

**HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 8th March 2023 7:15pm @ The Centre, Halton**

Chair: Cllr Slinger
Present: Cllr Coates, Cllr Turner, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Sewell, Cllr Buntin, Cllr McAleer, member of the public
Clerk: Luke Mills

23/03/030 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given
None

23/03/031 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2023
It was resolved: that the minutes be accepted as a true record and to be signed by the Chair.

23/03/032 To receive declarations of interests and dispensations
None.

23/03/033 Suspension of Standing OrdersResident of Mill Lane

Raised concerns over the sale of Town End Farm field; they are opposed to further housing on green fields. It would be better as allotments or for woodland. Could it be bought as a group or using the Halton Lune Trust? Can the council take a lead on purchasing the land? The complexities of a joint purchase were discussed.

23/03/034 To consider and approve reports:**a) District Councillor Report**

Nothing to report.

b) Open Spaces, allotments & burial ground**Open Spaces**Completed/In Progress

- General tidying in the burial ground

Planned

- Repairing the boardwalk (no progress)

Hours

- 55 hrs (excl. of holidays)

Open Spaces

- Giffords cannot yet supply the safety chippings for the nest swing area.
- **It was resolved:** to make safe the broken gym equipment at the Centre.
- **It was resolved:** to approve the preliminary Castle Hill budgets for Plan A & Plan B and confirm the final budget after discussing how best to proceed with Heritage Lottery.

Burial Ground

- **Action:** Clerk to investigate the most cost-effective options for edging the path.

Allotments

- All allotment fees paid.
- New tenant has started on plot 13a.
- Rats have been spotted, so the pest control team have been informed.

c) HCA

- 3 new cleaners and a new office member. New long-term booking for dancing.

d) Finance Report

The second VAT claim was made on 22nd February.

Budget	PAYMENTS	Actual	Forecast Remaining	Budget	RECEIPTS	Actual	Forecast Remaining
7,280	Salary - Clerk	6,653	-	42,937	Precept	42,937	-
12,480	Salary - Groundstaff	14,985	-	1,020	Allotments	1,005	-
5,267	Public Works Loan	-	-	160	Rent	170	-
6,400	Grass Cutting	6,549	-	1,300	Burial Ground	1,225	-
150	Hedge Cutting	188	-	20	Bank Interest	192	50
540	Pest control	1,046	-	-	Damage	-	-
450	Play Inspection	520	-	-	General	2,794	-
4,600	Repairs & Renewals	3,551	-	-	Grants	4,730	-
380	Pitch Feed	375	-	-	Donations	4,795	-
1,000	Tree Works	4,300	-		VAT	3,699	1,705
450	Audit	408	-				
72	Bank Charges	73	-	45,437	TOTAL	61,547	1,755
200	Clerks Expenses	256	-				
950	HCA	238	-		CASHBOOK BALANCES	ACTUAL	Forecast
2,448	Insurance	1,962	-		Gross Receipts	77,301	79,056
655	Subs	659	-		Gross Payments	57,506	58,388
400	Training	-	-		CASHBOOK BALANCE	19,795	20,667
65	Water	98	-				
130	Website	135	-		BANK BALANCES (28/2/23)		
20	S137	20	-		Current a/c	328.91	
43,937	BUDGET TOTAL	42,013.97	-		Deposit a/c	21,345.73	
					BANK BALANCE	£21,674.64	
-	Assets	3,015	-				
-	Misc services	7,770	-		FUND BALANCES		
-	Recreational Area Improvements	408	-		General A/C	£185	
882	Emergency Response & Flood Gra	-	882		Village Improvement A/C	£16,610	
	VAT claimed	4,278			MUGA Sink Fund A/C	£3,000	
	VAT to be claimed	21			FUND TOTAL	£19,795	
44,819	GROSS TOTAL	57,506	58,388				

It was resolved: to accept the Finance Report to 8th March 2023

e) Planning

New Applications (Awaiting Decision)

- [23/00215/FUL](#) | Demolition of existing garage, erection of two storey side extension and erection of detached outbuilding
 - Stubb Hall Bungalow Scargill Road Halton Carnforth Lancashire LA6 1HF
- [23/00027/DIS](#) | Discharge of condition 8 on approved application 18/01422/FUL
 - Field At Grid Reference 350809 465524 High Road Halton Lancashire
 - Condition 8:
 - *Prior to occupation of any residential unit hereby permitted, all residential units which have an ancillary garage and/or driveway shall be equipped with at least one dedicated electric vehicle charging point, the details of which shall be submitted and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.*
- [23/00112/FUL](#) | Installation of solar panels to the south-east (front) facing roof slope
 - 57 High Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PP

Permitted

- [22/01530/FUL](#) | Construction of dormer extensions to the front and rear elevations
 - 23 Oak Drive Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6QJ
- [22/00139/DIS](#) | Discharge of conditions 3,4,9,10,11,12,13 and 22 on approved application 20/00613/FUL
 - Cohousing Site Land Adjacent Forge Lane Halton Lancashire
- [22/00990/FUL](#) | Erection of single storey side extension
 - Whitegates Halton Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6BN

- [23/00076/PLDC](#) | Proposed lawful development certificate for the partial conversion of the garage to ancillary living accommodation, increase in height of external walls and eaves, installation of a replacement roof, replacement doors to the front and insertion of new windows to the side
 - 60 Beech Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6QH

No comments from the Parish Council.

23/03/035 To consider Gardening Group requests:

a) Construction of steps from field to nest swing

Action: Clerk to ask the Gardening Group to attend the next meeting to discuss the steps.

b) Installation of plaque on flower bed terracing next to the Centre entrance

It was resolved: to approve the fitting of the plaque to the wall.

c) Installation of a mosaic at the Memorial Gardens

Action: Clerk to ask for a plan of the proposed mosaic

23/03/036 To consider any updates from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

A company has been approached to produce a Landscape Assessment report which should help support key aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan such as the Area of Separation and Development Boundary.

Next meetings on Friday 10th March.

23/03/037 To consider actions for local May elections

Each councillor will need to complete a formal nomination form and return it between 21st March & 4th April. It will need to be signed by 2 supporters and 1 witness. Once the nominations have been received LCC will know whether an election will be necessary for the parish. I will collect nomination packs from the Town Council asap.

Action: Clerk to collect and distribute the forms asap.

Action: Clerk to highlight the election on Facebook.

23/03/038 To consider the work specification for the boardwalk repairs

It was resolved: to accept the specification stating that existing safety matting should be lifted and refitted.

It was resolved: to leave the Sycamore stump uncarved and verify whether it can be trimmed using the pole pruner.

23/03/039 To consider any correspondence

The WI have asked if they could plant a tree to commemorate the Coronation. Their preference would be for an Amelanchier, which would have pretty white blossom in spring, small berries in Autumn and a bronze foliage. An alternative would be a magnolia. Location ideas include the Centre or even near their planter by the old school. They have a plaque prepared.

It was resolved: to approve in principle subject to the location and size.

Action: Cllr Sewell to meet with WI to agree a location and specific variety

A resident would like to plant some more snow drops on the wooded slope next to the Link Path.

It was resolved: to agree that further spring bulbs can be planted on the banking.

23/03/040 To consider potential meeting with South Lakes Housing

It was resolved: to organise a meeting with South Lakes Housing if it seems mutually useful.

23/03/041 To consider content for Prattle

It was resolved: to mention Local Election, update on the Neighbourhood Plan and update on the play area improvements.

23/03/042 To consider and approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meeting

Ref	Payee	Description	TOTAL	NET	VAT
113	Water Plus	Burial ground water	8.14	8.14	
114	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	18.00	18.00	
115	L Mills	Salary & reimbursements	764.07	764.07	
116	G Bretherton	Salary	301.00	301.00	
117	C Richardson	Salary	752.00	752.00	
118	P Bucklow	Salary	452.00	452.00	
TOTALS			£ 2,295.21	£ 2,295.21	£ -

It was resolved: to approve the above expenditure.

23/03/043 To confirm the date of next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be arranged for 12th April 2023 at 7:15pm at The Centre. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:05pm. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed..... Chair Date