

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 April 2009 at 7.10pm
the following Parish Councillors were present:

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

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, Parish Councillors discussed with two residents their concerns about a hole in the hedge by their property; it was agreed that the Park Manager be requested to investigate the matter.

4846 Declarations of interest

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have;

Councillor Green declared his interest in the payment for cheque number 5156 and Councillor Duggan declared her interest in item 4853 (5).

4847 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Varney.

4848 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2009

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

4849 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	<i>Progress of the updating of NALC's model Standing Orders</i>	Noted that NALC was still reviewing the model Standing Orders
2	<i>Rattling grid in Ormskirk Road by its junction with Copy Lane</i>	Noted that the Clerk had reported this some time ago but it had not been repaired; agreed that the Clerk be requested to report it again
3	<i>Ormskirk Road litter problem</i>	Agreed no real improvement and the matter would be kept under constant review.
4	<i>Cleanliness of footpaths in the Parish</i>	Agreed no real improvement and the matter would be kept under constant review, though it was noted that weed control was currently in operation.

4850 Clerk's action

The Parish Council

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

	Details
1	<i>Wrote to LALC regarding the progress of the updating of NALC's model Standing Orders</i>
2	<i>Wrote to Sefton Council regarding rattling grid in Ormskirk Road by its junction with Copy Lane</i>
3	<i>Wrote to Sefton Council asking if the missing litter bins in Wango Lane and Sherwoods Lane could be replaced</i>

4	Wrote to the Highways Agency concerning long standing lights out around Switch Island
5	Wrote to Sefton Council regarding various street lights and pot holes
6	After consulting the Chairman, agreed that the Union Flag be flown at half mast on 15 April 2009 to commemorate those who died at Hillsborough on 15 April 1989
7	Agreed to request to use the Assembly Room by Davenhill United on 23 April 2009 for their AGM at a fee of £10
8	Wrote to the Chief Constable asking if security personnel can police public roads
9	Ordered two tickets at £10 per each for Sefton Council's Annual Civic Dinner on 14 May 2009 for the Chairman elect and her guest
10	After consulting the Chairman, agreed no representation at Sefton Council's Overview and Scrutiny Working Group meeting on 28 April 2009 to discuss watercourse maintenance and flooding but requested that the Parish Council be kept informed of these matters, particularly any that might affect the Parish
11	Sought quotations from AON Limited and Came and Company Parish Council Insurance for the Parish Council's insurance cover

- 2) noted the Clerk's report relating to the corporate responsibility of the Parish Council, the recording of votes and the role of the Clerk
- 3) agreed that the replacement of the litter bins in 3) above be referred to the Area Committee.

4851 Park and safety issues

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

	Details	Decision
1	Minutes of the Park Committee held on 16 April 2009	Noted.
2	Review of the procurement policy in the light of the Park Committee's delegated limit of £250	Agreed that the Park Committee can authorise the placing of orders up to its delegated limit of £250.
3	Quotation of £975 from PBW of Billinge for landscaping the area next to the pavilion including the building of an ornamental dwarf wall part siding with composter bay and concrete ramp up to composter bay with void to be filled with top soil to level of new wall; the kick ball wall previously agreed at £2,080 will no longer be required due to new hard play area fencing	Quotation of £975 accepted.

4852 Financial matters

The Parish Council

- 1) agreed that after the withdrawal of item 27, 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	
Handscon Outstanding amount to inv 006-2009	1	
	5137	43.91
	2	
Euphony February calls		4.73
	DD	
	3	
Scottish Power Electricity – playing fields		144.21
	DD	
	4	
Scottish Power Electricity – changing rooms		394.00
	DD	
	5	
Aitkens Line marker		101.21
	5138	
	6	
Turners Turners lawnmower repair		115.86
	5139	
	7	
Kirkby Skips Skip Hire 17 March 2009/1 April 2009		276.00
	5140	
	8	
Communicorp Clerks Councils annual subscription		10.00
	5141	
	9	
United Utilities Half year waste water charge		607.80
	5142	
	10	
Scottish Power Electricity – bowls pavilion		13.76
	DD	
	11	
Turner Groundcare Pressure washer/blower purchase		541.86

	5143 12	
LALC Annual subscription		719.84
	5144 13	
Earl Haigh Fund Wreath for Remembrance Service		18.50
	5145 14	
Netsolva March 2009 payment website		45.00
	SO 15	
Netsolva April 2009 payment website		45.00
	SO 16	
Asda Fuel – March 2009		35.59
	DD 17	
Natwest Bank charges		30.20
	DD 18	
K Ellis Expenses – refreshments and stamps		9.94
	5146 19	
Natwest Autopay Payroll 6 April 2009		3,990.16
	DD 20	
HMR&C Tax/NI April 2009		1,308.43
	5147 21	
Euphony March 2009 telephone calls		5.02
	DD 22	
R Atherton Guttering		114.04
	5148	

	23	
R Atherton		
Petty cash – spent/increase to £100	100.00	
	5149	
	24	
R Atherton		
Petty cash items purchased		23.56
	5150	
	25	
R Brownbill		
Supply and fit new gates		2,020.00
	5151	
	26	
A Hulme		
Renovation of football pitch		2,500.00
	5152	
	27	
PWB		
Paving behind Assembly Room etc		5,950.00
	5153	
	28	
R G Harris		
Expenses: £51.40; telephone line reimbursement: £20.99; telephone calls reimbursement: £15.00		87.39
	5154	
	29	
Aitkens		
Seed and feed		288.63
	5155	
	30	
L Green		
Mileage		8.21
	5156	

Having earlier declared his interest in the payment for cheque number 5156, Councillor Green took no part in the discussion or decision for that payment

2) noted the following budget monitoring report for March 2009:

<u>Budget head</u>	2008/2009 budget £	Twelve monthly budget £	12 months expenditure £
1. Wages	70,000	70,000	63,884
2. Heat, light & telephone	2,500	2,500	1,776
3. Water	2,000	2,000	813

4. Repairs & renewals *	10,000	10,000	25,920
5. Bank charges	500	500	281
6. Loan repayments	14,200	14,200	14,199
7. Sundries	15,000	15,000	7,659
8. Purchases	20,000	20,000	16,876
9. Mileage	500	500	695
10. Section 137	2,000	2,000	700
11. Altside Business Village membership	2,500	2,500	2,500
Capital expenditure	0	0	2,500
Totals	£139,200	£139,200	£137,803

4853 Correspondence

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

	Details	Decision
1	Councillor M Duggan: withdrawal of resignation from the Parish Council	Accepted.
2	Councillor A Robertson: increase in double rating grant for 2009/2010	Noted; Clerk to apply for the grant and not wait for audited accounts.
3	Councillor A Robertson: Aintree Library security issues	Noted.
4	LALC: March 2009 Newsletter	Noted.
5	LALC: Councillor M Duggan and Mr B Duggan selected to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 14 July 2009; to consider level of travelling, accommodation and subsistence support	Agreed that Councillor and Mr Duggan's travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses be approved up to £610.
6	LALC: Power of Well-being workshop on 3 June 2009	Noted.
7	LALC: Quality Parish Council Scheme workshop on 18 June 2009	Noted.
8	LALC: Employment Briefing on The Employment Act 2008	Noted and agreed that the LALC be requested to ask NALC if it could produce model grievance and disciplinary procedures.
9	LALC: Freedom of Information and Data Protection workshop on 1 July 2009	Noted.
10	LALC: New Councillors Training workshops on 4 and 21 July 2009	Agreed that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Councillor Carroll be authorised to attend the workshop on 4 July 2009 2) approval be given to the workshop fee of £30 3) travelling and subsistence allowances be paid in accordance with the Parish Council's scheme in connection with his attendance at this workshop.
11	Sefton Council: maintenance of the non-operational railway bridge over Aintree Lane	Noted.
12	Sefton Council: Core Strategy and possible joint meeting with Melling Parish Council on 12 May 2009	Agreed that a Sefton Council officer be invited to attend the meeting on 22 June 2009 to discuss the Core Strategy.

13	<i>Liverpool PCT: building work for Aintree Park Group Practice's new surgery to commence in summer 2009</i>	Noted.
14	Sefton Council: installation of the new Mayor and Annual Civic Dinner on 14 May 2009	Noted.
15	Sefton Council: Watercourse maintenance and flooding – Overview and Scrutiny Working Group meeting on 28 April 2009	Noted.
16	Sefton Council: playbuilder grant	Noted.
17	<i>Equality and Human Rights Commission: Public Sector Duties</i>	Noted.

Having earlier declared her interest in item 5 above, Councillor Duggan took no part in the discussion or decision for that payment

4854 General matters

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

	Details	Decision
1	Outcomes from the Area Committee of 19 March 2009	Agreed that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Councillor Baldwin's report on the outcomes of the meeting be noted and he be thanked for his report 2) more use be made of the Area Committee to pursue Sefton Council issues 3) more use be also made of the three Molyneux Ward Councillors to pursue appropriate issues rather than approaching officers 4) the Clerk be requested to apply for the 2009/2010 Area Committee allocation to support the recently approved park improvements.
2	Outcomes from the traffic site meeting relating to the Mostyn Avenue/Aintree Lane junction and Ormskirk Road service road held on 24 April 2009	Agreed that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Councillor Payne and Green be thanked for attending the site meeting and for their report on the unsuccessful outcomes 2) the Molyneux Ward Councillors be requested to pursue the Parish Council's suggestion for a six month trial of the enlargement of the keep clear zone at the junction of Mostyn Avenue/Aintree Lane to assist drivers exiting from Mostyn Avenue and for a review of the traffic issues along Ormskirk Road and the phasing of lights.

3	Aintree Lane traffic queues	Noted that there was nothing that could be done to lessen the queues without a knock effect elsewhere.
4	Barges using canal/Handcock's Bridge causing car queues	Agreed that canal users had equal rights of use and so could close the road to use the canal.
5	Mr M Bleasdale; request for funding for flower beds	Agreed that this project could not be supported due to the experience with the previous scheme and also due to budget restraints.
6	Hornby Museum; request for funding	Agreed that no financial support be given.
7	Grand National meeting; review of	No major issues were raised.

	any issues arising	
8	Charity Bowls Match	Agreed that Parish Councillors challenge Aintree Bowling Club to a social bowling match on a Saturday afternoon, hopefully with some funds being raised for charity.
9	The Blue Anchor	Item withdrawn
10	Web site In March 2009: 1) 139 people accessed the web site; 89 from the UK, 12 from the USA, 2 from New Zealand, 1 from Canada and 35 unknown 2) they visited the site 146 times and viewed 935 pages	Noted

4855 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

The Parish Council agreed that

- 1) *Mr Russell Barber of 16 Bleasdale Avenue, Aintree Village be co-opted to membership of the Parish Council for a term of office ending on the appointed day for Parish Council elections in 2011*
- 2) *Councillor Barber be authorised to attend the workshop as detailed in 4853 (10)*
- 3) *approval be given to the workshop fee of £30*
- 4) *travelling and subsistence allowances be paid in accordance with the Parish Council's scheme in connection with his attendance at this workshop.*

4856 Planning matters

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning applications:

Application number	Details
1	0119 Retrospective approval for conservatory – 3 Exeter Close
2	0940 Approval for conversion to two dwelling houses – 97 Sherwoods Lane
3	0205 Application for timber canopy over existing conservatory – Holy Rosary School
4	0197 Application for extension – 26 School Lane
5	0227 Application for extension – 2 Sefton Drive
6	0225 Application for extension – 6 Wellington Close
7	0147 Approval for extension – 80 Aintree Lane
8	0096 Approval for extension – 64 Shrewsbury Avenue

4857 Chairman's communications

4858 Any other business

Items for the next meeting:

1. Value of the Parish Meeting
2. Review of the snack bar catering facility in the park
3. Community Cohesion Week 22/26 June 2009; local junior school projects
4. Tesco vehicles around the Parish
5. Ponding in School Lane by mini roundabout

4859 Press relations

No issues were raised.

4860 Dates of next meetings

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

- 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

4861 Minute deemed confidential and not for publication for the time being.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

Minutes 4846 to 4861 received as a correct record on 11 May 2009

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Chairman