



Aintree Village Parish Council
Minutes of the Park and Amenities
Committee meeting held on Monday 19th
August 2024 at 6.30pm in the Council

Present		Cllrs., Robinson, Kelly, Swan and Owens
In attendance		Cllrs. Bennett and Gill M Kundi (Council Manager and Parish Clerk) Mark Pennock and David Collins
PAC316	Apologies for absence	Cllrs. Honeyman and Hinton
PAC317	Declarations of interest	None
PAC318	Public participation	David Collins indicated that he operates two catering and hospitality companies. Last year in order to entertain his two children with special needs he created a themed lighting event in his garden. This was so successful that it attracted a large number of people despite the fact that it was private event. He indicated that he wishes to replicate this type of event on a larger scale possibly in the Tennis Court in the Park over a two day period. He felt that this would be very successful, particularly if one of the days could be reserved for children with needs. Members were generally in favour of the concept and asked that an application for funding be submitted for the Parish Council meeting on 16 th September 2024.
PAC319	Minutes of previous meeting	Members considered the minutes of the Park and Amenities Committee meeting held on 17 th June 2024, and RESOLVED and authorised the Chairman to sign them as a correct record, and also AGREED that the Council Manager and Parish Clerk be given delegated powers to withdraw the offer to undertake work by Playsoundplaygrounds company for the repair of play surface in the Junior Play area if the said work is not undertaken within a specified time scale.
PAC320	Outstanding Issues from the Action List	None
PAC321	Clerk's reports <i>Junior Football Teams</i>	Members considered the detailed report on various Park related issues, including the following:- 1. Members considered the matter in detail regarding the misuse of the junior football pitches and the fact it is not possible to verify as to whether the children playing in these teams are local or not. Members AGREED to RECOMMEND to the Parish

	Two Way Springer New Alarm System Extra Security – Active Sports Group Event Sign outside Gym area Overhead Rotator and Zip Wire	Council that all the junior teams that use the football pitches be requested to reapply for approval and that the application forms be modified to provide evidence that that the children in these teams are indeed local. 2. Members noted that the Two Way Springer has now been repaired and in use. 3. Members considered the issue relating to the Security Alarm, and AGREED that quote of £3309.00 plus VAT be accepted from Sefton Security for the replacement of the old alarm system and that work be carried out as soon as possible. 4. Members considered the matter relating to the provision of extra security in the Park during the Active Sports Group event and AGREED to note and approve retrospectively the decision taken by the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to appoint Brian King to provide additional security at the Event at a cost of £457.60, and for the decision to be ratified by the Parish Council, including the waiving of the relevant Standing Orders relating to the need to seek three quotes. 5. Members considered as to what sign should go in the empty frame that used to host the instructions on the various outside gym equipment and AGREED to defer the matter. 6. Members noted that the Overhead Rotator has been taken out of service due to the need to replace the two seats and the worn out chains links, and that a similar situation was being developed with the Zip Wire chain and the seat. Members noted that this was a specialist equipment, which can only be sourced from the original manufacturer and AGREED that as the installation was being undertaken in-house, the Council Manager and Parish Clerk be given delegated authority to purchase the necessary parts.
PAC322	Friends of the Park	Cllr. Swan indicated the need for a Friends of the Park group to enable informal discussions to take place with the users of the Park, and to assist with the upkeep of the Park. She also indicated that she is aware of a number of people that are interested in joining the Friends of the Park Group. Recognising that any Friends of the Group needs to be properly constituted with agreed terms of references and approved by the Parish Council. Cllr. Swan agreed to take this forward.
PAC323	Dedicated Dog Walking Area	Cllr. Swan stated that she has been in contact with a number of dog walkers who are in favour of having a dedicated dog walking area. Members agreed that any dedicated dog area would need to be fenced off with a separate gate. Reference was made to the

		successful dedicated dog walking area in Lydiate. Members AGREED that Cllr. Swan and the Council Manager and Parish Clerk meet up on site to determine the precise location of any dedicated dog walking area and that estimates be then obtained.		
PAC324	Covered Area	Cllr. Swan highlighted the need for a covered area where Park users can shelter from the weather. Members AGREED that the Council Manager and Parish Clerk obtain estimates for such a structure, which is to be situated on the grass area in front of the Junior Playground equipment.		
PAC325	Yoga Classes	Cllr. Swan indicated that there is a local Yoga instructor who may be interested in using the Park for Yoga classes. However the item was deferred for further investigation by Cllr. Swan		
PAC326	Toilet and Litter	This item was NOTED and no further discussions took place.		
PAC327	Park Officers' JDs and Working Hours	Cllr. Swan inquired as to the time of the day when the Park Officers were working in the Park. There was some discussions about the need to know when the Park Officers were working in the Park, and the need for the flexibility in getting the job done. Members recognised that the Park was extremely well managed and maintained and there was no issue relating to Park Officers commitment to the Park and their work ethics. Members AGREED that Council Manager and Parish Clerk provide Cllr. Swan with Parks Officers' Job Description and Person Specification documents.		
PAC328	Correspondence			
	Joyce Kelly	1. Members NOTED the 'Thank you' email from Joyce Kelly representing the Bowling Green Club.		
	Gordon Parr	2. Members considered the two emails from Gordon Parr and NOTED their contents. Members requested the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to inform Gordon Parr that should he decide to engage a contractor to undertake any work on his wall, his contractor will then need permission from the Parish Council to enter and work in the Park.		
	Gareth Blazey	3. Members considered the email from Gareth Blazey in which he suggested that the Parish Council should provide free WiFi to all Park users, which can also be used for linking Park security systems. Members AGREED that Cllr. Swan should speak with Gareth Blazey, as providing free WiFi and its usage by all Park users could have significant potential implications.		
PAC329	Dates of next meetings	P & A Committee 6.30pm start	F & GP Committee 7.00pm start	Parish Council 7.00pm start
		• 21st October 2024	• 21st October 2024 • 16th December 2024 • 17th February 2025	• 16th September 2024 • 18th November 2024 • 20th January 2025

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The meeting closed at 8.08pm
Minutes PAC316 to PAC329 received as a correct record on 21st October 2024

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Chairman
Cllr. Swan