

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 November 2008 at 7.00pm
the following Parish Councillors were present:

G Downey (Chairman)

T Baldwin, M Duggan, F Forrest, L Green, J Harkins, G Payne and M Varney

4735 Declarations of interest

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have; Councillors Downey and Duggan declared their interest in the possible donation to the St Giles Women's Fellowship and Councillor Downey declared a further interest in the payment for cheque number 5085.

4736 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Carlton and C Mitchell.

4737 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2008

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

4738 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	Proposed donation in memory of former Parish Councillor Jack Denman	Family's wishes to be awaited
2	Request from the Altside Business Village Partnership Manager for the Parish Council to nominate a representative to sit on the proposed Charitable Company/Trust to manage and develop the Hornby Visitor Centre	Noted that Councillor Green had discussed the implications of trust membership with the manager and no adverse issues had arisen; consequently, the Parish Council appointed Councillor Green as its representative on the Trust and further agreed that travelling and subsistence allowances be paid in accordance with the Parish Council's scheme in connection with attendance at Trust meetings
3	Possible painting of the third bridge across Aintree Lane	Clerk to write to British Rail Board (Residuary) Ltd regarding the possible painting of the third bridge at Wango Lane/Aintree Lane and to contact Network Rail regarding the markings on its two bridges
4	Possible grant to St Giles Women's Fellowship for their members' assistance at the Civic Service	Agreed that in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council agreed that 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: £50 grant to the St Giles Women's Fellowship
5	Sweeping of the footpath between Mostyn Avenue and Aintree Lane	Clerk to request details of the footpath's sweeping and on what day it should be swept
6	Area Committee outcomes	Councillor Baldwin briefed the Parish Council on the outcomes relating to police issues which indicated that crime was down in all sectors, Sefton Council's

		changed position regarding allowing mobile telephone masts on its buildings on a selected basis and the progress on the Thornton by-pass
7	School crossing patrol across Ormskirk Road	Clerk to ask why there are no school crossing patrols for Ormskirk Road

4739 Clerk's action

The Parish Council

- 1) noted the following action taken by the Clerk since the last meeting

Details	
1	Wrote to Sefton Security regarding the cameras in Altway and in the park
2	Wrote to Tesco regarding illegal advertising banner by Molyneux Way

- 2) noted its procedures detailing the occasions when the Clerk can take delegated action

4740 Park and safety issues

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

	Details	Decision
1	Review of delegation to the Park Committee; 4374 (5) of the meeting held on 10 April 2007 states: "the Parish Council agreed that the Park Committee be re-constituted and consist of Councillors Harkins, Mitchell and Payne with delegated authority to make appropriate decisions on park matters"	Agreed further deferral until the meeting on 12 January 2009
2	To receive the resignations of Councillors Baldwin and Mitchell from membership of the Park Committee and to appoint replacements	Resignations received with regret and reasons noted and further noted that Councillor Mitchell had agreed to remain as Mr Atherton's contact for the time being; there was considerable discussion on how to deal with future park issues following which the Parish Council agreed that the Park Committee be made dormant for the time being and along with 1 above, be deferred until the meeting on 12 January 2009; the Parish Council placed on record its thanks to Councillors Baldwin and Mitchell for their services to the committee
3	Swearing during football matches	Clerk to write to team managers
4	Setting and unsetting times of the alarm	Discussed as part of 2 above
5	Boiler service contract – two quotations submitted from Heat Club and Brian Buckley Ltd	Agreed that the servicing contract in respect of the heating boiler, gas fired water heater, control system, water booster set, gas pipe work, ventilation plant and water services be offered to Brian Buckley Ltd at a cost of £812 plus VAT per annum; further that Mr Atherton be requested to annually sterilise the shower heads and remove them each quarter so that they can be cleaned and sterilised and to keep a record of this

4741 Financial matters

The Parish Council

- 1) noted the RFO's report relating to the ordering of goods and services and the payment of invoices and agreed that an order pad be purchased and all orders be submitted to the Parish Council for approval before they are signed and released to suppliers
- 2) noted the RFO's report that for the period March/October 2008 £1,524 and £292 had been spent on overtime and taxi fares respectively in connection with the locking of the park
- 3) agreed the proposed new budget monitoring report layout
- 4) 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 Bank	Bank charges October 2008	27.71	DD
2	Natwest Bank	Bank charges November 2008	25.18	DD
3	Netsolva	Website upkeep	45.00	SO
4	G Downey	Mileage/parking	24.10	5085
5	Handscon	Quarterly monitoring	324.75	5086
6	Asda	Fuel October 2008	44.95	DD
7	COMTECHSA	Professional services re pavilion	264.38	5087
8	Euphony	Monthly calls October 2008	6.07	DD
9	St Giles Women's Fellowship	Section 137 grant	50.00	5088

Having earlier declared his interest in the possible grant to the St Giles Women's Fellowship, the Chairman Councillor Downey vacated the chair for that item and did not take part in the discussion or decision; the Vice Chairman Councillor Baldwin took the chair for that item. Councillor Duggan having also declared her interest also did not take part in the discussion or decision.

4742 Correspondence

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

	Details	Decision
1	Two residents re the new Ain Tree	Clerk to write to write to one resident with appropriate explanations and responses and also to the second resident to inform him that the Parish Council has deferred consideration of his suggestion until January 2009
2	Resident re parking around Holy Rosary School	Resident
3	Sefton Council – Rights of Way Liaison Group – 11 December 2008	Apologies to be sent
4	Campaign to Protect Rural England – Anti Litter Campaign	Noted
5	NALC – Sustainable Communities Act 2007 – Update	Noted

4743 General matters

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

	Details	Decision
1	Matters which can be discussed at Parish Council meetings – “Every resolution or recommendation shall be relevant to some subject over which the Council has power or duties, which affects its area”	Noted
2	Freedom of Information Publication Scheme	Agreed that the scheme be formally adopted
3	Sefton Security	Clerk to request maintenance contract for the cameras and to ask if the Parish Council could be informed when they are not working

4744 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

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

4745 Planning matters

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	Application Number	Details
1	0799	Application and approval for advertisement consent above ATM – 9B Altway
2	0742	Approval for temporary single storey doctors’ surgery to the rear – Oriel Drive
3	0793	Application for extension – 14 Sandown Park Road
4	0665	Approval for 2.4m high security fence – Aintree Davenhill School
5	0858	Application for extension – 56 Taunton Drive
6	0846	Application for advertisement – 6/10 Molyneux Way
7	0708	Permission for alterations to the roof and extractor fans etc – Unit 4 Racecourse Retail Park

4746 Chairman’s communications

The Chairman did not have any communications to report.

4747 Any Other Business

Items for the next meeting:

1. Extension of keep clear zone at the junction of Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue
2. Road safety study to improve or restrict pedestrian routes around Ormskirk Road/Park Lane
3. Crab Apple tree in Lincoln Drive

4748 Dates of next meetings

The Parish Council noted the dates of the next meetings, all to commence at 7.00pm:

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 to be followed by a Parish Council meeting
27 April 2009
11 May 2009 Annual General Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Minutes 4735 to 4748 received as a correct record on 15 December 2008

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Chairman