

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 April 2010 at 7.10pm
the following Parish Councillors were present:

Councillor C Mitchell (Chairman)
T J Baldwin, G Downey, M Carroll, M Duggan,
F Forrest, L Green, N Kelly (from 5050) G Payne and G Povey

During the meeting, Mr J Keogh of the Altside Business Village Partnership attended to discuss with Parish Councillors, the Parish Council's funding of the Christmas lights on the three rows of shops and the future funding of the partnership

5048 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 5299.

5049 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

5050 Vacancies for parish councillors

The Parish Council agreed that Mr Neil Kelly be co-opted as member of the Parish Council for a term of office ending at the Parish Council elections in 2011.

Councillor Kelly joined the meeting

5051 Clerk's action

The Clerk reported that following discussion at the Park Committee, he had approved the replacement of the main door of the Council Chamber and two windows at a total cost of £1,800.

At this point, Parish Councillors commented on the new look Council Chamber which had been refurbished following the consequential damage caused by a burst pipe and unanimously agreed that their sincere thanks and appreciations be recorded to the Chairman, Councillor Carole Mitchell, who had spent much time negotiating with the Parish Council's insurers, overseeing the repair work and selecting furniture, carpet and other incidentals.

5052 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2010

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

5053 Disposal of business from the last meeting

	Details	Decisions
1	Altside Business Village Partnership; to consider a phased withdrawal of membership by making the following contributions: £2,500 for 2010/11, £1,250 for 2011/12 and £0 for 2012/13 due to the partnership's original arrangement being that it should become self-financing when it was formed in 2002	Subject to an amendment that the Parish Council must have representation in all three years, it was agreed that there be a phased withdrawal of membership by making the following contributions: £2,500 for 2010/11, £1,250 for 2011/12 and £0 for 2012/13
2	Review of the new model standing orders	Subject to the deletion of the requirement for a book of planning applications and the deletion of the requirement for a book of motions, the model standing orders as submitted be agreed *

3	Sefton Council; request to use the park for the council's 'Free and Active' programme	Noted that the Park Committee had agreed the use subject to consideration of what would actually take place
4	Residents' charity bowls match	Agreed that Councillor Payne be requested to ascertain how Lydiate Parish Council runs such an event and to report to the next meeting on its feasibility
5	Sefton Borough Structures update report submitted to the Sefton ten parishes meeting on 23 March 2010	Noted that one of the main objects was the possible devolution of some services to either the Area Committee or Parish Councils but that insofar as Parish Councils were concerned, this could only be to 'Quality' Parish Councils and then would require their acceptance

- * A recorded vote was requested for the deletion of the requirement for a book of motions:
 For the motion: C Mitchell, G Downey, M Carroll, F Forrest, L Green and G Povey
 Against the motion: T J Baldwin and M Duggan

5054 Park and safety issues

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

	Details	Decision
1	Playbuilder grant; update	Noted that the expression of interest form had been submitted by the due date and a response was awaited
2	Minutes of the Park Committee held on 6 April 2010	Noted; approval be given to the proposed pitch renovations at a cost of £2,500 which had been provided for in the 2010/11 budget

5055 Financial matters

The Parish Council

- 1) noted that the Parish Council's external audit would take place on 23 July 2010 and that the financial statements report and allied reports would be submitted to the Parish Council on 21 June 2010
- 2) considered and noted the following budget statement for March 2010:

Expenditure

<u>Budget head</u>	2009/10 budget £	Twelve months' expenditure £	Balance £
1. Altside Business Village	2,500	2,500	0
2. Bank charges	500	316	184
3. Capital expenditure	59,560	55,975	3,585
4. Loan repayments	14,200	14,199	1
5. Mileage	500	499	1
6. Sundry expenses	15,400	13,517	1,883
7. General park expenses	7,020	4,086	2,934
8. Maintenance expenses park	10,000	9,940	60

9. Section 137 grants	1,000	725	275
10. Utilities	3,000	2,938	62
11. Salaries/wages	68,000	66,999	1001
Totals	£181,680	£171,694	£9,986

Income

	2009/10 budget £	Twelve months' income £	Balance £
12. Bank interest	200	0	-200
13. Bowls	400	522	+122
14. Donations/Refunds	20	43	+23
15. Football	600	972	+372
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	-	8,721	+8,721
20. Area Committee contribution And sundry receipts	3,860	4,773	+913
Totals	£143,530	£157,098	+£13,668

3) noted that

a) as at 31 March 2010 and after adjusting for un-presented cheques of £1,935, the Parish Council had cash in hand of £83,900 as follows:

- £11,715 – current account
- £72,085 – capital reserve account
- £100 – petty cash

b) this was more than the estimated £62,450 which the Budget Review Sub Group believed would be the balance from 2009/10 so consequently, the Parish Council's balance from 2009/10 would be higher than that estimated

c) pence figures did not appear for ease of reading so totals would not necessarily balance

4) agreed that the budget for 2010/11 should have figures for VAT collected from receipts and VAT refunded and the RFO be requested to advise the Parish Council of possible figures at the next meeting

5) 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	G Towey	Replacement door and windows for Council Chamber *	1,800.00	5295

2	Natwest	Monthly Autopay charges	9.00	DD
3	R Atherton	B & Q purchases re Council Chamber finishing	73.94	5296
4	Natwest	Monthly current account charges	17.19	DD
5	Asda	Fuel (£29.70 to be paid by R Atherton)	74.55	DD
6	BT	Quarterly rental	72.60	DD
7	Kirkby Skips Ltd	Skip hire 18 March 2010	141.60	5297
8	HMR&C	April 2010 tax/NI	1,274.55	5298
9	Natwest Autopay	6 April 2010 wages and salaries	4,210.71	DD
10	Netsolva	Monthly website upkeep	45.00	SO
11	C Mitchell	Refurbishment of Council Chamber purchases on behalf of the Parish Council reclaimable from insurers	806.86	5299
12	Kirkby Blinds	Balance for two roller blinds for the Council Chamber	124.50	5300
13	Euphony	Monthly call charges	3.56	DD
14	K Ellis	Stamps	8.48	5301
15	R Atherton	Cash for petty cash float	100.00	5302
16	R G Harris	Postage (£6.71), refreshments for 29 March 2010 meeting (£17.60), printing (£2.21) photocopier (£189.99 reclaimable from insurers) laser printer cartridge (£21.99) and mileage to collect photocopier (£13.82)	250.11	5303

* Urgent payment approved by the Clerk

Having earlier declared her interest in the payment for cheque 5299, Councillor Mitchell vacated the chair for that payment and took no part in the discussion or decision for that payment; the Vice Chair Councillor Baldwin took the chair for this payment

5056 Correspondence

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Sefton Council; public rights way, Aintree Footpaths numbered 3 and 4	Noted that Sefton Council had approved these two new footpaths by the Blue Anchor Bridge
2	Sefton Council; draft affordable housing viability assessment for Sefton	Noted that any housing scheme in the Parish would need to have five or more or one quarter affordable housing
3	Lancashire Biodiversity Partnership; Conference 'The Future for Lancashire's Wildlife' on 10am/4pm in The Harrington Building, University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN), Preston on 22 May 2010	Noted
4	War Memorials Trust; conference 'Looking After War Memorials Conference' in Liverpool on 10 June 2010	Noted
5	University of Gloucestershire; summer seminar 'Is our democracy in good health?' in Cheltenham on 8/9 July 2010, £195	Noted
6	Mayor's Office; Sefton's Annual Meeting/Civic Dinner	Noted that the Chairman elect would be attending both events
7	LALC; new councillors' training 10 and 24 July 2010	Noted

5057 General matters

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Mr George Howarth MP (Clerk)	Agreed that the Clerk be requested to write to Mr Howarth thanking him for his many years of service as the Member of Parliament for the Parish and for the great support he has given the Parish Council in so many ways
2	Web site (Clerk) In March 2010: 1) 139 people accessed the web site; 89 from the UK, 12 from the United States, 2 from New Zealand and 1 from Canada with 35 unknown 2) they visited the site 146 times and viewed 935 pages	Noted

5058 Parish Plan

The Parish Council

- 1) noted that the sub group had refined the draft Parish Plan questionnaire and that it was now ready for despatch to residents for their comments
- 2) agreed that approval be given to the circulation of the questionnaire and that a printing budget of £200 be allocated for the purpose
- 3) agreed that the Aintree Ratepayers' Association be requested to circulate the questionnaire with its next newsletter.

5059 Planning matters

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	Application Number	Details
1	S/2010/0166	23 Denstone Avenue; approval for the erection of a single storey extension to the front and side of the dwelling house
2	S/2010/0848	Land adjacent to McDonald's, Racecourse Retail Park; withdrawal of application for the erection of a single storey class A3 unit (restaurants and cafés) including an external terrace area
3	S/2010/0062	Land adjacent to McDonald's, Racecourse Retail Park; withdrawal of application for 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 premises
4	S/2010/0063	Land adjacent to McDonald's, Racecourse Retail Park; withdrawal of application for 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 premises
5	S/2010/0340	Land adjacent to McDonald's, Racecourse Retail Park; erection of a single storey class A3 unit (restaurants and cafés) including an external terrace area (re-submission of S/2009/0848 withdrawn 15 March 2010)
6	S/2010/0104	Holy Rosary Catholic Primary Junior School; approval for the erection of a 2 metre high fencing and gates at the front of the school
7	S/2010/0091	Unit 2 Racecourse Retail Park; approval for alterations to elevations including the layout of a car park area to the rear of the premises
8	S/2010/0128	Land adjacent to McDonald's; approval for advertisement consent for the display of one internally illuminated totem pole advert to the rear of the premises

9	S/2010/0129	Land adjacent to McDonald's; approval for advertisement consent for the display of one internally illuminated totem pole advert to the rear of the premises
10	S/2010/0363	44 Oriel Drive; application for the erection of a single storey extension at the side and rear
11	S/2010/0356	16 Radley Drive; application for the erection of a porch extension to the front elevation and a first floor extension to the rear elevation
12	S/2010/0345	Unit 4 Aintree Racecourse Retail Park; application for the installation of new windows to the front elevation
13	S/2010/0359	1 Wrekin Drive; application for the erection of a single storey extension at the side/rear
14	S/2010/0385	157 Taunton Drive; application for the erection of a porch at the front and a single storey extension at the front, side and rear
15	S/2010/0200	Unit 2 Racecourse Retail Park; approval for the construction of an extended mezzanine floor (1,748 square metres) after the removal of the existing mezzanine (1,543 square metres)

5058 Chairman's communications

The Chairman reported that she would shortly be representing the Parish Council at an ATC awards evening, Maghull Town Council Mayor making and the 'cutting of the first sod' ceremony at Aintree Davenhill School.

5059 Any other business

The following items were discussed:

1. Funding of the Christmas lights on the three rows of shops; agenda item for the next meeting
2. Condition of road surface; junction of Lancing Drive/Greenside Avenue
3. Aintree Park Group Practice, progress of building work; agenda item for the next meeting
4. Non-removal of A boards; likely to be raised at the Area Committee

5060 Press relations

No issues were raised.

5061 Dates of next meetings

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

17 May Annual Meeting
 21 June
 26 July
 23 August
 27 September
 25 October
 22 November
 13 December

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Minutes 5048 to 5061 received as a correct record on 17 May 2010

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Chairman