

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 September 2008 at 7.00pm
the following Parish Councillors were present:

G Downey (Chairman)
M Duggan, F Forrest, L Green, J Harkins, C Mitchell and M Varney

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Chairman formally informed Parish Councillors of the passing of former Parish Councillor Jack Rooney following which Parish Councillors and officers stood in silence for one minute as a token of their respect.

4659 Declarations of interest

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have; Councillors Mitchell and Varney declared their respective interests in planning application 0578 under agenda item 4670 as near neighbours and Councillor Harkins declared her interest in the payment for cheque number 5045 under agenda item 4671.

4660 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Baldwin and G Payne.

4661 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2008

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

4662 Outstanding items from the last meeting

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

Details	Decision
The New "Ain Tree" – plaque and wording	Draft wording for proposed plaque noted and to be further reviewed at the next meeting; Clerk to enquire if parts of the original Ain Tree are available.

4663 Clerk's action

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

	Details
1	Approved hiring of scaffolding to replace damaged grill on changing rooms - £150 plus VAT
2	Refused request for two football matches before 1 September 2008
3	Agreed football match on 31 August 2008 – Over The Hill Mob
4	Wrote to Sefton Council – illegal advertising signs Ormskirk Road
5	Wrote to Salsa Kingdom and Boots – illegal advertising signs Ormskirk Road

4664 LALC Conference, Chorley, 3/5 October 2008

The Parish Council agreed no further representation at the conference other than Councillors Downey, Harkins and Payne agreed at the last meeting.

4665 2008 Civic Award

The Parish Council noted that no nominations had yet been received.

4666 Park and Safety Issues

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Park Manager's report	Agreed that no formal reports be submitted to the Parish Council as reports would be made to the Park Committee.
2	Member of the public locked in the park – Saturday 16 August 2008	Referred to the Park Committee for consideration if warranted.
3	Football match – Sunday 17 August 2008	Referred to the Park Committee for consideration if warranted.
4	Use of public toilets	Due to persistent vandalism, previous decision to lock the public toilets re-affirmed.
5	Bowling green not open for match – Friday 29 August 2008	Referred to the Park Committee for consideration if warranted.

4667 Correspondence

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Councillor J Rooney – resignation from the Parish Council	Councillor Rooney's resignation received before he had passed away noted; further noted that no election petition had been received so there were now two vacancies on the Parish Council.
2	Sefton Council – repairs to Ormskirk Road and Aintree Lane	Noted repairs would be carried out.
3	NALC – alternative names and styles for parish councils	To be considered at the meeting following the LALC Conference.
4	LALC – planning training event – 29 October 2008	Noted.
5	DEFRA – appointments to The Commission for Rural Communities	Noted that the appointments would be publicly advertised in due course.
6	Great Eccleston Parish Council – Parish Clerk vacancy	Noted.
7	Children with Leukaemia – request for funding	Noted.
8	Merseyside Fire Support Network – SPARC event	Thank you letter noted.
9	Councillor A Robertson – Park Ranger scheme	Councillors Harkins and Mitchell and the Clerk requested to represent the Parish Council in discussions with Maghull Town Council and Lydiate Parish Council.
10	Councillor A Robertson – double rating	Noted that proposals were being discussed which might increase the double rating to a more reasonable figure and which might include capital expenditure.
11	Sefton Council – verge replacement in Oriel Drive	Noted that the scheme would be closely monitored in accordance with approved specification and no further expenditure would fall on the Parish Council.
12	Northwest Forestry Framework Forum, Preston – 6 October 2008	Noted.
13	Sefton Council – draft green space strategy	Noted that the Clerk had sent details of the park.
14	Sefton Council – Haileybury Avenue	Noted that no defects had been found.
15	Sefton Council – tactile surface in Wango Lane	Noted tactile surface would be replaced.

16	LALC – accounts for 2007/2008	Noted.
17	LALC – Certificate in Local Council Administration	Noted.
18	LALC – national minimum wage increase	Noted.
19	Sefton Council – Village Inn tables	Noted that the tables and chairs outside the premises did not conflict with the refused planning permission, nor did they require planning permission.
20	Sefton Area Partnership of Local Councils – meeting on 30 September 2008	Noted.
21	Merseytravel – meeting of TravelSafe Board – 4 September 2008 and subsequent cancellation of the meeting	Noted.
22	Sefton Council – Bargain Booze licence application	Noted that the Parish Council's objection based on the proposed long hours had been submitted and accepted; agreed that Councillor Baldwin be requested to represent the Parish Council at the Licensing Sub Committee hearing to be held on 23 September 2008.

4668 General matters

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Water rates and other charges (Chairman)	Clerk to write to United Utilities seeking reasons as to why there was a need to charge separately for surface water and highway drainage and the rationale behind the charges.
2	Subscription to the Sefton Partnership of Local Councils (Chairman)	Noted that the subscription would very likely increase due to partnership's increased activity and number of meetings.
3	Ormskirk Road – overhanging trees (Chairman)	Clerk to write to Network Rail requesting that the overhanging trees be cut.
4	Web site update (Councillor Mitchell)	Noted that the web site was now working well, though its actual use could not be gauged as a visitor counter was not part of the contracted software and was not cost effective; however, the Clerk would seek clarification.
5	Buses parking by private houses – Aintree Station (Councillor Mitchell)	Clerk to write to Stagecoach and HTL buses seeking explanations as to why they are parking by private houses contrary to an agreement on the use of the car park; copy to be sent to Merseytravel.
6	Review of model agenda in relation to any other business (Clerk)	Any Other Business to be put on future agendas though no action could be taken on issues raised but items could be recorded for the next meeting; agreed that financial matters be placed higher on the agenda after park matters.
7	Annual review of free tennis and golf (Clerk)	Free tennis and golf to continue and reviewed at the comparable meeting in 2009.

4669 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

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

4670 Planning matters

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Details</u>
1	0424	Approval for extension – Mill Farm
2	0438	Approval for gable end and extension – 40 Lancing Drive
3	0545	Application for erection of a new entrance porch at the front and the layout of car parking spaces and associated landscaping – Holy Rosary Primary School
4	0556	Application for advertisement consent – PC World
5	0575	Application for air conditioning plant – Boots 7 Racecourse Retail Park
6	0582	Application for three trolley bays – unit 4 Racecourse Retail Park – Marks and Spencer
7	0583	Application for advertisement consent – unit 4 Racecourse Retail Park – Marks and Spencer
8	0578	Application for extension – 9 Repton Grove
9	0429	Approval for extension – 11 Davenhill Park
10	0469	Approval for garage – 27 Greenside Avenue
11	0629	Application for extension – 1 Greenside Avenue
12	0493	Approval for extension – 55 Altway
13	0502	Approval for garage and extension – 23 Bull Bridge Lane
14	0556	Approval for advertisement consent – PC World

Having earlier declared their respective interests in application 0578 as near neighbours, Councillors Mitchell and Varney took no part in the discussion or decision of that application

4671 Financial matters

The Parish Council agreed that

- 1) an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to enable the Parish Council to discuss mileage rates currently payable
- 2) the Head Groundsperson must sign invoices relating to the park before submission to the Parish Council
- 3) 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, subject to item 13 being deferred to the next meeting pending a report by the Clerk on mileage rates:

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount £-p</u>	<u>Cheque no.</u>
1	NatWest Autopay	Payroll 6 September 2008	4,214.16	D/D
2	HMR & C	Tax/NI September 2008	1,385.96	5032
3	Kirkby Skips Ltd	Skip Hire 15 August 2008	141.00	5033
4	Netsolva	Website upkeep	45.00	D/D
5	Cheque cancelled	Cheque cancelled	-	5034
6	United Utilities	Water charges May/August 2008	76.79	5035
7	Chemical/Agricultural Services	Berthroyd Knapsack	99.87	5036
8	Tubular Access Services	Scaffolding tower	176.25	5037
9	R G Harris	Stamps/stationery	3.84	5038
10	K Ellis	Stamps/stationery	17.95	5039
11	Ormskirk Oils	Gas oil	156.45	5040
12	Aitkens	Dedicate 250ml	182.13	5041
13	R Atherton	Mileage	206.62	5042

14	R G Harris	Cartridge for laser printer	49.99	5043
15	Petty cash	Petty cash	68.42	5044
16	J Harkins	Card and gift for the Clerk	21.00	5045

Having earlier declared her interest in the payment for cheque 5045, Councillor Harkins took no part in the discussion or decision for that payment

4) considered and noted the following budget monitoring report for July 2008:

Budget head	2008/2009 budget £	Four months budget £	4 months expenditure £
1. Wages	70,000	23,333	20,321
2. Heat, light & telephone	2,500	833	898
3. Water	2,000	667	59
4. Repairs & renewals *	10,000	3,333	9,030
5. Bank charges	500	167	96
6. Loan repayments	14,200	4,733	0
7. Sundries	15,000	5,000	1,312
8. Purchases	20,000	6,666	13,403
9. Mileage	500	167	69
10. Section 137	2,000	667	2,950
11. Altside Business Village membership	2,500	833	2,500
Totals	£139,200	£46,400	£50,638

4672 Chairman's communications

The Chairman did not have any communications to report.

4673 Dates of next meetings

To note the following meetings, all to commence at 7.00pm:

22 September 2008
 13 October 2008
 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 followed by a Parish Council meeting
 27 April 2009
 11 May 2009 Annual General Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Minutes 4659 to 4673 received as a correct record on 22 September 2008

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 Chairman