

## Aintree Village Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 February 2009 at 7.00pm  
the following Parish Councillors were present:

G Downey (Chairman)

T Baldwin, P Carlton, 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 respective views on the 345 bus service and dog fouling in the Parish; the Clerk informed Parish Councillors that he would write to Merseytravel regarding the 345 bus service and had already written to Sefton Council regarding dog fouling.*

### **4795 Declarations of interest**

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that they should declare any interests they may have; Councillors Payne and Green declared their interests in the payments for cheque numbers 5114 and 5115 respectively.

### **4796 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Varney.

### **4797 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2009**

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

### **4798 Disposal of business from the last meeting**

The Parish Council considered the following item deferred from the last meeting and agreed the decisions shown:

	Details	Decision
1	Area Committee allocation for 2008/2009, balance remaining of £3,860	Agreed that the Area Committee be requested to agree that the full allocation be used to part finance the Parish Council's purchase of the wide area mower (WAM) authorised for purchase under minute 4800 (2) below.
2	Sefton Council's 2009/2010 highway maintenance schedule; defective highways which could be considered for a higher rating in the schedule	Agreed that the following areas be forwarded to Sefton Council as warranting a higher priority in the 2009/2010 highway maintenance schedule: Haileybury Avenue and Broomsgrove, Altway and Oriel Drive in respect of grass verges and the "racecourse" estate and Rugby Drive in respect of street lighting.

### **4799 Clerk's action**

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

	Details
1	Wrote to Sefton Council regarding letter from resident about dog fouling

### **4800 Park and safety issues**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Minutes of the Park Committee of 27 January 2009	Agreed that the minutes be noted.
2	Replacement grass cutting equipment estimated at £10,000 and other proposed projects over £250	Agreed that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the quotation from Turner Groundscare of Chester for the supply of one used John Deere 1600T wide area mower at a cost of £14,000 less £3,500 trade in for the Parish Council's 325 Iseki, a net sum of £10,500 plus VAT be accepted *</li> <li>2) financial regulations and standing orders be waived so that the purchase of the above used piece of equipment can be made</li> <li>3) the quotations from PBW of Billinge for the erection of a sports wall (£2,082) and paving (£4,980) be accepted. *</li> </ol>
3	Atholl Crescent resident: hedge cutting/ownership issue	Agreed that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the resident be informed that as a fence would normally mark the boundary of a resident's property adjacent to the park, the Parish Council requires definitive proof that any land beyond that fence is owned by the resident</li> <li>2) in the meantime, no further cutting of the hedge be undertaken for one month.</li> </ol>

\* Councillor Forrest requested that his vote against these items be recorded in the minutes

#### **4801 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	K Ellis	Stamps/stationery/refreshments	17.78	5111
2	Cash	Park petty cash	34.01	5112
3	HMR&C	Tax/NI February 2009	1,153.35	5113
4	Natwest Autopay	Wages February 2009	3,897.12	DD
5	G Payne	Mileage/petrol	28.90	5114
6	L Green	Mileage	5.86	5115
7	Scottish Power	Electricity Bowls Pavilion estimate	34.40	DD
8	Campaign To Protect Rural England	Annual Membership from 12 February 2009	29.00	5116
9	Netsolva	Monthly website charge	45.00	DD
10	L Ferrie	Hedge Cutting	100.00	5117

11	Mayor Sefton's Charity Fund	Charity Ball tickets	210.00	5118
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*Having earlier declared their interests in the payments for cheque numbers 5114 and 5115 respectively, Councillors Payne and Green took no part in the discussions or decisions for their respective payments*

2) noted the following likely outturn for 2008/2009:

Budget head	9 months £	Projected spend to 31 March 2009 £	Approved budget for 2008/2009
1. WAGES, SALARIES AND ON COSTS	48,279	69,279	70,000
2. HEAT LIGHT TELEPHONE	1,205	1,355	2,500
3. WATER	735	900	2,000
4. REPAIRS AND RENEWALS	12,889	13,500	10,000
5. BANK CHARGES	222	300	500
6. LOAN REPAYMENTS	7,099	14,200	14,200
7. SUNDRIES	6,697	7,100	15,000
8. PURCHASES	14,485	16,000	20,000
9. MILEAGE	442	550	500
10. SECTION 137	700	900	2,000
11. ALTSIDE BUSINESS VILLAGE	2,500	2,500	2,500
CAPITAL EXP NOT IN BUDGET	0	2,500	2,500
	£95,253	£129,084	£139,200

3) agreed that consideration of the expenditure and income budgets for 2009/2010 be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **4802 Risk Management Plan**

After agreeing various amendments, the Parish Council agreed the plan as annexed to these minutes on pages 2926, 2927 and 2928.

#### **4803 Asset and Investment Register**

The Parish Council carried out its annual review of its Asset and Investment Register and agreed the register as annexed to these minutes on page 2929.

#### **4804 Correspondence**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Mayor of Sefton: Annual Charity Ball on 13 March 2009	Agreed that 1) the Chair and Vice Chair and their partners be requested to represent the Parish Council at the Charity Ball and that single tickets be purchased for other Parish Councillors, the Clerk and the RFO should they wish to attend 2) joint transport be hired for the evening.

2	Sefton Council: the Parish Council's request to expand the keep clear zone at the junction of Aintree Lane/Mostyn Avenue	Agreed that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting and considered along with Councillor Payne's report on the matter.
3	Sefton Council: the Parish Council's request to review pedestrian safety at the junction of Ormskirk Road/Park Lane	Noted that Sefton Council would provide additional guard rails and advisory signs; agreed that this matter be reconsidered at the meeting to be held on 22 June 2009.
4	Sefton Council: status of litter bins bought by Parish Councils	Noted that litter bins purchased by a Parish Council would be emptied and maintained by Sefton Council
5	Mr J Thick, Aintree Racecourse Company: update on footpath improvements	Noted certain beneficial improvements had been carried out but not all agreed at the site meeting; agreed to reconsider at the next meeting when a reply should have been received to Councillor Carlton's request for a fuller report on the matter, he having represented the Parish Council at the site meeting.
6	Sefton Council: Community Payback orders	Agreed that the following areas be suggested for inclusion in the scheme: litter picking for the whole of Ormskirk Road, wooded area by Old Roan station, sloping area behind the bus stop on Ormskirk Road on the opposite side to Aintree Royal British Legion, embankments by the Blue Anchor Bridge, the three footpath, Wally's Steps and Melling Road; repair of damaged grass verges and greens; chewing gum removal outside the three shopping parades and dog excrement around the Parish.
7	Sefton Council: CCTV repairs	Noted.
8	Atholl Crescent resident: hedge cutting issue	Dealt with under 4800 (3) above.
9	Monmouth Drive resident: dog fouling	Dealt with under submissions to the Parish Council above.
10	Sefton Council: Core strategy sustainability appraisal scoping report – Sustainable Sefton	Noted.
11	The Standards Board for England: satisfaction with advice and guidance research 2009	Noted.

#### **4805 General matters**

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

	Details	Decision
1	Youth Centre report	Noted.
2	Review of footpath sweeping	Agreed that this problem might be solved under 4805 (6) abovr.

3	Road traffic accident statistics	Agreed that a representative of Sefton Council be requested to attend the meeting on 16 March 2009 to discuss possible road safety measures for Melling Road in view of the accident statistics submitted.
4	Web site	Noted that in January 2009: 1) 155 people accessed the web site; 110 from the UK, 10 from the USA, 2 from Canada and 33 unknown 2) they visited the site 166 times and viewed 1,160 pages

**4806 Vacancies for three Parish Councillors**

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

**4807 Planning matters**

The Parish Council considered and noted the following planning matters:

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Details</u>
1	0040	Application to convert into two dwellings – 97 Sherwoods Lane
2	0949	Approval for extension – 14 Sandown Park Road

**4808 Chairman's communications**

The Chairman reported that he had attended Maghull Town Council's Civic Service.

**4809 Any other business**

Items for the next meeting:

1. Resignation of Mrs B Gill – cleaner
2. Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2009
3. LALC Chairmanship Workshop on 4 March 2009
4. Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2009
5. Signs on the highway
6. Condition of shops in Altway

**4810 Press relations**

The Parish Council noted that Councillor Mitchell would be meeting Mr Sharples of the Champion newspaper with a view to gaining publicity for the vacancies on the Parish Council. The possibility of publicity for the Parish Council's decision not to increase the precept was also mentioned.

**4811 Dates of next meetings**

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

- 23 February 2009
- 16 March 2009
- 27 April 2009 Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by a Parish Council meeting
- 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

*Due to the confidential nature of the following business and although there were none present, the Parish Council formally requested the press and public to leave the meeting*

**4812 Confidential item**

Minute be deemed confidential and not for publication.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Minutes 4795 to 4812 received as a correct record on 23 February 2009

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Chairman