

### **Aintree Village Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 29 March 2010 at 7.00pm  
the following Parish Councillors were present:

Councillor T J Baldwin (Vice Chair in the chair)  
G Downey, M Carroll, M Duggan, F Forrest, G Payne and G Povey

#### **5031 Declarations of interest**

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have; Councillor Baldwin declared his interest in the payment for cheque number 5287.

#### **5032 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Green and C Mitchell; Parish Councillors sent their best wishes to Councillor Green for a speedy recovery.

#### **5033 Resignation of Mr R Barber**

The Clerk reported that

- a) Mr Barber had resigned as a member of the Parish Council on 7 March 2010
- b) he had advertised the vacancy
- c) no election petition had been submitted meaning that the Parish Council now had three vacancies to fill by co-option.

#### **5034 Vacancies for parish councillors**

No nominations were made.

#### **5035 Clerk's action**

The Clerk reported that he had asked Sefton Council for an urgent review of the condition of Haileybury Avenue and the service road around the shops by Bradfield Avenue with a view to moving them higher up the planned maintenance programme for 2010/11.

#### **5036 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2010**

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

#### **5037 Park and safety issues**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Playbuilder grant; update	Councillor Povey's report indicating a remodelling of the proposals be received with thanks. Noted that more play equipment contactors had been consulted and that the submission of interest form for a grant would be submitted by the required date of 30 April 2010.
2	Use of the park by 'Redeeming Our Community'	Free use of the park be given for this event subject to the production of public liability cover and satisfactory responses to such issues as toilet provision, though it appeared that a Maghull park was now the preferred location.
3	Sefton Council; request to use the park for the council's 'Free and Active' programme	Consideration deferred until the next meeting pending further information on the proposed number of sessions and the effect on the football pitches.

4	Applications to use the bowling green, summer 2010, fee per match and the Parish Council's annual bowls match	Use of the bowling green by three teams from Aintree Harrow Bowling Club at a fee of £20 per game agreed but the club be advised that the fee might have to rise next year; further agreed that the Parish Council's annual bowls match with the club be held on 7 August 2010. Councillor Baldwin intimated that he would like to donate a trophy for this event in memory of his wife, Eileen; this was gratefully accepted.  Further agreed to consider a residents' charity bowls match at the next meeting.
5	Assembly Room damage; Chairman's report	Report received and noted and the Chairman be thanked for the vast amount of time that she had spent on the refurbishment.  Noted that consideration would need to be given to the replacement of the old windows/front door/rear door depending on the cost and that the new council chamber should be ready for the next meeting.

**5038 Financial matters**

The Parish Council

- 1) considered and noted the following budget statement for February 2010; in doing so, the Parish Council noted that
  - a) as at 28 February 2010, the Parish Council had cash in hand of £99,541 after adjusting for unrepresented cheques of £1,502 as follows:
    - £27,356 – current account
    - £72,085 – capital reserve account
    - £100 – petty cash
  - b) the effective balance was £95,941 due to provision being made for the committed section 137 grant of £3,600
  - c) the effective balance would reduce further to £71,150 should the Parish Council spend exactly the remaining expenditure balance of £24,791
  - d) the effective balance of £71,150 was £8,610 above the estimated year end balance of £62,540 calculated by the Budget sub group early in January 2010
  - e) pence figures did not appear for ease of reading so totals would not necessarily balance

**Expenditure**

<u>Budget head</u>	2009/10 budget £	Eleven months' expenditure £	Balance £
1. Altside Business Village	2,500	2,500	0
2. Bank charges	500	294	206
3. Capital expenditure	59,560	55,975	3,585
4. Loan repayments	14,200	7,099	7,101
5. Mileage	500	413	87
6. Sundry expenses	15,400	12,540	2,860

7. General park expenses	7,020	4,026	2,994
8. Maintenance expenses park	10,000	9,080	920
9. Section 137 grants	1,000	725	275
10. Utilities	3,000	2,660	340
11. Salaries/wages	68,000	61,577	6,423
Totals	£181,680	£156,889	£24,791

### Income

<u>Income head</u>	2009/10 income £	Eleven months' income £	Balance £
12. Bank interest	200	0	-200
13. Bowls	400	522	+122
14. Donations/refunds	20	40	+20
15. Football	600	870	+270
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	-	8,354	+8,354
20. Area Committee contribution and sundry receipts	3,860	4,564	+704
Totals	£143,530	£156,417	+£12,887

- 2) 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	Autopay charges	5.50	DD
2	Clerks/Councils	Annual magazine subscription charge	11.00	5285
3	HMR & C	Tax/NI March 2010	1,165.83	5286
4	Natwest Autopay	Wages 6 March 2010	4,255.52	DD
5	T J Baldwin	Mileage	85.16	5287
6	PWLB	Half year loan repayment charge	7,099.26	DD
7	United Utilities	Water charges November 2009/February 2010	274.75	DD
8	LALC	Annual subscription	739.59	5288
9	Natwest	Bank charges March 2010	17.26	DD
10	Natwest	Bank charges February 2010	10.98	DD
11	SLCC	Conference fee	52.88	5289
12	Sefton Council	Security visits 10/11 January 2010	70.50	5290
13	Euphony	Telephone calls	3.81	DD
14	Jenkinsons	Stationery/ink cartridges	106.17	5291
15	Netsolva	Monthly website maintenance	45.00	SO
16	Euphony	Telephone calls	3.53	DD
17	CPRE	Annual subscription	29.00	5292
18	R G Harris	Expenses; 24 February/ 3 March 2010	17.02	5293
19	PS Gas Services	Plumbing services for insurance claim	860.00	5294

*Having earlier declared his interest in the payment for cheque 5287, Councillor Baldwin vacated the chair for that payment and took no part in the discussion or decision for that payment; Councillor Duggan was appointed Chairman for this payment*

### **5039 Correspondence**

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Aintree Davenhill School; request to nominate a person to the governing body	Mr R G Harris be nominated.
2	Aintree Business Village Partnership; Christmas lights on the three shopping centres	The partnership be advised that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Parish Councillors are far from happy with the project as it now stands and that disappointment be expressed about the quality of the lights fitted and their bearing on Christmas</li> <li>2) the project is not as told to Parish Councillors and in agreeing to part fund the project, Parish Councillors were led to believe that there would be public and other Christmas lights features, whereas the outcome was that for whatever reason, three rows of private shops now had strings of LED lights at the top of the buildings</li> <li>3) the Parish Council should have been advised of the problems which transpired and the likely effect so that it could have reviewed its decision to agree part funding</li> <li>4) if the full work is done as submitted to the Parish Council, then the Parish Council will consider part funding.</li> </ol>
3	Sefton Council; outcome of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) particularly in respect of land to the rear of 40 School Lane and the house adjacent to Mill Farm in Bull Bridge Lane	Noted.
4	Sefton Council; outcome of the Employment Land and Premises Study (ELPS) particularly in respect of the Aintree Racecourse Retail and Business Park	Noted.
5	Merseyrail Ltd; litter on embankments at Old Roan station	Noted that Merseyrail had passed the complaint to Network Rail who was responsible for such matters.
6	LALC; March 2010 newsletter	The section regarding the protection of bees be referred to the Park Committee with a request to consider the purchase of beehives.
7	LALC; Power of Well-being workshop on 2 June 2010, £25	Noted.
8	LALC; new councillors training course on 10 and 24 July 2010, £30 for each module	Noted.
9	LALC; freedom of information and data protection workshop on 8 July	Noted.

10	NHS Sefton; Walk-in Centre	Noted that the Sefton Primary Care Trust had indicated that NHS Sefton had one Walk-in Centre in the area and that another was an expensive option which was not a priority at this time; however, the Head of Primary Care, Mrs B Hartley, would be available to discuss any concerns regarding local provision.  The Clerk was requested to contact Mrs Hartley for suggested dates in early May 2010 for a meeting.
11	Energy Saving Trust; Green Communities	Noted.
12	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE); 2009 annual report and AGM on 17 April 2010	Noted.

#### **5040 General matters**

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

	Details	Decisions
1	Altside Business Village Partnership; consideration of 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	Agreed to defer to the next meeting in order to ascertain the original arrangements for the partnership.
2	Area Committee; outcomes from meeting of 18 March 2010	Councillor Baldwin briefed the Parish Council on various issues arising from the meeting and in particular, crime statistics, fly tipping, A boards and parking around schools.
3	Aintree Village Neighbourhood Watch AGM	Councillor Baldwin briefed the Parish Council on various issues arising from the meeting and in particular the poor public attendance and the intimation by Superintendent Pilling that Aintree Village was a low crime area.
4	Society of Local Clerks one day conference	Councillor Baldwin briefed the Parish Council on various issues arising from the conference and in particular low public spending due to economic climate and the 'Pub in a Hub' initiative.
5	Web site, February 2010: 1) 157 people accessed the web site; 78 from the UK, 28 from the USA, 2 from Australia, 1 from Cyprus, 1 from Ireland, 1 from Germany, 1 from Rumania, 1 from Bulgaria with 44 unknown 2) they visited the site 168 times and viewed 766 pages	Noted

**5041 Parish Plan**

The Parish Council considered the sub group's draft Parish Plan questionnaire and after considerable discussion, it was agreed that the sub group would review the questionnaire in the light of comments made and that the Aintree Ratepayers' Association be requested to circulate the questionnaire with its newsletter when it has been agreed.

**5042 Planning matters**

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Details</u>
1	S/2010/0025	2 Lincoln Drive; approval for a two storey extension to the side after demolition of the existing extensions together with a single storey extension to the front of the house incorporating a porch
2	S/2010/0166	23 Denstone Avenue; application for the erection of a single storey extension to the front and side of the dwelling house
3	S/2010/0200	Unit 2 Racecourse Retail Park; application for the construction of an extended mezzanine floor after the removal of the existing mezzanine

**5043 Standing Orders**

The Parish Council agreed to defer the review of the new model standing orders to the next meeting.

**5044 Chairman's communications**

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had nothing to report and had submitted her apologies due to a Chairman's engagement.

**5045 Any other business**

The following items were discussed:

- Sefton Borough Structures update report submitted to Sefton ten parishes on 23 March 2010; agenda item for the next meeting
- closing time of the park; referred to the Park Committee for consideration
- 2011/12 budget; no effect on staffing levels
- Park Committee/staff appraisals
- Best kept village and best kept garden; agenda item for November 2010

**5046 Press relations**

The Parish Council noted a press release would be issued regarding the Annual Parish Meeting on 26 April 2010 allied to the re-opening of the refurbished council chamber.

**5047 Dates of next meetings**

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

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

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Minutes 5031 to 5047 received as a correct record on 26 April 2010

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Chairman