

**HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 14th July 2021 7:15pm @ The Centre, Halton****Chair:** Cllr Slinger**Present:** Cllr Turner, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Coates**Clerk:** Luke Mills**21/07/089 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given**

Apologies were received from Cllr Sewell, Cllr Buntin, Cllr McAleer, Cllr Jefferson

21/07/090 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2021 as an accurate record**It was resolved:** that the minutes be accepted as a true record and to be signed by the Chair.**21/07/091 Declarations of Interests**

Nothing to report.

21/07/092 Suspension of Standing OrdersPrattle volunteer

The Prattle has increasing costs and decreasing income. Advertising rates will be increased from September, but they do not think that they can raise the rates sufficiently to cover the shortfall. In the short-term they are requesting £400 from the Parish Council.

21/07/093 To consider and approve reports:**a) District Councillor Report**

- Nothing to report.

b) Open Spaces, allotments & burial groundCompleted/In Progress

- Fencing off the tool sheds is complete
- Army Camp path strimmed
- Vegetation adjacent to the football pitch strimmed
- Weed spraying at Memorial Gardens, top shops and bus stop

Planned

- New bin(s)

Hours

- 100 hrs last month (excl. of holidays)

Open Spaces

- The retaining wall is complete, however the earth around the wall was excavated again sometime over the weekend.
- The annual playground inspection has been completed. The only equipment to fail was the boardwalk in the play area.

It was resolved: to carry out the main repairs to the boardwalk after the summer holidays (September), but in the meantime repair any simple issues (eg. replace missing fixings, rectify proud fixings)**Allotments**

- One plot is likely to be relinquished and given to the next person on the waiting list.

Burial Ground

- Nothing to report.

General

- County Highways confirmed that they only remove vegetation along paths/highways on a request basis.
- Envirocare will endeavour to leave a wild strip near the top of the Quarry Road banking.
- The car park fencing at the Centre is regularly being broken by cars.

It was resolved: Replace the existing broken piece of fence with standard treated timber for now and consider replacing with like-for-like timber in the autumn.

c) HCA

A lot of groups are winding down for summer holidays. The over-55 luncheon group will be held downstairs to allow more to attend. Nearly new sale on 24th July. The public will be asked to continue to wear masks.

d) Finance Report

- A donation of £250 from St Wilfrid's School has been received.

Budget	PAYMENTS	Actual	Forecast Remaining	Budget	RECEIPTS	Actual	Forecast Remaining
7,046	Salary - Clerk	2,344	4,702	41,206	Precept	41,206	-
11,731	Salary - Groundstaff	3,447	8,284	935	Allotments	-	935
400	Training	-	400	160	Rent	140	20
6,250	Grass Cutting	4,090	2,160	1,300	Burial Ground	380	920
150	Hedge Cutting	-	150	40	Bank Interest	-	40
450	Play Inspection	350	100	-	Damage	-	-
4,613	Repairs & Renewals	2,940	1,674	-	General	-	-
380	Pitch Feed	375	5	-	Grants	-	-
4,500	Public Works Loan	-	4,500	-	Donations	950	-
200	Audit	108	92		VAT	528	528
72	Bank Charges	18	54				
200	Clerks Expenses	46	154	43,641	TOTAL	43,204	1,387
1,956	HCA	-	1,956				
2,358	Insurance	-	2,358		CASHBOOK BALANCES	ACTUAL	<i>Forecast</i>
655	Subs	486	169		Gross Receipts	£57,216	58,603
30	Water	21	9		Gross Payments	£15,450	43,653
130	Website	-	130		CASHBOOK BALANCE	£41,766.09	£14,949.62
20	S137	-	20				
-	Refunds	-	-		BANK BALANCES (30/6/21)		
-	Assets	-	-		Current a/c	5.54	
-	Misc	-	-		Deposit a/c	46,165.86	
76	B4RN	-	76		BANK BALANCE	£46,171.40	
882	Emergency Response & Flood Grant	-	882				
328	War Memorial Restoration	-	328		FUND BALANCES		
42,427	NET TOTAL	14,224.30	28,203		General A/C	£25,381	
	VAT claimed	-			Village Improvement A/C	£14,885	
	VAT to be claimed	1,226			MUGA Sink Fund A/C	£1,500	
42,427	GROSS TOTAL	15,450	43,653		FUND TOTAL	£41,766.09	

It was resolved: to accept the Finance Report to 14th July 2021.

e) Planning

New Applications

- [21/0110/TPO](#) | x3 Beech - Thin by 25% x1 Lime - Fell
 - 6 The Gardens Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6RE
- [21/0109/TPO](#) | Sycamore (T1) - 20% reduction to bring back the shape Lime (T2) - 25% reduction via crown thinning
 - 15 Church Brow Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6LS
- [21/0111/TPO](#) | x1 Sycamore - Crown raise to 5m, reduce from house by 3m, and dead wood
 - 8 The Gardens Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6RE
- [21/00768/FUL](#) | Installation of bunds, replacement office accommodation (E), erection of storage building (B8), creation of additional car parking area, ancillary facilities with associated drainage and infrastructure Open for comment icon
 - Brooklands Buildings Addington Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PG
- [21/0098/TPO](#) | 2 x pine (T1 and T2) - Fell
 - 1 The Gardens Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6RE
- [21/00676/FUL](#) | Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and the construction of a dormer extension to the rear elevation Open for comment icon
 - 1 Thrushgill Drive Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6NN
- [21/00071/DIS](#) | Discharge of condition 4 on approved application 20/00079/FUL
 - Halton Training Camp Halton Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6LW

Permitted

- 21/00071/DIS | Discharge of condition 4 on approved application 20/00079/FUL
 - Halton Training Camp Halton Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6LW
- 21/00067/DIS | Discharge of conditions 3 and 5 on approved application 20/00278/VCN

- Ivy Cottage Low Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6LZ
- 21/0085/TCA | 1 x Sycamore - Crown lift to 5m 1 x Sycamore - Reduce lower canopy 2 x Wych Elm - Fell 1 x Wych Elm - Reduce lower canopy 1 x Ash - Reduce lower canopy 1 x Cherry Plum - Crown lift to 3m
 - 5 Riverside Close Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6NA
- 21/00051/DIS | Discharge of condition 3, 4 and 5 on approved application 20/00277/FUL
 - Land At Grid Reference 351057 464848 Low Road Halton Lancashire
- 21/00023/DIS | Discharge of conditions 3 and 7 on approved application 20/00079/FUL
 - Halton Training Camp Halton Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6LW
- 21/0098/TPO | 2 x pine (T1 and T2) - Fell
 - 1 The Gardens Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6RE
- 21/00154/FUL | Conversion of existing loft space above garage to create ancillary accommodation including the installation of 3x roof lights
 - Willow Barn Aughton Brow Aughton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 8LU

Refused

- 20/01068/FUL | Change of use of agricultural land to site 2 stable blocks and a tack room
 - Field At Grid Reference 351438 465800 Kirkby Lonsdale Road Halton Lancashire

No comments from the Parish Council.

The Clerk received a response from United Utilities regarding water supply issues:

- Forest Heights has recently been moved into a different “pressure area” which is covered by a pressure monitoring valve which regulates the pressure within that area. This occurred at the beginning of June.
- They now have funding to replace/upgrade the water mains on Forgewood Drive and have already had a pre-site meeting. This work should occur sometime in the next 6 months.

21/07/094 To consider renewing pest control on the allotments

A questionnaire was sent to all allotment holders asking for their views on rat control; 19 out of 31 forms were returned and the large majority of responses were in favour of rat control.

It was resolved: to accept the quote for an annual contract with Lancaster City Council Pest Control at a cost of £540 + vat.

21/07/095 To consider purchasing and installing some horse riding signs for the Bay Gateway horse track

It was resolved: to purchase 4 horse riding signs (£55.45+vat) to signpost the horse track running alongside the Bay Gateway.

21/07/096 To consider approving the installation of another B4RN cabinet next to the existing one

It was resolved: to agree that a second B4RN cabinet can be installed next to the existing one at the Centre

21/07/097 To consider constructing a horse-proof fence between Castle Hill and the Memorial Garden

Action: Clerk to discuss plans with the Halton Gardening Group and see if they can be changed so that a fence is not required.

21/07/098 To consider a request to help cover the costs of producing the Prattle

It was resolved: to provide a grant of £400 to the Prattle under Section 137.

21/07/099 To consider quote for repairing swings at St Wilfrid's Park and the Centre

It was resolved: it was agreed to accept the quote of £875+vat to repair the swings at St Wilfrid's Park.

It was resolved: it was agreed to accept the quote of £160+vat to repair the swings at the Centre.

It was resolved: it was agreed to buy a two replacement swing seats for St Wilfrid's Park.

21/07/100 To consider resurfacing path behind the boardwalk

Deferred until the recreational area plans available.

21/07/101 To consider communication from the public:

a) Request for the use of some open space by 1st Halton Beavers to create a small wildlife habitat

Action: Clerk to discuss possible options and locations with the Beaver leader.

21/07/102 To consider and approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meetingReimbursements for Purchases

Payee	Description	Net	Vat	Gross
LM	Screwfix (post supports)	13.33	2.66	15.99
LM	Screwfix (bolts, drill bits)	20.51	4.08	24.59
LM	Toolstation (screws for boardwalk)	67.18	13.44	80.62
LM	Microsoft Business Basics account (email & file storage)	45.60	9.12	54.72

Payments for Approval

Ref	Payee	Description	TOTAL	NET	VAT
29	Water Plus	Water for BG	5.27	5.27	
30	Envirocare	Grass cutting - June	1,188.00	990.00	198.00
31	Greenthumb	Pitch treatment	450.00	375.00	75.00
32	Playsound Services Ltd	Annual playground inspection	420.00	350.00	70.00
33	Dennis Barnfield Ltd	Repairs & fuel	39.71	35.75	3.96
34	L Mills	Salary & reimbursements	763.04	733.74	29.30
35	C Richardson	Salary	465.30	465.30	
36	G Bretherton	Salary	529.41	524.99	4.42
37	K Bridgewater	Salary	300.80	300.80	
38	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	18.00	18.00	
39	Huws Gray	Timber	493.78	411.48	82.30
		TOTALS	£ 4,673.31	£ 4,210.33	£ 462.98

It was resolved: to approve the above expenditure.

21/07/103 To confirm the date of next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be arranged for 8th September 2021 at 7:15pm at The Centre. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:15. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed..... Chair Date