



Aintree Village Parish Council
Minutes of the Park and Amenities
Committee meeting held on Monday 20th
April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Council
Chamber.

Present	Cllrs. Honeyman, Gill, Swan, Kelly, Spencer, Robinson and Owens	
In attendance	Cllrs. Bennett, and Preston Alan Green (Member of the public) (Left the meeting before the consideration of the items relating to the Incident in the Park and the Opening/Closing of Park Gates) M Kundi (Council Manager and Parish Clerk)	
PAC401	Apologies for absence	Cllr. Pennock
PAC402	Declarations of interest	None
PAC403	Public participation	None
PAC404	Minutes of previous meeting	Members considered the minutes of the Park and Amenities Committee meeting held on 16th February 2026 and RESOLVED and authorised the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a correct record.
PAC405	Outstanding Issues from the Action List	None
PAC406	Clerk's reports <i>Overhanging Trees</i> <i>Additional CCTV Cameras</i>	Members considered the detailed report on various Park related issues, including the following:- 1). Members NOTED the email from Sefton Council's Environmental Enforcement Team regarding the overhanging trees along Harrow Drive, and the estimates provided by the two contractors, namely Popular Tree Solutions Ltd (£600+VAT) and Falconer Tree Specialist Ltd (£675+VAT). Members having considered the matter agreed to appoint Popular Tree Solutions Ltd contractor to trim the overhanging trees at a cost of £600 plus VAT. 2). Members considered the estimate of £739.53 plus VAT received from SeftonArc for the installation of two additional CCTV cameras between the Tennis Courts and the Changing Rooms building to eliminate the blind spot. Members having considered the matter agreed to EXPLORE the alternative suggestion put forward, namely the installation of Aosu £K 5MP Security Cameras Outdoor Wireless, Solar Security Camera High-Capacity Portable Solar Panel, 360 degrees PTZ 400lm Spotlight, AI Detection of Person Pet, Car-2way Colour Night Vision.

<i>Structural Survey of the Chamber</i>	3). Members NOTED the attempts made by the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to engage an independent Structural Engineer/Surveyor but to date this has not been possible. Members requested the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to explore the contact details provided by Cllr. Kelly relating a company called Curtins Ltd based in Liverpool.
<i>Stihl 650 Lawn Mower</i>	4). Members NOTED the purchase and the delivery of the Stihl 650 Self-propelled Lawn Mower at a cost of £850 plus VAT that was agreed as part of the Capital Programme for the financial year 2026/27.
<i>Six Rubbish Bins</i>	5). Members NOTED the purchase and the delivery of six Rubbish Bins at a cost of £3,088.17 plus VAT that was agreed as part of the Capital Programme for the financial year 2026/27.
<i>Park Café Sink/Hot Water Boiler</i>	6). Members NOTED that work was scheduled to start on Tuesday 21 st April 2026 on the installation of a new sink and a new hot water boiler in the Park Café at a cost of £970, which was agreed as part of the Capital Programme for the financial year 2026/27.
<i>Defibrillator in the Park</i>	7). Members noted that manufacturers no longer supply consumable parts for the Defibrillator that was installed in the Park in April 2019. Currently the Park Defibrillator has Adult Pads and the Battery/Charge Pack valid until 8 th May 2027, however the Infant/Child Pads expired on 5 th April 2026. Members having considered the matter REQUESTED the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to obtain estimates for the installation of a new Defibrillator in the Park.
<i>Incident – Football Metal Shelter</i>	8). Members NOTED the incident that took place in the Park on Thursday 2 nd April 2026 involving the Football Metal Shelter and the actions taken by the Council Manager and Parish Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Parish Council Cllr. Bennett, including reporting it to the Police, the various references being:- • Merseyside Police Incident Number is MP2026040232 • Crime Number is 260002650570 • Video Sent Reference is CIT534267 Members also noted the recent email received from the parents of one of the boys involved in the incident. Members requested the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to take all necessary steps, in consultation with the Chair of the Parish Council to address this matter and to obtain estimates for repairing the metal shelter as well as for its complete removal.
<i>Roof Repairs</i>	9). Members NOTED that due to strong storm on Sunday 5 th April 2026 two ridge tiles on the Changing Rooms building had come off. Having considered the matter Members retrospectively

		endorsed the decision taken by the Council Manager and Parish Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Parish Council Cllr. Bennett to engage Essential Builders Ltd to undertake repairs to the said building at a cost of £125.00 plus VAT. 10). Members NOTED that as from Monday 6th April 2026 CSS Security Ltd Company that had been Opening/Closing the Park Gates everyday were unable to do so due to lack of staff. Members recognised that it was unattainable to expect existing staff members to undertake this work and having rejected the quote from SeftonArc's as too expensive AGREED to RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council approve the creation of a post so that this work can be carried out in-house. Members also AGREED that all attempts be made to find a temporary solution to this matter, and accepted Cllrs. Bennett's and Robinson's offer of assistance during Council Manager and Parish Clerk's absence from work. 11). Members NOTED the information provided by the Council Manager and Parish Clerk in relation to addressing the problem of uneven footpath and crumbling channel around the Bowling Green. The potential solution involved the installation of precast unit installation and concrete edge installation. Members having considered the Matter REQUESTED the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to obtain detailed costing from specialists undertaking this type of work.		
	<i>Park Gates</i>			
	<i>Bowling Green Footpath</i>			
PAC407	Friends of the Park	At the request of the Chair Cllr. Swan Members AGREED to defer this item.		
PAC408	Dates of next meetings	P & A Committee 6.30pm start	F & GP Committee 7.00pm start	Parish Council 7.00pm start
		• 15th June 2026 • 17th August 2026 • 19th October 2026 • 21st December 2026 • 15th February 2027	• 15th June 2026 • 17th August 2026 • 19th October 2026 • 21st December 2026 • 15th February 2027	• 18th May 2026 (also APC Meeting) • 20th July 2026 • 21st September 2026 • 16th November 2026 • 18th January 2027 • 15th March 2027 (also AP Meeting)
The meeting closed at 7.45pm Minutes PAC401 to PAC408 received as a correct record on 15th June 2026 Chairman Cllr. Swan				