

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 October 2008 at 7.00pm
the following Parish Councillors were present:

G Downey (Chairman)

T Baldwin, P Carlton, M Duggan, F Forrest, J Harkins, C Mitchell, G Payne and M Varney

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, Parish Councillors discussed with

- 1) *Mr Paul Ingham his proposals for a soccer academy in the park*
- 2) *three Atholl Crescent residents the height of the Parish Council's hedge at the rear of their properties*
- 3) *Superintendent Kevin Booth of Merseyside Police various policing matters affecting the Parish*

4706 Declarations of interest

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have; Councillor Mitchell declared her interest in Davenhill United's request to meet in the Assembly Room and Councillors Harkins, Downey and Payne declared their respective interests in the payments for cheques numbered 5070, 5073 and 5074.

4707 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Green.

4708 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2008

The Parish Council agreed that the minutes be received as a correct record and authorised the Chairman to sign them. In respect of minute 4697 (2), possible use of the park by Mr Paul Ingham of Revelation Soccer Academy on Saturday and Sunday from 9am onwards, the Parish Council agreed that such use would not be appropriate and so the request be regretfully denied.

4709 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	Manchester Mouldings – cost of plaque for the new Ain Tree – £450 plus VAT; also 200 x 150mm – £290 plus VAT and 200 x 200mm – £310 plus VAT	Deferred pending the outcome of the Parish Council's consultation on its proposal to adopt the White Beam tree by Molyneux Way as the new "Ain Tree".
2	Proposed donation in memory of former Parish Councillor Jack Denman	Clerk to discuss with Mr D Denman and report to the next meeting.
3	Footpath across the racecourse and any other racecourse issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Thick be informed that the company is not looking after the footpath as Mr Barnett had agreed it would; the gate is rotting and the steps have foliage overgrowing them. 2. Mr Thick be asked what the company's plans are for future landscaping of the course.
4	Parish Plan	Deferred to the Annual General Meeting

4710 Clerk's action

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

	Details
1	Called out Brian Buckley Ltd, heating and ventilating contractors to repair and check boiler system

4711 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"	Deferred to the next meeting.
2	Minutes of the Park Committee held on 20 October 2008	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed that COMTECHSA be invited to quote for a structural survey on the pavilion. 2. Noted that the Clerk was enquiring as to the situation regarding the agreed service contract for the boiler and ancillary equipment. 3. Noted that the Clerk would be contacting E Ratcliffe regarding the poor fitting of the cupboards in the Groundperson's room.
3	Complaint from resident re locking of the park	Noted.
4	Davenhill United – request to meet in the Assembly Room	Agreed at a fee of £10.

Having earlier declared her interest in the request from Davenhill United to use the Assembly Room, Councillor Mitchell did not take part in the discussion or decision for that item.

4712 Financial matters

The Parish Council

- 1) noted the successful outcome of the audit of the Parish Council's 2007/2008 accounts
- 2) agreed that the following payments were lawfully payable under the General Powers of the Parish Council and Open Space legislation and consequently agreed that the following payments be made:

	Payee	Details	Amount £-p	Cheque no/ Payment method
1	Netsolva	Website upkeep	45.00	DD
2	BDO Stoy Hayward	External audit fee for 2007/2008	646.25	5065
3	M Chambers	Assembly room sign writing	60.00	5066
4	Olympic Fire Training	Fire equipment service	151.45	5067
5	Arco	3 pair work gloves £24.82)		
6	Arco	Over trousers £40.00)		
7	Arco	Boots/jackets £331.24)	396.06	5068
8	British Gas	July invoice	11.07	5069
9	Euphony	August calls	8.09	DD
10	Euphony	September calls	14.96	DD
11	J Harkins	Flowers/mileage to conference	85.83	5070
12	J Gordon	Taxi fares reimbursed	36.50	5071
13	Kirkby Skips Ltd	Skip hire 13.10.08	141.00	5072
14	G Downey	Civic Service expenses	170.36	5073

15	G Payne	Mileage to conference	25.82	5074
16	St Giles Church	Civic Service expenses	277.20	5075

Having earlier declared their interests in the payments for cheques 5070 and 5074 respectively, Councillors Harkins and Payne did not take part in the discussion or decision for those respective payments. Having earlier declared his interest in the payment for cheque 5073, the Chairman Councillor Downey vacated the chair for that payment and did not take part in the discussion or decision; the Vice Chairman Councillor Baldwin took the chair for that item.

- 3) agreed that all orders for goods and services must be pre-authorised by the Parish Council unless they have been included in the normal budget
- 4) Mr Atherton be asked why the work wear was ordered and who approved the placing of the order
- 5) considered and noted the following budget monitoring report for September 2008:

<u>Budget head</u>	2008/2009 budget £	Six monthly budget £	6 months expenditure £
1. Wages	70,000	35,000	31,270
2. Heat, light & telephone	2,500	1,250	907
3. Water	2,000	1,000	132
4. Repairs & renewals	10,000	5,000	10,363
5. Bank charges	500	250	142
6. Loan repayments	14,200	7,100	7,099
7. Sundries	15,000	7,500	4,834
8. Purchases	20,000	10,000	11,966
9. Mileage	500	250	329
10. Section 137	2,000	1,000	3050
11. Altside Business Village membership	2,500	1,250	2,500
Totals	£139,200	£69,600	£72,592

4713 Correspondence

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

	Details	Decision
1	Sefton Council – response to the Parish Council's comments regarding the licensing decision for Bargain Booze	Noted.
2	Zurich Municipal – proposed changes to the group's structure	Noted.
3	Sefton Council – use of compostable liners for food waste collection	Noted.

4714 General matters

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Review of the Civic Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed that the whole event had been excellent. 2. Parish Council's appreciation to Father Bruce and his fellow clergy for the actual service and church arrangements be placed on record. 3. Clerk to write to Sefton Council's Chief Executive for clarification on the protocol for the wearing of the Mayoral ceremonial robes and the use of the mace.

		<p>4. Clerk to purchase the photograph of Mr and Mrs T R Lewis receiving the Civic Award from the Chairman which had appeared on the front page of The Star newspaper.</p> <p>5. Letter of appreciation and thanks from Mr and Mrs Lewis noted.</p>
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4715 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

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

4716 Planning matters

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Details</u>
1	0629	Refusal for extension – 1 Greenside Avenue
2	0706	Approval for advertisement – 6/10 Molyneux Way
3	0770	Application for conservatory – 83 Aintree Lane
4	0787	Application for extension – 49 Taunton Drive

4717 Chairman's communication

The Chairman reported that he had accepted an invitation to attend the official opening of the Old Roan Baptist Church's Hope Centre on 29 November 2008 at 1.50pm for 2.00pm and that the invitation had also been extended to Parish Councillors; Parish Councillors Baldwin, Harkins and Mitchell indicated that they would attend with the Chairman.

4718 Any Other Business

Items for the next meeting:

1. Network Rail – passenger safety.
2. Procurement.

4719 Dates of next meetings

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

10 November 2008
 24 November 2008
 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 4706 to 4719 received as a correct record on 10 November 2008

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 Chairman