

**HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 9th February 2022 7:15pm @ The Centre, Halton**

Chair: Cllr Slinger

Present: Cllr Coates, Cllr Turner, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Sewell, 1 member of the public

Clerk: Luke Mills

22/02/017 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given

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

22/02/018 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2021 as an accurate record

It was resolved: that the minutes be accepted as a true record and to be signed by the Chair.

22/02/019 Declarations of Interests

Nothing to report.

22/02/020 Suspension of Standing Orders

A representative from Halton Gardening Group discussed the idea of buying two new benches for the Memorial Gardens. In the past there used to be three benches along the main wall, so there is enough space.

22/02/021 To consider and approve reports:

a) District Councillor Report

Action: Clerk to add agenda item to discuss proposed District boundary changes

b) Open Spaces, allotments & burial ground

Open Spaces

Completed/In Progress

- Boardwalk repairs: Complete
- General jobs around the Centre

Planned

- Further lowering of the hedge on the Link Path
- Relocating some of the existing bins.

Hours

- 98 hrs last month (excl. of holidays & sickness)

General

- Lancaster City Council have provided new bins at the War Memorial, St Wilfrid's Park, the memorial seat and on Mill Lane/Station Road. They have provided one more bin than was requested, since 2 bins have been provided at St. Wilfrid's Park. This could be moved to replace the dilapidated bin on Quarry Road.
- Playsound Playgrounds agreed to reduce the invoice.
- **It was resolved:** to purchase two benches for £868 + vat.

Allotments

- 2 payments outstanding, though one is awaiting a new tenant to take over.

Burial Ground

- Nothing to report.

c) HCA

- Around 15 people attended the Moving Forward community planning meeting and proposed lots of ideas, including for the Jubilee. They are going to try and take forward four main ideas.

d) Finance Report

- Forecast balance for the end of the financial year is approximately £16,000.
- North Lancashire Bridleway Association donated £221.

Budget	PAYMENTS	Actual	Forecast Remaining	Budget	RECEIPTS	Actual	Forecast Remaining
7,046	Salary - Clerk	6,454	592	41,206	Precept	41,206	-
11,731	Salary - Groundstaff	10,328	940	935	Allotments	960	30
400	Training	-	-	160	Rent	140	20
6,250	Grass Cutting	6,400	-	1,300	Burial Ground	2,015	-
150	Hedge Cutting	180	-	40	Bank Interest	2	-
450	Play Inspection	350	-	-	Damage	-	-
4,613	Repairs & Renewals	6,439	100	-	General	500	-
380	Pitch Feed	375	-	-	Grants	-	-
4,500	Public Works Loan	-	-	-	Donations	1,171	-
200	Audit	408	-		VAT	3,421	-
72	Bank Charges	78	18				
200	Clerks Expenses	128	20	43,641	TOTAL	49,415	50
1,956	HCA	216	-				
2,358	Insurance	1,892	-		CASHBOOK BALANCES	ACTUAL	<i>Forecast</i>
655	Subs	651	-		Gross Receipts	£63,427	63,477
30	Water	58	5		Gross Payments	£42,686	47,572
130	Website	179	-		CASHBOOK BALANCE	£20,740.24	£15,904.96
20	S137	20	-				
-	Refunds	-	-		BANK BALANCES (31/1/22)		
-	Assets	843	-		Current a/c	270.66	
-	Misc	4,212	-		Deposit a/c	24,006.15	
76	B4RN	-	-		BANK BALANCE	£24,276.81	
882	Emergency Response & Flood Grant	-	882				
328	War Memorial Restoration	-	328				
2,000	New bins	-	2,000		FUND BALANCES		
44,427	NET TOTAL	39,211.50	4,885		General A/C	£4,355	
	VAT claimed	2,893			Village Improvement A/C	£14,885	
	VAT to be claimed	582			MUGA Sink Fund A/C	£1,500	
44,427	GROSS TOTAL	42,686	47,572		FUND TOTAL	£20,740.24	

It was resolved: to accept the Finance Report to 9th February 2022.

e) Planning

New Applications

- [22/0019/TCA](#) | G6 - Fell row of conifers
 - Land At Mill Lane Halton Lancashire
- [22/00096/FUL](#) | Construction of a dormer extension to the front elevation over existing garage including raising ridge height and rear eaves height
 - 7 Meadowfield Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PT
- [22/00034/FUL](#) | Retrospective application for the erection of a detached garden room to the rear
 - 15 Foundry Close Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6FE
- [21/01242/FUL](#) | Erection of single storey front extension to facilitate disabled access
 - Halton Community Association The Centre Low Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6NB
- [21/01037/FUL](#) | Erection of five 4-bed detached dwellings and three 3-bed dwellings (C3), part demolition and conversion of St Wilfrids Hall into two 1-bed apartments and four 2-bed apartments (C3) with associated access and landscaping
 - St Wilfrids Hall Foundry Lane Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6LT

Refused/Withdrawn

- [22/0023/TPO](#) | Fell fire damaged Conifers
 - Land At Mill Lane Halton Lancashire

It was resolved: that replacement screening trees be requested for 22/0019/TCA.

It was resolved: that some affordable homes be provided for 21/01037/FUL and that windows are appropriate for the conservation area.

22/02/022 To receive an update on the Recreation Area/Centre planning application

Awaiting a final tree report. Disabled access officer has viewed the plans.

22/02/023 To receive an update on Castle Hill

They are still considering plans for the future. An interpretation board providing background information on the site might be good in the short-term.

22/02/024 To consider an ongoing tree surveying service

It was resolved: to accept the ongoing tree surveying service for £550 + vat.

22/02/025 To consider plans for new playground equipment

Playdale have provided a revised plan and quote for St. Wilfrid's Park. The cost would be £47,037 + vat.

They are working on a revised plan and quote for the Centre, which would include an aerial runway and slide.

Sovereign Play Equipment have also visited and asked to provide a quote using comparable equipment. They did not think that an embankment slide could be sited behind the swings, but that there was space for a roundabout where the gym equipment is sited.

Action: Clerk to obtain another quote from Pennine Playgrounds.

Action: Clerk to ask Playdale to add roundabout to the plan at Centre.

Action: Clerk to ask LALC for guidance on the steps required to obtain a Public Works loan.

22/02/026 To consider and approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meetingPayments for Approval

Ref	Payee	Description	TOTAL	NET	VAT
98	Water Plus	Water for BG	5.27	5.27	
99	E & M A Burrow & Son	Hedgecutting	216.00	180.00	36.00
100	Huws Gray	Timber & scalpins	51.55	42.96	8.59
101	P.V. Dobson	Generator callout	215.52	179.60	35.92
102	Halton Gardening Group	Bulbs for Memorial Gardens	50.00	50.00	
103	L Mills	Salary & reimbursements	953.73	907.72	46.01
104	G Bretherton	Salary	286.70	286.70	
105	K Bridgewater	Salary	310.20	310.20	
106	C Richardson	Salary	319.60	319.60	
107	Lancaster City Council	Pest control	54.00	45.00	9.00
108	Playsound Services Ltd	Playground repairs	1,218.00	1,015.00	203.00
		TOTALS	£ 3,680.57	£ 3,342.05	£ 338.52

It was resolved: to approve the above expenditure.

22/02/027 To confirm the date of next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be arranged for 9th March 2022 at 7:30pm at The Centre. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:20pm. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed..... Chair Date