

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 23 February 2009 at 7.00pm
the following Parish Councillors were present:

G Downey (Chairman)
T Baldwin, P Carlton, M Duggan, F Forrest, L Green, C Mitchell and G Payne

4813 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 5119.

4814 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Varney.

4815 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2009

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

4816 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	Keep clear zone at the junction of Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue	Agreed that Sefton Council officers be invited to a site meeting at 1.00pm on any Saturday on or after 7 March 2009 and that Councillors Downey, Green, Mitchell and Payne be requested to represent the Parish Council
2	Footpath around the racecourse and letter received from a Liverpool resident concerning the condition of the footpath	Agreed that a further site be held and that Councillors Carlton and Payne be requested to represent the Parish Council and to take the contents of the letter into consideration at the meeting

4817 Clerk's action

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

	Details
1	Reported illegal advertising on Ormskirk Road
2	Added Ormskirk Road around the shops to the list of places requiring a higher priority in the 2009/2010 highway maintenance schedule
3	Wrote to Tesco concerning route taken by delivery vehicles

4818 Park and safety issues

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

	Details	Decision
1	Minutes of the Park Committee of 18 February 2009	Noted that Yates Playgrounds had been invited to submit various redevelopment proposals for the Parish Council's consideration, hopefully at the next meeting

2	Atholl Crescent resident: hedge cutting/ownership issue	Noted that Cr Mitchell, the Clerk and Mr Atherton had reached an amicable and satisfactory conclusion regarding the hedge cutting/ownership issue
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4819 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	C Mitchell	MAPTC refreshments	6.49	5119
3	Euphony	January 2009 calls	5.87	DD
4	Ink Xpress	Minolta cartridge for photocopier	110.40	5120
5	Kirkby Skips	Skip Hire 5 February 2009	138.00	5121
6	NatWest	Bank charges	18.77	DD
7	ASDA	Fuel January 2009	20.77	DD
8	Cheque cancelled	Cheque cancelled	-	5122
9	R G Harris	Photocopying paper and postage	11.60	5123
10	Turner Groundscare	Purchase of used John Deere wide area mower at £14,000 plus VAT less trade in of used Iseki 325 tractor at £3,500 plus VAT; net figure of £10,500 plus VAT of £1,575 i.e. gross figure of £12,075	12,075.00	5124

Having earlier declared her interest in the payment for cheque number 5119, Councillor Mitchell took no part in the discussion or decision for that payment

- 2) noted the following budget monitoring report for January 2009:

<u>Budget head</u>	2008/2009 budget £	Ten monthly budget £	10 months expenditure £
1. Wages	70,000	58,333	53,654
2. Heat, light & telephone	2,500	2,083	1,601
3. Water	2,000	1,667	735
4. Repairs & renewals *	10,000	8,333	14,268
5. Bank charges	500	417	243
6. Loan repayments	14,200	11,833	7,099
7. Sundries	15,000	12,500	6,991
8. Purchases	20,000	16,667	14,698
9. Mileage	500	417	473
10. Section 137	2,000	1,667	700
11. Altside Business Village membership	2,500	2,083	2,500
Capital	0	0	2,500
Totals	£139,200	£116,000	£105,462

- 3) agreed that Councillors Mitchell and Payne, the Clerk and RFO be requested to discuss proposed expenditure and income budgets for 2009/2010 and to make recommendations thereon to the next meeting
- 4) the bowling green club use charge be £20 per game for the 2009 summer season.

4820 Correspondence

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

	Details	Decision
1	Mrs B Gill; resignation	Agreed that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Clerk be requested to devise a cleaning job description to include all areas of Assembly Room and the toilets and sinks in the changing rooms 2) the position be offered to Mrs Benton at a rate of £6-82 for two hours per week.
2	LALC; Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2009	Noted.
3	LALC; Chairmanship Workshop on 4 March 2009	Noted.
4	LALC; Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2009	Councillor Duggan to be nominated.
5	LALC; Wickes' application for heavy goods vehicle operating licence	Clerk requested to investigate implications.
6	Liverpool resident; footpath across the racecourse	Dealt with under 4816 (2) above.
7	Sefton Council; Sefton Core Strategy	Noted but Parish Councillors were urged to attend the road shows.

4821 General matters

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

	Details	Decision
1	Signs on the highway for the driving range in Aintree Lane near to junction with Melling Road	Sefton Council to be asked if permission has been given for the signs.

4822 Vacancies for three Parish Councillors

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

4823 Planning matters

The Parish Council noted that no planning notifications had been received since the last meeting.

4824 Chairman's communications

The Chairman had nothing to report.

4825 Any other business

Items for the next meeting:

Condition of Aintree Lane from St Giles to junction with Ormskirk Road

Rubbish at Old Roan Station

Heysham Road – badly sunken grid

Worn traffic humps around the Parish

4826 Press relations

No issues were raised.

4827 Dates of next meetings

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

16 March 2009

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

Due to the confidential nature of the following business and although there were none present, the Parish Council formally requested the press and public to leave the meeting

4828 Minute deemed confidential and not for publication.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Minutes 4813 to 4828 received as a correct record on 16 March 2009

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Chairman