

**HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL****MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2015
AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON**

Present: Cllrs: Jackson, Jefferson, Hepwood and Slinger, City Cllr Paul Woodruff, 3 attendees from Mason Gillibrand Architects joined by a representative from Lancaster City Council planning department, 3 members of the public.

Clerk: S Wadeson

Chair: Cllr Slinger

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Fell and Sarney.

15/02/2131 Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 14th January 2015.

It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2015 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

15/02/2132 Council

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

15/02/2133 Suspension of Standing Orders

Attendees from Mason Gillibrand Architects presented the proposed development for the land adjacent to Town End Farm. The proposal is for a build of 22 houses upon this land in a style that is in keeping with the type of properties within the immediate area, being in the conservation area of the village. The proposed properties are therefore expected to be of high quality with a mix of designs. There is a requirement by LCC that 40% of any development is built as affordable housing, therefore 9 of the properties would be within this category. United Utilities are developing a new pumping station for the area which is expected to commence in the later part of this year and will be built in the corner of this plot of land. It is expected that there will be a considerable amount of landscaping upon the site with an extensive planting scheme to try and make the development fit within the village and to lessen the impact of the buildings. The Parish Council thanked the individuals for their presentation and confirmed they would be in touch with any comments on the development.

Two members of the public came to speak about the Forgewood development to see if there is anything they can do to help stop such a development. It was suggested that they try to put together a resident's petition and to also get involved with the Neighbourhood Plan which was taken on board.

A further member of the public came to speak about the potential development of the field on the Kirkby Lonsdale road as he and other residents have major concerns regarding flooding in the area. There have already been considerable problems with flooding in this area and any further development would increase the risk for these properties. It was suggested that Parish Council request for this site to be removed from the SHLAA due to the location being within a high risk flood area and requested that the documents and evidence found by the residents are passed onto the Parish Council so that this can be used.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

15/02/2134 To consider and approve Reports

- a) Police Report** – The report covers December only being the only information available on the website:-
During December 2014, 4 crimes were reported within Halton with Aughton parish:-
- 1 reports of anti-social behaviour – on or near Sykelands Grove
 - 1 case of criminal damage/arson – on or near Beech Road - investigation complete with no suspect identified
 - 1 case of burglary – on or near Aughton Road - under investigation
 - 1 case of other theft – on or near Church Brow – investigation complete with no suspect identified

b) Planning Report and Planning

Letter of objection re Forgewood has been received by LCC.

c) Finance Report – Responsible Finance Officer	
Bwfd 14/01/2015	£ 14, 476.34
Income	
Interest	£ 0.53
Burial Ground	£ 128.00
Allotment Rent	£ 132.00
Expenditure	
Cheques 000154 - 000162	£ 2,498.17
Balance as at 11/02/2015	£ 12,238.70
Made up of	
General a/c	£ 2,367.39
Village improvement	£ 7,901.73
Play Equipment	£ 1,969.58

It was resolved: to accept the Financial Report to 11th February 2015.

d) Environmental and Landscape Report

Nothing to report this month.

e) Community Centre and Recreation Area Report

The defibrillator has now been fitted and the installation was undertaken for free. The first round of training has taken place and a second training session has been arranged.

The Princes Trust are now unfortunately not going to be undertaking work on the path at the far end of the field and therefore other options for this are being explored.

There is nothing else to report this month, everything else is working very well at the Centre.

f) Communication Report

Nothing to report this month.

15/02/2135 Repairs and Maintenance

Due to staff absences there was nothing new to report this month.

15/02/2136 Parish Clerk Vacancy

Cllr Slinger to speak to J Ball about filling this position temporarily. Councillors will also put together another advert for the next edition of the Prattle to advertise the post.

15/02/2137 Handyman Vacancy

No applications have been received regarding the job and as such Cllr Slinger will contact the Job Centre to advertise the post further afield.

15/02/2138 HCA Lease costs

The final bill for the preparation of the HCA lease has been received from Oglethorpe Sturton & Gillibrand at a cost of £885.02.

It was resolved:- to approve this cost.

15/02/2139 Castle Hill

The Parish Council has been approached once again by Vic Price regarding the lease of the field on Castle Hill.

It was resolved:- that the lease will be granted for 2015 for the period from April to September for £125 subject to repairs to the boundary fence.

15/02/2140 Lawnmower

It was proposed to approve the cost of £326.55 for the annual service for the mower.
It was resolved:- to approve this cost.

15/02/2141 Website

In order to move forward with the development of the new website, Cllr Jackson will contact the volunteer to arrange a meeting.

15/02/2143 Lancaster City Council Playground Inspections

It was resolved: that the parish council will take part in the scheme operated by Lancaster City Council whereby the playgrounds are inspected four times per year and would meet the first £100 of any repairs required.

15/02/2144 Accounts for Payment

000154	Kyle Oram – Wages for Jan	£ 83.84
000155	S Wadeson – Clerks salary & Expenses	£ 345.26
000156	Dennis Barnfield – Lawnmower Repair	£ 326.55
000157	Oglethorpe Solicitors – HCA Lease	£ 885.02
000158	Bannister Hall Nursery	£ 118.80
000159	Carol Slinger – Replacement Ceiling Tiles	£ 89.40
000160	S Wadeson – Purple Bin Bags for Centre	£ 94.03
000161	K Oram – Expenses	£ 152.54
000162	HCA	£ 350.00
	TOTAL	£2,498.17

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

15/02/2145 Date of Future Meetings

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed..... Chair Date

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.