

## Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 March 2009 at 7.00pm  
the following Parish Councillors were present:

G Downey (Chairman)

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

### **4829 Declarations of interest**

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have; Councillor Mitchell declared her interest in the payment for cheque number 5134.

### **4830 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Carlton and M Varney.

### **4831 Resignation of the Vice Chairman**

The Parish Council

- 1) received with regret Councillor Baldwin's resignation as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council
- 2) appreciated his reasons for resigning and placed on record its sincere appreciations and thanks to him for his services as Vice Chairman during 2008/2009
- 3) agreed not to make an appointment to the vacancy due to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

### **4832 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2009**

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

### **4833 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	Traffic issues at the Manhattan public house/B & Q junction with Ormskirk Road	Agreed that a site meeting be requested to discuss this junction and the Parish Council's request for the extension of the keep clear area at the junction of Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue, such meeting to take place as late as possible on a Friday afternoon.
2	Councillor Payne's report on CPRE meeting	Noted and all Parish Councillors urged to attend the Sefton Core Strategy consultation event on 11 June 2009 relating to the Sefton East Parishes' element of the strategy.

### **4834 Clerk's action**

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

	Details
1	Reported the poor condition of Aintree Lane from its junction with Ormskirk Road to St Giles Church
2	Reported litter at Old Roan Station, including in the fenced former ticket office area
3	Reported sunken grid in Heysham Road
4	Reported poor condition of traffic humps
5	Sent the Parish Council's apologies for Sefton Rights of Way meeting on 12 March 2009

6	Reported illegal advertising along Ormskirk Road
7	Wrote to Sefton Council regarding the Parish Council's request to enlarge the keep clear junction, Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue

#### **4835 Park and safety issues**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Minutes of the Park Committee held on 5 March 2009	Minutes noted and further noted that the next meeting would be held on 16 April 2009.  Agreed that 1) cricket could take place in the confines of the hard play area 2) quotations be obtained for a gate to replace the bollards by the Assembly Room, subject to the gate complying with Disability Discrimination regulations.
2	Quotations for the improvement of the park's facilities: Yates Playgrounds i) five tri-tables: £1,020 each * ii) two bench seats with arms: £455 each * iii) major improvements to the hard play area: £31,800 * iv) rebound wall: £,3580 * v) coloured top around the court perimeter: £1,970 * vi) removal of top steel railings and extension of fencing at £4,640 *  Safe and Sound Various at a total cost of £55,000  VAT not included	Agreed that 1) the lowest tender submitted by Yates Playgrounds in the sum of £48,000 * be accepted 2) the company be informed that the work must be completed by 1 July 2009.
3	Park Committee: fitting of a gate by the Assembly Room to replace the bollards	Agreed subject to DDA considerations and further agreed that £2,000 be included in the budget for 2009/2010.
4	Park Committee: rotovator quotes for soak away and nursery bed	Agreed that a rotovator be hired and a <i>provisional sum of £150 be included in the budget for 2009/2010.</i>
5	Aintree Harrow Bowling Club: three applications to use the bowling green for the 2009 summer season	Agreed that the three applications be approved.
6	Brian Buckley: boiler and other signed compliance certificates	Receipt of legally required documentation noted.

\* Councillor Forrest requested that his vote against these elements be recorded in the minutes

#### **4836 Financial matters**

The Parish Council

- 1) agreed 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	Netsolva	Website	45.00	DD
2	United Utilities	Water charges November 2008/February 2009	77.74	5125
3	ICS	Cleaning materials	66.33	5126
4	ASDA	Fuel – February 2009	17.43	DD
5	HMR&C	Tax/NI March 2009	1,182.39	5127 *
6	NatWest Autopay	Wages 6 March 2009	3,929.18	DD
7	Kirkby Skips	Skip hire 25 February 2009	138.00	5128
8	Viking Direct	Cash book/paper	36.51	5129
9	Brian Buckley	Boiler maintenance and certificates	933.80	5130
10	R G Harris	Re-issue to replace lost cheque 5123 (now cancelled)	11.60	5131
11	R G Harris	Replacement computer mouse (£14.50) and balance for transport to Charity Dinner (£128)	142.50	5132
12	A Harrold	Mileage claim for locking park from January 2009 to present	187.84	5133
13	C Mitchell	Deposit for transport/cleaning materials	21.73	5134
14	NatWest	Monthly charges	13.05	DD
15	Handscon	Quarterly health and safety monitoring review	274.00	5135
16	Public Works Loan Board	Half yearly loan repayment	7,099.26	DD
17	HMR&C	Tax/NI March 2009	1,250.43	5136

*\* Cheque subsequently cancelled and replaced by cheque number 5136 due to salary and wage increases approved in minute number 4838*

*Having earlier declared her interest in the payment for cheque number 5134, Councillor Mitchell took no part in the discussion or decision for that payment*

- 2) approved the expenditure and income budgets for 2009/2010 as annexed to these minutes on pages 2940 and 2941
- 3) approved the increase of the Head Groundsperson's petty cash limit from £40 to £100 due to the change to monthly meetings
- 4) approved the following orders for goods and services:

Supplier	Item	Estimated cost £
Hulme Groundcare	Pitch renovations	2,500
Turner Groundcare	Backpack blower	331
	Jet wash	139
Aitkens	Bowling green: Fertiliser	100
	Chemical	80
	Seed	120
CAS	200 kg seed	500

### **4837 Correspondence**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Sefton Council: Aintree Lane repairs	Noted that some repairs would be carried out.
2	Sefton Council: sunken grid in Heysham Road	Noted that repair would be carries out.
3	Sefton Council: repair of speed humps	Noted that an inspection would take place.
4	Sefton Council: non-inclusion of Ormskirk Road, Haileybury Avenue, Broomsgrove, Altway and Oriel Drive in the 2009/2010 highway maintenance programme	Noted but pressure be kept on to have these roads included and Councillor Baldwin be requested to raise at the next Area Committee meeting.
5	Sefton Council: remarking of keep clear junction, Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue	Noted that remarking would be carried out by the end of March 2009.
6	Sefton Council: survey of planning enforcement services	Noted.
7	Sefton Council: refusal to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss Melling Road accident statistics	Noted and further noted that Sefton Council would keep the safety of the road under review.
8	Sefton Council: refusal to attend a weekend site meeting to discuss enlarging the keep clear junction at the Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue junction and further allied correspondence	Noted and also dealt with under 4833 (1) above.
9	Sefton Council: potholes in Bradfield Avenue to be repaired	Noted.
10	Liverpool City Council: World Heritage Site supplementary planning document	Noted.
11	Merseyrail/Merseytravel re litter at Old Roan Station	Noted that action would be taken.

### **4838 Conclusion of the Local Government Pay Settlement for 2008/2009**

Minute deemed confidential and not for publication.

### **4839 General matters**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Outcome of further footpath around the racecourse site meeting	Councillor Carlton's report noted; Councillor Carlton requested to keep the Parish Council informed on the footpath's condition, though it was noted that were nothing definitive in the lease against which any work or upkeep could be assessed.  Agreed that due to there being different local authorities along Melling Road, no contact be made with the Melling Road Residents' Association in respect of road safety issues along Melling Road but pressure would be kept on Sefton Council.
2	Proposed canal tow path community clean up, 26/29 March 2009	Noted.

**4840 Vacancies for three Parish Councillors**

The Parish Council agreed that

- 1) Mr Malachy Carroll of 141 Oriel Drive, Aintree Village be co-opted to membership of the Parish Council for a term of office ending on the appointed day for Parish Council elections in 2011
- 2) Mr Russell Barber be sent the papers for the next meeting with an invitation to observe the meeting.

**4841 Planning matters**

The Parish Council considered and noted

- 1) letter from Knowsley Council regarding a planning application for the creation of a sports and nature park etc on the Fazakerley Playing Fields, Longmoor Lane, Liverpool L10 1LF
- 2) the following planning applications:

	Application number	Details
1	0119	Retrospective application for conservatory – 3 Exeter Close
2	0147	Application for extension – 80 Aintree Lane
3	0096	Application for extension – 64 Shrewsbury Avenue

**4842 Chairman’s communications**

The Chairman reported that with Councillors Duggan, Forrest and Mitchell and the Clerk, he had attended the Mayor’s Charity Dinner on 13 March 2009.

**4843 Any other business**

Items for the next meeting:

- 1. Progress of the updating of NALC’s model Standing Orders
- 2. Rattling grid in Ormskirk Road by its junction with Copy Lane
- 3. Ormskirk Road litter problem
- 4. Cleanliness of footpaths in the Parish
- 5. Painting of the third bridge over Aintree Lane near Wango Lane
- 6. Clerk’s report regarding corporate responsibility of the Parish Council and the recording of votes against a proposal

**4844 Press relations**

No issues were raised but the Clerk was authorised to publicise the Annual Parish Meeting in the press.

**4845 Dates of next meetings**

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

- 27 April 2009 Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by a Parish Council meeting
- 11 May 2009 Annual General Meeting
- 22 June 2009
- 27 July 2009
- 24 August 2009
- 28 September 2009
- 26 October 2009
- 23 November 2009
- 14 December 2009

The meeting closed at 9.20pm  
Minutes 4829 to 4845 received as a correct record on 27 April 2009

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Chairman

## Aintree Village Parish Council; Budget for 2009/2010

## Expenditure

	<b>Budget head</b>		<b>Budget allocation £</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>ALTSIDE BUSINESS VILLAGE *</b>		<b>2,500</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>BANK CHARGES</b>		<b>500</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>59,560</b>
	Verge works in Oriel Drive	2,500	
	Additional facilities in the park to be provided by Yates Playgrounds *	48,000	
	Erection of a sports wall *	2,080	
	Laying of paving *	4,980	
	Gate	2,000	
<b>4</b>	<b>LOAN</b>		<b>14,200</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>MILEAGE</b>		<b>500</b>
	Parish Councillors		
	Head Groundsman		
	Clerk/RFO		
<b>6</b>	<b>SUNDRY EXPENSES</b>		<b>15,400</b>
	Audit services; internal/external	1,000	
	Chair's allowance	500	
	Charity Dinner tickets/travel	500	
	Civic Service expenses	900	
	Conference/training fees	1,200	
	Insurance	9,300	
	Membership fees	850	
	Refreshments	300	
	Postage/stationery	250	
	Website	600	
<b>7</b>	<b>GENERAL PARK EXPENSES</b>		<b>7,020</b>
	Alarm maintenance	500	
	Boiler maintenance	820	
	Cleaning materials	200	
	Health & Safety, fire and play equipment reports	1,500	
	Sefton Security	700	

	Professional fees	300	
	Taxis	500	
	Repairs/materials	2,500	
<b>8</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE EXPENSES PARK</b>		<b>10,000</b>
	Fertiliser/seed	2,650	
	Hedge/tree cutting	500	
	Fuel for park machinery	400	
	Equipment repairs/servicing	800	
	Litter bins	500	
	Work wear	500	
	Skip hire	1,500	
	Play equipment repairs	500	
	Equipment hire	150	
	Equipment purchase	470	
	Pitch renovation	2,500	
<b>9</b>	<b>SECTION 137 DONATIONS</b>		<b>1,000</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>		<b>3,000</b>
	Gas/electric/telephone/water		
<b>11</b>	<b>SALARIES/WAGES/NI</b>		<b>68,000</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£181,680</b>

#### Income

		AMOUNT £	
<b>12</b>	Bank interest	<b>200</b>	
<b>13</b>	Bowls	<b>400</b>	
<b>14</b>	Donations	<b>20</b>	
<b>15</b>	Football	<b>600</b>	
<b>16</b>	Sefton Council Double Rating	<b>13,450</b>	
<b>17</b>	Precept	<b>125,000</b>	
<b>18</b>	VAT collected from receipts	-	
<b>19</b>	VAT refunded	-	
<b>20</b>	Area Committee contribution	<b>3,860</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£143,430</b>	

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