

### **Aintree Village Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 February 2010 at 7.00pm  
the following Parish Councillors were present:

Councillor C Mitchell (Chairman)  
T J Baldwin, G Downey, M Duggan, F Forrest, L Green, G Payne and G Povey

#### **5015 Declarations of interest**

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have; Councillor Povey declared his interest in the payment for cheque number 5282.

#### **5016 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Carroll.

#### **5017 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2010**

Subject to minor amendments, the Parish Council agreed that the minutes be received as a correct record and the Chairman be authorised to sign them.

#### **5018 Park and safety issues**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Assembly Room damage	Noted that the test for asbestos was negative, the refurbishment contractors would soon be on site and it was possible that the changing rooms would be back in use for the weekend, though the drying would take some time to complete.  Agreed that the opportunity should be taken to upgrade the meeting room table and chairs to a more modern and conducive style and that there was no need to replace all the cupboards, thus releasing more space for larger meetings.
2	Playbuilder grant	Noted that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the original plans had proved too basic</li> <li>2) another play equipment supplier had been approached, though the original supplier would be invited to submit detailed plans</li> <li>3) a consultative questionnaire would be distributed to the target group of 8-13 through such organisations as football teams, youth clubs and scouts.</li> </ol>

#### **5019 Financial matters**

The Parish Council agreed that

- 1) the wording of line 1 of the 2010/11 budget approved under minute 5004 (3) be amended from 'Altside Business Village' to 'Altside Business Village; section 137 grant'
- 2) 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	NatWest	Wages 6 February 2010	4,111.95	DD
2	HMR&C	Tax/NI February 2010	1,162.61	5280
3	Netsolva	Monthly website maintenance	45.00	SO
4	Natwest	Autopay charges	5.50	DD
5	Cottrell	VAT element missed from invoice 55835 part paid at the last meeting	110.51	5281
6	G Povey	Mileage	27.65	5282
7	R G Harris	Refreshments for last Parish Council meeting (£15), insurance excess for the Parish Council's insurance claim (£250), copy paper (£15.29) and stamps (£0.69)	280.98	5283

*Having earlier declared his interest in the payment of cheque 5282, Councillor Povey took no part in the discussion or decision for that payment*

- 3) considered and noted the following budget statement for January 2010; in doing so, the Parish Council noted that the effective balance was £96,580 due to provision being made for the committed section 137 grant of £3,600 and that the effective balance would reduce further to £66,046 should the Parish Council spend exactly the remaining expenditure balance of £30,534; further that pence figures did not appear for ease of reading so totals would not necessarily balance:

#### **Expenditure**

<u>Budget head</u>	2009/10 budget £	Ten months' expenditure £	Balance £
1. Altside Business Village	2,500	2,500	0
2. Bank charges	500	277	223
3. Capital expenditure	59,560	55,975	3,585
4. Loan repayments	14,200	7,099	7,101
5. Mileage	500	386	114
6. Sundry expenses	15,400	12,118	3,282
7. General park expenses	7,020	4,026	2,994
8. Maintenance expenses park	10,000	9,080	920
9. Section 137 grants	1,000	725	275
10. Utilities	3,000	2,657	343
11. Salaries/wages	68,000	56,303	11,697
Totals	£181,680	151,146	30,534

**Income**

	2009/10 income £	Ten months' income £	Balance £
12. Bank interest	200	0	-200
13. Bowls	400	522	+122
14. Donations/refunds	20	40	+20
15. Football	600	870	+270
16. Sefton Council double rating	13,450	16,774	+3,324
17. Precept	125,000	125,000	0
18. VAT collected from receipts	-	293	+293
19. VAT refunded	-	8,354	+8,354
20. Area Committee contribution and sundry receipts	3,860	4,458	+598
Totals	£143,530	£156,311	+£1,2781

After taking account of un-presented cheques of £2,954, the Parish Council had cash in hand at 31 January 2010 of £100,180 as follows:

- £19,269 – current account
- £92,074 – capital reserve account
- £100 – petty cash

**5020 Risk Management Plan**

After making one amendment, the Parish Council agreed the plan as annexed to these minutes on pages 3006 to 3008 (inclusive)

**5021 Asset and Investment Register**

The Parish Council carried out its annual review of its Asset and Investment Register and agreed the register as annexed to these minutes on page 3009.

**5022 Correspondence**

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Aintree Racecourse Company; request to close the footpath around the racecourse from midnight on Monday 5 April 2010 until midnight on Monday 12 April 2010	Agreed
2	LALC; Buckingham Palace Garden Party, 20 July 2010	Agreed that Councillor Baldwin be nominated
3	LALC; 2010 Best Kept Village Competition	Agreed to place on the agenda for the next meeting
4	LALC; Morecambe Bay Walk, 5/6 June 2010	Noted
5	NALC; 2010 Leadership Academies; 29 March/1 April 2010, 13/16 July 2010 and 16/19 November 2010,	Noted

6	Society of Local Council Clerks; Regional Conference, 11 March 2010	Agreed that Councillor Baldwin be requested to attend and that travelling and subsistence allowances be paid in accordance with the Parish Council's scheme in connection with attendance at this conference
7	LALC; model standing orders	Agreed that the model standing orders <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) be copied to Parish Councillors with the options suggested by Councillors Baldwin and Payne</li> <li>2) be considered at the next meeting</li> </ol>
8	NSPCC; helpline awareness campaign	Noted
9	Liverpool City Council; local development framework	Noted
10	Councillor A Robertson; rebuild of Aintree Davenhill School	Noted that the contract had been awarded to local company Lockwoods
11	Councillor A Robertson; flooding Aintree Lane and School Lane	Noted that work now in progress should solve the problems

### **5023 General matters**

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Salary and wages review 2010	Noted that the National Employers had informed the local government trade unions that they were unable to offer any increase in pay for 2010/11, this being in response to the unions' claim for 2.5% or £500 a year whichever was the greater
2	Mayor's Charity Dinner	Noted that those who attended would be making their own payment arrangements and that accordingly, minutes 4997 (1) and 5004 (1) – 14 and 26 and 18 insofar as the payment to Liverpool One is concerned be rescinded
3	Web site; in January 2010: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 245 people accessed the web site; 143 from the UK, 33 from the USA, 3 from Australia, 2 from Switzerland, 1 from Bulgaria, 1 from Ireland, 1 from Germany with 61 unknown</li> <li>2) they visited the site 269 times and viewed 1,715 pages</li> </ol>	Noted

### **5024 Parish Plan**

The Parish Council noted that the sub group would be meeting again shortly.

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#### **5025 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors**

No nominations were made.

#### **5026 Planning matters**

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Details</u>
1	S/2009/1168	9A Altway; approval to change of use from bakery to A3 restaurant to be used as an extension to the existing restaurant at 9 Altway
2	S/2010/0025	2 Lincoln Drive; application for a two storey extension to the side after demolition of the existing extensions together with a single storey extension to the front of the house incorporating a porch
3	S/2010/0062	Land adjacent McDonald's, Racecourse Retail Park; advertisement consent for the display of four internally illuminated fascia signs, one to each elevation together with two awnings to the front and one to the side of the premise
4	S/2010/0009	Unit 5 Topham Drive, Racecourse Retail Park; approval for extension of planning permission for the replacement of the existing unit frontage pursuant to planning application S/2006/1164 granted 13 February 2007
5	S/2010/0104	Holy Rosary School; application for the erection of two metre high fence and gates at the front of the school
6	S/2010/0091	Unit 2, Racecourse Retail Park; application for alterations to elevations involving the layout of a car park area to the rear of the premises
7	S/2010/0128	Land adjacent McDonald's, Racecourse Retail Park; advertisement consent for the display of one free standing internally illuminated totem pole advertisement to the rear of the premises
8	S/2010/0129	Land adjacent McDonald's, Racecourse Retail Park; advertisement consent for the display of one internally illuminated totem pole advertisement to the rear of the premises

#### **5027 Chairman's communications**

The Chairman asked those who attended the Charity Dinner to comment on the evening following which mixed views were expressed. It was generally accepted that the event should be supported.

#### **5028 Any other business**

The following items were discussed:

1. Leaning tree in Altway now removed
2. Signage in Oundle Drive
3. Damaged notices on main green off Altway
4. Rubbish in car park by Handcock's Bridge
5. Police manning; agenda item for the next meeting
6. Condition of Haileybury Avenue
7. Cleanliness of Old Roan Station and former ticket office area
8. Bowling green fees
9. Assessment of Parish Council funded Christmas lights

#### **5029 Press relations**

No issues were raised.

**5030 Dates of next meetings**

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

- 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 8.45pm

Minutes 5015 to 5030 received as a correct record on 29 March 2010

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Chairman