

## Aintree Village Parish Council

At a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 23 June 2008 at 7.00pm  
the following Parish Councillors were present:-

G Downey (Chairman)  
M Duggan, F Forrest, J Harkins, C Mitchell and G Payne

Apologies for absence were received from  
Councillors T Baldwin, P Carlton, L Green, J Rooney and M Varney

*Prior to the commencement of the formal business, Councillor Harkins reported that the Parish Council's RFO Mrs Karen Ellis had recently undergone an operation and was making good progress. The Parish Council agreed that its best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to Mrs Ellis.*

### **4610 Minutes – 9 June 2008**

Subject to minute 4601 being amended from “agreed that the rate for returning to the park to lock up be increased to 1.5 times hourly rate” to “agreed that the rate for returning to the park to lock up be increased to 1.5 times hourly rate and that employees could claim mileage for this duty”, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2008 were received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4611 Section 137 Grant – Davenhill United**

The Parish Council 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: £200 grant to Davenhill United.

*Councillor Mitchell declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or decision.*

### **4612 Financial Matters**

The Parish Council

- 1) approved the following invoices for payment:

Payee	Details	Amount £-p	Cheque no.
Kirkby Skips	Skip hire	141-00	4998
United Utilities	Water charges	59-27	4999
R G Harris	Web domain transfer fee/stamps and stationery	14-90	5000
Turner's Lawn Mowers	Mower service	138-59	5001
Davenhill United	Section 137 grant	200-00	5002
R Atherton	Petty cash	87-67	5003
T Walker	Foundation work for bollards	520-00	5004
R Atherton	Mileage	27-00	5005

- 2) agreed that the above payments were lawfully payable under the General Powers of the Parish Council and Open Space legislation

### **4613 Review of Cheque Signatories and Other Banking Arrangements**

The Parish Council agreed that

- 1) existing cheque signatories Councillors Godfrey Downey and Joan Harkins be formally confirmed as cheque signatories
- 2) Councillors James Terence Baldwin and Frederick Thomas Forrest be approved as new cheque signatories and the necessary arrangements be made with the Parish Council's bankers
- 3) the Clerk, Mr Richard Glyn Harris, be appointed as a cheque signatory but only for occasions when the RFO assures him that that a second Parish Councillor is not available and that it is essential to the Parish Council's operations that a cheque is signed; again, the necessary arrangements be made with the Parish Council's bankers

- 4) cheques must be signed by any two of the signatories detailed in 1), 2) and 3) above
- 5) former cheque signatories Mrs Angela Forsyth, Mr Peter Gill and Mrs Beryl Hedgecock be removed as cheque signatories due to them no longer having any association with the Parish Council; again, the necessary arrangements be made with the Parish Council's bankers
- 6) on the RFO's advice and in the event of a delay between meetings which would significantly affect the Parish Council's income from its interest earning capital reserve account, or its operations due to shortage of funds in the current account, the Clerk be authorised to make transfers between the current and the capital reserve accounts
- 7) the Parish Council's bankers be asked if they operated an automatic money transfer system between accounts which would negate the need for 5) above.

#### **4614 Correspondence**

- 1) Vitalise – request for grant deferred to the next meeting.
- 2) Sefton Council re Sefton Rights of Way Liaison Group – apologies to be sent for the meeting on 26 June 2008.
- 3) Merseytravel re Travel Safe Board – apologies to be sent for the meeting on 26 June 2008.
- 4) Councillor A Robertson – formal notification of resurfacing of Mostyn Avenue noted.
- 5) LALC re June 2008 Newsletter – contents noted.
- 6) Highways Agency re traffic lanes on Switch Island – the agency to be informed that the Parish Council is not satisfied with the response and requests a further site meeting.
- 7) Sefton Council re survey of structures of historical interest – the boundary marker for the Poor Law Union at the junction of Melling Road/Seeds Lane and the mileage marker on the canal tow path between the Blue Anchor and Old Roan be notified to the Borough Council; further, their attention be drawn to the fact that there might be more in the private grounds of Mill Square, Mill Farm, Valley House and the Old Roan public house.
- 8) Sefton Council re new “Ain Tree” – noted that the Parish Council could adopt the white beam tree by Molyneux Way as its new “Ain Tree”; the Parish Council agreed that an appropriate plaque be placed on the Parish Council's nearby notice board with suggestions for the lettering being considered at the next meeting.
- 9) Aintree Park Group Practice/Liverpool PCT – noted that good progress was being made on replacement premises and that the PCT's Finance Director had authorised the progression of a new build option.
- 10) Local Works – Guide to the Sustainable Communities Act; agreed this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **4615 Park/Safety Issues**

The Parish Council agreed that

- 1) approval be given to the quotation of £945 from R J Brownbill Engineering for metal fencing work around the bowling green, repairs to a vent in the changing accommodation and a metal grill to cover the grill
- 2) the Chairman's action of agreeing to emergency orders for repairs to the rocking horse, a swing, the safety matting and a roller shutter cover be approved
- 3) the Chairman's action of agreeing to free use of a football pitch on 24 June 2008 for the Over The Hill Mob be approved
- 4) regretfully, an offer of a football pitch be not made to late applicants Merseyside Christian League due to the number of Saturday applications exceeding the number of pitches
- 5) the Clerk be requested to reply in appropriate terms to a resident complaining about golf in the park
- 6) the Harrow Drive pedestrian gate be now left unlocked at all times
- 7) a portable telephone system be purchased
- 8) the Clerk be requested to contact Ms Schofield of Aintree Youth Club regarding “Music in the Park” event on 30 July 2008 as the proposed time of 6.00pm/8.00pm would not be appropriate; further, she be asked if any of the club's members could assist with face painting.

#### **4616 Planning Issues**

The Parish Council noted the following planning matters:

Application Number	Details
0398	Application for anti intruder alarm – Aintree Library
0400	Application for extension and conversion – 97 Sherwoods Lane
0310	Permission for concrete plinth – 9 Racecourse Retail Park
0338	Permission for extension – 15 Haydock Park Road
0347	Permission for advertisements – McDonald’s, Racecourse Retail Park
0421	Application for variation of conditions – unit 5A Racecourse Retail Park
0431	Application for advertisements – 9A Racecourse Retail Park
0428	Application for variation of conditions – 9C Altway
0424	Application for extension – Mill Farm, Bull Bridge Lane
0429	Application for extension after demolition of existing extension – 11 Davenhill Park
0438	Application for gable and extension – 40 Lancing Drive
0342	Permission for advertisement – unit 6 Racecourse Retail Park

**4617 Web Site**

Councillor Mitchell reported that good progress was being made and she was hopeful that the new site would be running before the next meeting.

**4618 Parish Councillors’ Business/Clipboard**

- 1) Missing grid cover outside 123 Aintree Lane.
- 2) Insurance company AON be invited to submit a quotation for the Parish Council's insurance cover.
- 3) Tree felled outside 66/68 Keble Drive; Clerk to make enquiries.
- 4) Sherwoods Lane – grass cutting.

**4619 Next Meetings**

The Parish Council noted that the next meetings would be held at 7.00pm on the following dates:

14 July 2008  
28 July 2008  
11 August 2008  
8 September 2008  
22 September 2008  
13 October 2008  
27 October 2008  
10 November 2008  
24 November 2008  
15 December 2008

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Minutes 4610 to 4619 received as a correct record on 14 July 2008

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Chairman