100 towards his travelling and subsistence expenses
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4755 Financial matters

The Parish Council agreed

- 1) agreed that in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, it should incur the following expenditure which in the Parish Council's opinion, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – £100 grant to the North West Cancer Research to commemorate the late past Councillor and Chairman Jack Denman
- 2) agreed that the process and timetable for the fixing of the 2009/2010 budget and precept be decided at the next meeting and that the budget and precept be fixed at the following meeting on 26 January 2009
- 3) noted the following budget monitoring report for November 2008:

<u>Budget head</u>	2008/2009 budget £	Eight month budget £	8 months expenditure £
1. Wages	70,000	46,667	41,651
2. Heat, light & telephone	2,500	1,667	1,200
3. Water	2,000	1,333	658
4. Repairs & renewals *	10,000	6,667	11,064
5. Bank charges	500	333	195
6. Loan repayments	14,200	9,467	7,099
7. Sundries	15,000	10,000	6,634
8. Purchases	20,000	13,333	14,326
9. Mileage	500	333	404
10. Section 137	2,000	1,333	600
11. Altside Business Village membership	2,500	1,667	2,500
Capital expenditure	0	0	2,500
Totals	£139,200	£92,800	88,831

* Mainly park expenses and includes Head Groundsperson's budget of £8,150

- 4) noted that as at 30 November 2008, the Parish Council had cash in hand of £152,991 as follows:
 - i) £41,331 – current account
 - ii) £111,620 – capital reserve account
 - iii) £40 – petty cash
- 5) approved the following invoices for payment:

	Payee	Details	Amount £-p	Cheque no/ payment method
1	Kirkby Skips	Skip hire – 18 November 2008	141.00	5090
2	United Utilities	Charges August/November 2008	77.34	5091
3	J Harkins	Mileage	38.15	5092

4	Natwest Autopay	Payroll December 2008	4,909.50	DD
5	HMRC	Tax/NI December 2008	1,719.07	5093

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6	Netsolva	Website	45.00	DD
7	Euphony	Telephone calls	5.64	DD
8	R G Harris	Expenses	27.38	5094
9	K Ellis	Refreshments/stationery	18.39	5095
10	J Harkins	Staff Christmas gifts	78.19	5096
11	Asda	Fuel	36.50	DD
12	B Buckley	Boiler repair	99.88	5097
13	Sandy Lane Nurseries	Trees	1,527.50	5098
14	R Brownbill	Fencing/gates	1,500.00	5099
15	Kirkby Skips	Skip hire – 5 December 2008	138.00	5100
16	North West Cancer Research	Section 137 grant	100.00	5101

Having earlier declared her interest in the payments for cheques numbered 5092 and 5096, Councillor Harkins took no part in the discussions or decisions for those payments.

6) approved the following order for goods and/or services:

	Company	Details	Amount £-p	Order number
1	Manchester Rotational Mouldings	Two posts for dog litter bins at £40 each	80-00	1

4756 Correspondence

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

	Details	Decision
1	Councillor Colbert to Sefton Council regarding the CCTV cameras	Noted
2	Sefton PCT – “Better Life, Better Health”	Noted
3	Resident regarding the “Ain Tree”	Noted
4	Resident regarding parking on the green at Lincoln Drive	Noted; Clerk requested to inform the resident that the matter has been referred to One Vision Housing
5	St Giles Women’s Fellowship – grant	Noted
6	Sefton Council – CCTV maintenance contract	Noted that the contract would not be released
7	Sefton Council regarding tree felling in Spencers Lane	Noted that the trees were not protected
8	United Utilities regarding charges	Noted
9	Sefton Council regarding school crossing patrols – Ormskirk Road	Noted that Sefton Council was having difficulty attracting staff and the crossing ratio/need was low
10	Sefton Council regarding closure of planning surgeries in Maghull and Formby	Noted
11	Sefton Council regarding sweeping of footpath between Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue	Noted; this footpath and the footpath between Shrewsbury Avenue/Altway be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

4757 General matters

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

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	Details	Decision
1	Parish Council's telephone bill	Noted that BT had been requested to explain recent charges in writing
2	History Group	Noted that a quotation had been obtained for block paving around the group's Ain Tree commemorate stone in Aintree Library's grounds; agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting
3	Press relations	Agreed that press relations be a standing agenda item and the appointment of the Parish Council's press officers be considered at each AGM
4	Outcome of meeting regarding Double Rating	The Clerk reported that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sefton Council's 2008/2009 double rating grant of £13,456-91 had now been received, significantly more than the 2007/2008 grant 2) the claim for the 2009/2010 grant would be submitted on 1 April 2009 without waiting for the audited accounts 3) Councillor Robertson was hopeful that Sefton Council would increase the rate paid per acre with a further possible contribution towards capital projects 4) Sefton Council had recently received government funding to provide play equipment for the 8/13 age range and as the funding had to be spent quickly, it had been spent in Sefton Council's parks; however, it was possible that further funding was likely in which case Parish Councils with parks would benefit
5	Web site; in November 2008: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 78 people accessed the web site; 60 from the UK, 2 from the USA, 1 from Germany and 15 unknown 2) they visited the site 83 times and viewed 839 pages 	Noted

4758 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

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

4759 Planning matters

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	Application Number	Details
1	0927	Application for canopy in rear service yard – 5/10 Molyneux Way
2	0929	Retrospective advertisement consent – unit 5A Racecourse Retail Park

3	0846	Ref & grant – advertisement consent 6/10 Molyneux Way
4	0748	Approval for air conditioning unit – PC World
5	0906	Application for solar panels – 3 Broomsgrove

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6	0899	Application for advertisement – unit 1A Racecourse Retail Park
7	0900	Application for variation of condition 3 – unit 9 Topham Drive
8	0770	Approval for conservatory – 89 Aintree Lane
9	0421	Withdrawal – unit 5A re condition 8

4760 Chairman's communications

The Chairman did not have any communications to report.

4761 Any Other Business

Items for the next meeting:

- i) report from the Altside Business Village Partnership
- ii) report from the Aintree Youth Club Management Committee
- iii) mirror in the disabled toilet.

4762 Dates of next meetings

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

- 12 January 2009
- 26 January 2009
- 9 February 2009
- 23 February 2009
- 9 March 2008 2009
- 23 March 2008 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 8.15pm

Minutes 4749 to 4762 received as a correct record on 12 January 2009

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Chairman