



HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2014
AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Present: Cllrs: Fell, Jefferson, Hepwood and Sarney, City Councillor Paul Woodruff, 1 member of the public.
Clerk: S Wadeson
Chair: Cllr Jefferson

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Slinger due to holiday and Cllr Jackson.

14/11/2086 Chair – Cllr Jefferson agreed to Chair the meeting in the absence of Cllr Slinger.

14/11/2087 Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 8th October 2014.

It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2014 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

14/11/2088 Council

- a) Declaration of member's interests in Agenda Items - None
- b) Change in declaration of member's interests - None

14/11/2089 Suspension of Standing Orders

Items raised by members of the public:-

City Councillor Paul Woodruff wanted to let the parish council know that he is very aware of the concerns over the potential development near Forge Wood and is planning to request that once a planning application is received that this is taken to committee. The Parish Council would also like to be involved in this process. The proposed site was not on the original list of sites put forward as potential sites for development and there is the question as to whether this impinges on the AONB. Taking any application to committee would be the best way to question these points.

Cllr Sarney pointed out that this site was taken out of the SHLAA and then put back in without informing the Parish Council. The Parish Council have asked for an explanation regarding this but as such have not yet received one.

Cllr Woodruff also mentioned that he would like to be kept informed on the progress with the traffic calming issues around Church Brow. Cllr Jefferson informed everyone that there is nothing new to report as Paul Snape is currently on Jury Service and therefore has not progressed this matter any further.

A gentleman from Forge Wood spoke about his concerns regarding traffic calming on Low Road near Forge Wood. The council confirmed that they would approach county council on this matter. He also wanted to raise concerns about the amount of dog waste around the village. The clerk confirmed that she has already spoken to the Dog Warden on this. The gentleman also asked about the potential plans for the brownfield site around Forge Lane and Mill Lane. The gentleman was informed that there is a proposal by the developer for another 20 houses built in a similar style to those already built plus a nursing home. No concerns were raised regarding this.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

14/11/2090 To consider and approve Reports

a) Police Report – The report covers September only being the only information available on the website:-

During October, 13 crimes were reported within Halton with Aughton:-

6 reports of anti-social behaviour,
2 burglaries – one case still under investigation and one investigation complete with no suspect identified,
1 case of criminal damage/arson – investigation complete with no suspect identified

1 other theft – under investigation

3 cases of violent/sexual offence – suspect charged on two cases, 3rd investigation complete but no suspect identified

b) Planning Report and Planning

New Applications

Ref 14/01136/OUT – Land to the East side of St Wilfrids Hall, Foundry Lane, Halton – outline application for the development of 4 residential detached dwellings – Pending consideration.

Ref 14/01108/FUL – Halton Mill, Mill Lane, Halton – Erection of 3 dwellings – Pending consideration

Councillors do not wish to make comment on any of the new applications.

The Parish Council have also received details from Halton Mills regarding their proposal for the development of the brownfield site around Forge Lane and Mill Lane. They are hoping to apply for permission to build a further 20 houses in a similar style to those already built plus a 2 storey nursing home. The Parish Council have no concerns regarding these proposals.

c) Finance Report – Responsible Finance Officer

Bwfd 08/10/2014	£ 20,238.15
Income	
Interest	£ 1.64
Expenditure	
Cheques 000126 - 000136	£ 1,815.99
Balances as at 12/11/2014	£ 18,423.80
Made up of	
General a/c	£ 9,552.49
Village improvement	£ 6,901.73
Play Equipment	£ 1,969.58

It was resolved: to accept the Financial Report to 12th November 2014.

d) Environmental and Landscape Report

No report this month.

e) Community Centre and Recreation Area Report

Cllr Jefferson has been in discussions with David Redmore about undertaking further work covering the whole of the recreation area over the winter. David Redmore is going to put together some costings ready for Cllr Jefferson to bring to the next parish council meeting for discussion and approval. David is also going to look at a maintenance plan for the plantation. He does expect that some grants will be available for some of the work.

Following on from last month, the proposed path alongside the football field to allow wheelchair access has been looked into further. It has been recommended that a minimum width of 1.5m is required to meet the legal requirements for wheelchair access. Costain have agreed to do this work at no cost to the parish council and have offered to provide a concrete path. Cllr Jefferson has looked into alternative surfaces but there are very limited options when it comes to suitable surfaces for wheelchairs.

It was resolved:- to allow Costain to provide the concrete path.

Cllr Jefferson informed the council that the lease between HCA and the Parish Council has still not been finalised and the delay is due to the fact that Land Registry have not yet put the land on the register.

f) Communication Report

Prattle items were discussed and agreed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to David Morris regarding the concerns over developments within the parish.

Clerk to discuss the website and how to progress this with Cllr Jackson.

14/11/2091 Repairs and Maintenance

Work at Memorial Garden proposed by Gardening Club was carried out before Remembrance Sunday.

Clerk provided details of repair jobs required around the parish and will liaise with the handyman regarding these.

It was resolved:- to approve the cost of £200 for replacement Perspex for repairs to the skatepark shelter.

14/11/2092 Local Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hepwood provided a summary of the recent meeting held regarding the preparation of a Local Neighbourhood Plan. He confirmed that there are grants available for the preparation of a plan.

It was resolved:- that the Clerk contact the local group that has recently formed on Facebook regarding the developments in the area and ask if they would like to send a maximum of 4 representatives to the next meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a Neighbourhood Plan and whether they would be interested in being involved.

14/11/2093 Staff Employment Contracts

The contracts for the village handyman and handywoman were discussed as these have come to an end.

It was resolved:- to renew both contacts.

14/11/2094 Lighting at HCA

It was proposed that the parish council purchase LED lighting for the hall at the Centre at a cost of £1,000 maximum.

It was resolved:- to approve this cost.

14/11/2095 Link Path

There has been no progress with this matter as yet and will be discussed again at the next meeting.

14/11/2096 Grit Bins and Salt

£120 was spent last winter on salt for the grit bins along the link path and around the Centre.

It was resolved:- to approve the same cost for salt for this winter.

14/11/2097 Allotment Rents

Allotment rents are due in January. Parish Council are required to give 12 months' notice of any rent increases therefore 2015 must remain as for 2014 as no increase was approved in the last 12 months.

It was resolved:- that the Clerk look into the possibility of reducing the notice period to 2 months and that the rent for a ½ plot should be increased to £25 for residents and £37.50 for non-residents. If it is not possible to reduce the notice period, this rent increase will take place from January 2016 and the rent for 2015 will remain the same as this year, £22 for residents and £33 for non-residents.

14/11/2098 Grass Cutting Quotes

This item is postponed until the next meeting.

14/11/2099 Accounts for Payment

000126	Kyle Oram – Wages for Oct	£67.28
000127	Jasmine Smalley – Wages for Oct	£306.00
000128	S Wadson – Clerks Wages	£325.26
000129	Lancaster City Council – Log Bridge Repair	£55.20
000130	British Legion – Poppy Wreath	£17.00
000131	Dennis Barnfield – Mower repair	£26.44
000132	Dennis Barnfield – Mower Repair	£63.10
000133	Jasmine Smalley - Expenses	£12.97
000134	Signs Express – POC Markers	£44.74
000135	David Turner – Memorial Garden Work	£300.00
000136	HCA – Litterpicking	£598.00

TOTAL

£1,815.99

It was resolved that: the above payments be approved and the cheques were duly signed.

14/11/2100 Date of Future Meetings

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Signed..... Chair Date

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.