

Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 29 September 2009 at 7.00pm
the following Parish Councillors were present:

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

4936 Declarations of interest

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

Councillor Payne declared an interest in planning application S/2009/0613.

Although not part of the decision-making process, the Clerk declared an interest in planning application S/2009/0620 and informed the Parish Council that he would be unable to advise them on the application.

4937 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

4938 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2009

The Parish Council agreed that the minutes be received as a correct record and the Chairman be authorised to sign them. There were no matters arising.

4939 Clerk's action

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

	Details
1	Increased the Parish Council's fidelity guarantee to £200,000 at a cost of £25

4940 Park and safety issues

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

	Details	Decision
1	Update on the multi user play area	Noted that the work was now complete and that there had been very positive feedback from users
2	Park Committee: minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2009	Noted
3	2009 RoSPA play equipment/field inspection	Noted that the Park Committee had reviewed the report and there were no serious issues to report
4	Staffing	Agreed that the appointment of Mr Lee Ferrie as a Park Keeper be confirmed
5	Playbuilder grants	Agreed that 1) a sub group comprising Councillors Baldwin, Mitchell and Povey be requested to view play equipment which had been installed under the Playbuilder scheme and to report back as soon as possible as to what might be suitable in the park;

		2) travelling and subsistence allowances be paid in accordance with the Parish Council's scheme in connection with the required visits
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4941 Financial matters

The Parish Council

- 1) 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	Sefton Council	Security visits 5 July 2009	668.91	5208
2	Broker Network Ltd	Fidelity guarantee increase	25.00	5209
3	Netsolva	Website upkeep	45.00	DD
4	Olympic Fire Training Services	Fire equipment service	154.12	5210
5	Euphony	Monthly telephone calls	4.66	DD
6	Natwest	Monthly Autopay charges	5.50	DD
7	Petty Cash	Fuel	15.00	5211
8	Playsafety Ltd	Annual playground inspection service	172.50	5212
9	Natwest	Monthly bank charges	18.19	DD
10	United utilities	Water usage June/August 2009	55.06	5213
11	Kirkby Skips Ltd	Skip hire 5 August 2009	138.00	5214
12	Sefton Council	Annual intruder alarm maintenance	634.41	5215
13	United utilities	Half yearly charges	607.80	5216
9	Natwest Autopay	Salaries and wages 6 September 2009	4,660.0	DD
10	Public Works Loan Board	Half yearly loan payment	7,099.26	DD
11	HMRC	Tax/NI September 2009	1,614.64	5217
12	RBS	Plymol Tubes, repair of flagstaff base	138.00	5218
13	Sefton Area Partnership of Local Councils	Annual donation	55.00	5218
14	K Ellis	Refreshments/stationery/postage	10.61	5220
15	Yates Playgrounds	Supply and install multi user games area and seating	55,200.00	5221
16	Kirkby Skips Ltd	Skip hire 17 September 2009	138.00	5222
17	ICS	Cleaning materials	65.50	5223
18	Cheque cancelled	Cheque cancelled	-	-

- 2) considered and noted the following budget statement for August 2009:

Expenditure

<u>Budget head</u>	2009/2010 budget £	Five months' expenditure £	Balance £

1. Altside Business Village	2,500	2,500	0
2. Bank charges	500	127	373
3. Capital expenditure	59,560	7,975	51,585
4. Loan repayments	14,200	0	14,200
5. Mileage	500	156	344
6. Sundry expenses	15,400	8,586	6,814
7. General park expenses	7,020	1069	5,951
8. Maintenance expenses park	10,000	5,916	4,084
9. Section 137 grants	1,000	625	375
10. Utilities	3,000	1,402	1,598
11. Salaries/wages	68,000	27,666	40,334
Totals	£181,680	56,023	125,657

Income

	2009/2010 income £	Five months' income £	Balance £
12. Bank interest	200	0	200
13. Bowls	400	191	209
14. Donations	20	26	6
15. Football	600	235	365
16. Sefton Council Double Rating	13,450	16,774	3,324
17. Precept	125,000	112,500	12,500
18. VAT collected from receipts	-	68	68
19. VAT refunded	-	365	365
20. Area Committee contribution	3,860	3,920	60
Totals	£143,530	£134,079	£9,451

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As at 31 August 2009, the Parish Council had cash in hand of £186,636 as follows:

- £54,478 – current account
- £132,058 – capital reserve account
- £100 – petty cash

Pence figures do not appear for ease of reading so totals will not necessarily balance.

- 3) noted the RFO's report that the external auditor had agreed the Parish Council's accounts for 2008/09 with no issues arising.

4942 Correspondence

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

	Details	Decision
1	Sefton Council: conduct complaint to the Standards Committee (SAC 10)	Noted that the Standards Committee would not be proceeding with the complaint and that no appeal had been made

2	Sefton Council: conduct complaint to the Standards Committee (SAC 11)	Noted that the Standards Committee would not be proceeding with the complaint and that no appeal had been made
3	Unlock Democracy; promoting the Sustainable Communities Act	Agreed to support
4	LALC: AGM on 31 October 2009	Agreed that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Councillors Baldwin and Downey be requested to represent the Parish Council 2) travelling and subsistence allowances be paid in accordance with the Parish Council's scheme in connection with attendance at this conference
5	Aintree Racecourse: noise levels at motor sport events	Agreed that a meeting would not be necessary at this time
6	Sefton Council: Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	Noted that there was very little land in the Parish which could be used for housing and that the Parish Council would be consulted if any land were to be considered
7	Sefton Council: mini roundabout, Bull Bridge Lane/Altway	Noted that a pedestrian crossing would be considered for this junction

4943 General matters

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

	Details	Decision
1	Outcomes from the Area Committee meeting of 10 September 2009	Noted that a no waiting order had been approved for the junction of Aintree Lane/Sefton Drive but funding might be a problem there was little to report on Sefton Council's Core Strategy the Parish Plan sub group would meet and submit a report to the next meeting
2	Sefton Area Partnership outcomes of meeting held on 22 September 2009 vacancy on the Parish Council's representation	Noted that there were no outcomes of importance; agreed that Councillor T Baldwin be appointed to the vacancy
3	Purchase of Christmas cards 2009	Agreed that cards be again purchased and sent to recipients at the Chairman's discretion
4	Local government pay settlement for 2009	Noted that a settlement had been reached and that the Clerk would submit a report to the next meeting
5	In August 2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 212 people accessed the Parish Council's web site, 110 from the UK, 38 from the USA, 2 from Ireland, 1 from Italy, 1 from Greece and 1 from Turkey with 59 unknown 2) they visited the site 225 times and viewed 1,404 pages. 	Noted

4944 Planning matters

The Parish Council

1) considered and noted the following Sefton planning matters:

	Application number	Details
1	0661	Application for conversion to two dwellings and extension – 97 Sherwoods Lane
2	0604	Approval for extension – 50b Altway
3	0620	Application for part new build – Aintree Davenhill School
4	0613	Application for extension – 48 Lincoln Drive
5	0552	Approval for advertising sign – Domino's Pizza, 3 Molyneux Way
6	0496	Approved on appeal – extension at 151 Sherwoods Lane

2) noted that Knowsley Council had approved the application for the proposed development of various leisure facilities at the Fazakerley Playing Fields.

Having earlier declared his interest in 0613, Councillor Payne took no part in the discussion or decision for that application; having earlier declared his interest in 0620, the Clerk did not advise the Parish Council on that application

4945 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

No nominations were made.

4946 Chairman's communications

The Chairman reported that she had a very enjoyable evening at Maghull High School's annual presentation evening.

4947 Any other business

1. Councillors Barber, Carroll and Povey reported on a very useful and informative LALC case studies seminar.
2. Aintree Youth Club would be holding an extraordinary general meeting on 21 October 2009.
3. Item for the next meeting: Altside Business Village Partnership's proposal for Christmas lights at the shopping parades in the Parish on a shared funding basis.

4948 Press relations

No issues were raised.

4949 Dates of next meetings

The Parish Council

1) noted the following schedule of meetings, all to commence at 7.00pm:

26 October 2009
23 November 2009
14 December 2009

2) agreed the following schedule of meetings for 2010, all to commence at 7.00pm:

25 January
22 February
29 March
26 April Annual Parish Meeting followed by a Parish Council meeting

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

4950 2009 Civic Award

The Parish Council agreed that Mr Eddie Caldwell be awarded the 2009 Civic Award for his significant contribution to various bands and the scouting movement in general.

Due to the confidential nature of the following business, the public and press were excluded from the meeting for the items

4951 Minute deemed confidential and not for publication

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Minutes 4936 to 4951 received as a correct record on 26 October 2009

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Chairman