



Aintree Village Parish Council

**Minutes of Park and Amenities Committee
meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023 at
6.30pm in the Council Chamber.**

Present		Cllrs. Honeyman, Gill, Hinton, Swan and Owens
In attendance		Cllrs. Bennett and Robinson M Kundi (Council Manager and Parish Clerk) PC Ben Reddy and PC Grace McDonald Janine Nuttall, Gordon Parr (Residents of Aintree Lane), Karl Mogan (Davenhill JFC) and Pat Carden (Over The Hill Mob FC)
PAC262	Election of Chairman	Following a request from the Council Manager and Parish Clerk for nominations for the Chair, Cllr. Honeyman was proposed by Cllr. Gill and seconded by Cllr. Owens. Cllr. Honeyman was UNANIMOUSLY elected as the Chair of the Park and Amenities Committee for the year 2023/24, following which he signed the Declaration of Office form.
PAC263	Election of Vice chairman	Following a request from the Chairman for nominations for the Vice-Chair, Cllr. Owens was proposed by Cllr. Honeyman and seconded by Cllr. Gill. Cllr. Owens was UNANIMOUSLY elected as the Vice-Chair of the Park and Amenities Committee for the year 2023/24, following which he signed the Declaration of Office form.
PAC264	Apologies for absence	Kelly,
PAC265	Declarations of interest	None
PAC266	Public participation	
	Davenhill – Request to use the 11 aside pitch	Cllr. Bennett spoke on behalf of the Davenhill Junior Football Club requesting the use of the main 11 aside pitch for practice purposes only and that during the week and off peak football seasons only. Pat Caden whose team, Over The Hill Mob uses the main 11 aside pitch at weekends had confirmed that this request would not affect their fixtures and is unlikely to damage the pitch.
	Aintree Lane- Anti-social behaviour	Janine Nuttall indicated that she has three children aged 2, 6, and 9 and on 'Wednesday 7 th June 2023 at 7.10pm teenage boys threw over their/park boundary wall a battery pack from an e-cigarette that clipped her 2 year old son'. Janine Nuttall expressed her disappointment that nothing has been done since her husband and Gordon Parr approached the Parish Council back in August 2022 when they requested that a fence be erected at the entrance to the passageway leading to gates onto Atholl Crescent to prevent youngsters gathering in this blind spot and causing anti-

		social behaviour. She emphasised that the Parish Council has a duty of care towards the residents backing onto the Park. Both Gordon Parr and Janine stated that these youngsters have been throwing objects over the boundary wall, and when challenged the youngsters have been very abusive and aggressive towards them. Gordon Parr mentioned the fact that he had found a heavy gas canister in the passageway and there is often a smell of youngsters smoking weed. Cllr. Bennett took issue with the assertion that the Parish Council has a duty of care towards the residents backing onto the Park. He requested from Janine Nuttall and Gordon Parr to provide the name of the legislation where it stipulates that the Parish Council has a duty of care. He also mentioned that if one resident asks for a certain action to be taken then where 'does it start and where does it end', not to mention the cost implications of any such requests. Cllr. Bennett also heightened the significant cost implications of employing an additional Park Officer as suggested by Janine Nuttall. Cllr. Owens mentioned that even if the Parish Council was to employ an additional Park Officer the Parish Council has no legal powers to force youngsters to leave the Park. He also expressed concerns about moving the problem from one part of the Park to another. PC Ben Reddy indicated that the issue of installing a fence or CCTV cameras is a civil matter. However when objects deliberately thrown causes an injury then it becomes a criminal matter and as such the Police will be increasing their patrols in the area. Cllr. Gill whilst expressing his sympathy with what happened to Janine Nuttall's 2 year child challenged the fact that the Parish Council had done nothing since August 2022. He referred to the meeting with the Police and the request to Sefton Council for an estimate for the installation of additional CCTV cameras. Cllr. Swan also expressed sympathy with what happened and asked Janine Nuttall what would deter these youngsters, to which Janine Nuttall replied that having a fence and CCTV cameras would help. Cllr. Hinton made reference to the fact that within the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services there is team responsible for Community Safety, whereby Officers will engage with children and youngsters in changing their attitudes and behaviours where their actions could lead to potential fire risks. She spoke in the context of youngsters using battery packs from e-cigarette and gas canisters. On the conclusion of the discussions Cllr. Swan asked if Janine Nuttall felt that she had been listened to, to which Janine Nuttall replied that she had and thanked the Committee Members and stated that her initial emails were sent in anger because of what happened.
PAC267	Minutes of previous meeting	Members considered the minutes of the Park and Amenities Committee meeting held 17 th April 2023, and RESOLVED and authorised the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

PAC268	Outstanding Issues from the Action List	None
PAC269	Clerk's reports Various Issues Car Park Flood Remediation Scheme Welcome Aintree Village Parish Council sign	Members considered the detailed report on various Park related issues, and:- 1a). NOTED that the cost of undertaking the Car Park Flood Remediation scheme had increased from £4,802 plus VAT to £6,483 plus VAT due to the need to engage a sub-contractor to undertake CCTV survey work and for jetting blocked drainages and the replacement of 5 damaged gullies. 1b). Member having consider the matter AGREED to the payment of the invoice for the revised amount and to request the Parish Council to retrospectively approve the additional amount. 2). AGREED that the new sign 'Welcome - Aintree Village Parish Council - Council Chamber sign should be mounted on the Council Chamber building below the post box.
PAC270	Corresponde nce Lee Haugh Request to use 11 aside pitch Janine Nuttall and Gordon Parr Peter Forti United Utilities	1. Members considered the request from Lee Haugh representing the Netherton Phoenix U17's football club for the use of the 11 a-side pitch every other Sunday from approximately 11.00 am onwards for 90 minutes. The request also included the use of goal posts, access to toilets, and for the grass to be cut and pitch marked. After considering the matter Members agreed NOT to APPROVE the request as its proposed usage is likely to clash with the team already approved to use the 11 a-side pitch and the fact that it will have additional financial and staffing implications. 2. Members having considered the earlier discussions under agenda item PAC266 and the £16,838.62 plus VAT estimate provided by SeftonArc for the installation of a CCTV column and cameras to monitor the Atholl Crescent entrance requested the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to obtain estimates for the installation of dummy CCTV cameras and for the installation of a chain across the passageway. 3. Members having considered the request from United Utilities to enter the Park to repair a buried damaged pipe that runs at the rear of the properties on Aintree Lane AGREED to such work being undertaken subject to United Utilities taking all the necessary Health and Safety measures and the reinstatement of all the disturbed ground to its original condition.

PAC271	Dates of next meetings	P & A Committee 6.30 start	F & GP Committee 7.00pm start	Parish Council 7.00pm start
		• 21st August 2023 • 16th October 2023 • 18th December 2023 • 19th February 2024 • 15th April 2024	• 21st August 2023 • 16th October 2023 • 18th December 2023 • 19th February 2024 • 15th April 2024	• 17th July 2023 • 18th September 2023 • 20th November 2023 • 15th January 2024 • 18th March 2024 (Also Annual Parish Meeting)
The meeting closed at 7.50pm Minutes PAC262 to PAC271 received as a correct record on 21st August 2023 Chairman Cllr. Honeyman				