



Aintree Village Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting

held on

Monday 15th April 2019

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| Present | Cllrs. Carter, Harris, Wykes, Preston, Downey, Honeyman, Kelly, Gent, Bennett and Colbert | |
| In attendance | M. Kundi (Council Manager & Parish Clerk), K. Ellis (RFO), David Calder, Peter Owen and Peter Gill. | |
| 6928 | Apologies for absence | Cllr. Grosart |
| 6929 | Declaration of interest | None |
| 6930 | Public participation | David Calder stated that he has lived in the village for the past 12 months and is having major problems with dog walkers using the passageway between Wango Lane and Taunton Drive and throwing soiled dog bags over his garden fence instead of putting them in bins or taking them home. He is concerned that this is potentially causing a health risk, and his approach to the three Ward Councillors has not resulted in any response to date. Members considered the matter and in addition to having some more bins in the vicinity proposed that Sefton Council be asked to undertake additional enforcement. |
| 6931 | Minutes of Council meeting | Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 th March 2019 and with some amendments RESOLVED and authorised the Chairman to sign them as a correct record. |
| 6932 | Matters arising and Action List | None |
| 6933 | Clerk's Reports | |
| | Co-option Policy | 1). Member considered the report on Co-option Policy, and subject to amendments relating to removal of references to election procedures, AGREED to approve it. |
| | DBS Checks | 2). Members considered the report on DBS checks and REQUESTED the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to develop a formal DBS policy, including the reference to 'DBS portability', together with a policy for employing ex-offenders for consideration. |
| | Illegal signs on the highway | 3). Members noted with disappointment the response back from Sefton's Highway Enforcement Team, and REQUESTED the Council Manager and Parish Council to also write to Sefton's Planning Department as this may constitute illegal advertising on the highway. |

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| | Awards for all bid for the Café | 4). Members considered a report on the proposal to explore the viability of submitting an Award for All bid for attracting external funds to resurrect the Tuck Shop/Cafe and AGREED that this should be investigated further with voting as follows:- For - Cllrs. Carter, Wykes, Preston, Downey, Honeyman, Kelly, Bennett and Colbert Against –Cllrs. Harris and Gent |
| | Reserves Policy | 5). Members considered a report on the Reserves Policy and AGREED to adopt it. |
| | Statement of Internal Control | 6). Members considered the Statement of Internal Control for the year ending 31 st March 2019 and AGREED to adopt it. |
| | Payroll Policy | 7). Members considered the Payroll Policy and with some minor amendments AGREED to adopt it. |
| 6934 | Chairman's reports | Chairman indicated he attended the LALC which was very poorly attended due to pending local elections. Similarly due to the Secretary of MALC not being well the meeting did not attract many participants. |
| 6935 | Financial Matters | Members considered the various financial reports and RESOLVED to approve the following:- 1. Budget monitoring report as shown in Annex 6935(A) 2. Payments for authorisation as shown in Annex 6935(B) 3. Bank reconciliation for March 2019 as shown in Annex 6935(C), 4. The proposal to change from needing 4 out 4 signatories to 2 out 4 signatories to facilitate financial transactions, and RECONFIRMED as signatories Cllrs Harris and Bennett with two further signatories to be confirmed at the 16 th May 2019 Council meeting, and 5. NOTED the:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early payment by Sefton Council of 25% of the 2019/20 precept, • The outcome of the complaint to NatWest Bank, with £100 being refunded to acknowledge the difficulties caused • The letter from the Public Works Loan Board showing the amount of loan outstanding of £158,828.27. |
| 6936 | Correspondence | Members considered the email received from Alan Skinner seeking the support of the Parish Council for a pedestrian crossing on Bull Bridge Lane, near the junction with Altway, and AGREED that the Council Manager and Parish Clerk be requested to write to Sefton Council stating that the Parish Council is fully supportive of this pedestrian crossing. Members considered the request from Joyce Kelly on behalf of Ladies Bowling Club to fit cushion flooring (approx. 35 sq. yards) in the Bowling Green Hut at no cost to the Parish Council, and Members AGREED to support it. Members considered the email from Pat Carden expressing his disgust at finding more dog waste whilst playing in a football match. Members deferred the matter to the Park Committee, which is currently considering this particular issue. |