



## HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015  
AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON

**Present:** Cllrs: Fell, Hepwood, Jefferson, Slinger and Sarney, City Councillor Paul Woodruff and 3 members of the public.

**Clerk:** Vacant

**Chair:** Cllr Slinger

No apologies received.

**15/04/2161 Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

**It was resolved that:** the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**15/04/2162 Council**

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

**15/04/2163 Suspension of Standing Orders**

Cllr. Woodruff reported that the planning application for the demolition of the old Lawnmower had been granted and that the application for the 60 houses behind Forgewood would probably go to the June planning meeting.

2 members of the gardening group asked for permission to landscape the area to the side of the Centre. The planting scheme was discussed and agreed.

**15/03/2164 To consider and approve Reports**

**a) Police Report –** None received.

**b) Planning Report and Planning**

New applications - None

**c) Finance Report**

**Bwfd 11/03/2015** £ 11,417.02

**Income**

Donation from HCA £ 940.00

Insurance Claim £ 8,850.00

Bank Interest £ .40

**Expenditure**

Cheques 000164-172 £ 13,084.19

**Balance as at 8/04/2015** £ 8,123.23

**Made up of**

**General a/c** £ 1,748.08-

Village improvement £ 7,901.73

Play Equipment £ 1,969.58

The Finance Officer reported that there is still £4260.19 outstanding for the VAT refund.

**It was resolved:** to delay the transfer £1000 to the Village Improvement Capital Account until the VAT refund has been received and to accept the Financial Report to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**d) Open Spaces and Recreation Report**

Cllr. Jefferson together with David Redmore have produced a landscape maintenance programme to be followed by the grounds maintenance team as agreed under minute ref 14/12/2115.

**e) Environment Report**

Nothing to report this month.

As Cllr. Sarney will not be standing for election in May this will be his final meeting and was thanked for his contribution to the Parish over the last 8 years.

**f) The Centre@halton**

Water usage - the rainwater harvesting system does not seem to be working and is being investigated as a cause for the high mains water usage.

The Centre is doing really well both with increased users and visitors to the coffee shop.

**g) Communication Report**

No Report.

**h) Neighbourhood Plan**

A meeting is to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> April with the City Council to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan consultation responses.

**15/04/2165 Repairs and Maintenance**

The repairs to the skate park shelter have now been completed. The cost for the Perspex was £560 plus VAT. The sand for the pay pit has been received at a cost of £94.00 plus VAT. The security bollard has been purchased at a cost of £269.00 plus VAT. A quote for an alarm for the store has been received at a cost of £200.00. **It was resolved:-** to approve the above expenditure.

**15/04/2166 Parish Clerk Vacancy**

No applications have been received for the vacancy. Cllr. Slinger will approach the City Council and LALC.

**15/04/2167 Handyman Vacancy**

Three possible candidates have applied for the handymans position and will be meeting with Cllr Jefferson next week. The insurance claim has been resolved and a cheque has been received to replace the stolen equipment (less £250 excess). The cost of the replacement equipment is £9128.60 plus VAT **It was resolved to:** purchase the replacement items and to purchase hand tools as requested by the handyman totalling approximately £200 plus VAT.

**15/04/2168 Landscaping round the Centre**

The proposal from the gardening group discussed earlier was welcomed. It appears that there will be no or little cost to the PC. **It was resolved:-** to accept the proposal by the gardening group.

**15/04/2169 Nominate Important Local Green Spaces**

The two fields in between the Centre@halton and Mill Lane were nominated and the forms to be completed by the 29<sup>th</sup> April deadline.

**15/04/2170 Website**

Work is ongoing with more content required.

**15/04/2171 B4RN in Halton**

Following discussions with B4RN they have suggested that we contact them again in September with a view to roll out coverage in the parish next year.

**15/04/2172 Accounts for Payment**

000164	Direct Bollards	£	322.80
000165	Border Aggregates	£	112.80
000166	HLN Supplies	£	672.00
000167	United Utilities	£	14.55
000168	St. Saviours Church	£	800.00
000169	K Oram expenses	£	72.18
000170	K Oram salary	£	108.54
000171	HMRC Paye	£	27.00
000172	Dennis Barnfield	£	10,954.32
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£13,084.19</b>

**It was resolved that:** the above payments be approved and the cheques were duly signed by Cllrs. Hepwood and Sarney.

**15/04/2173 Date of Next Meeting**

Members agreed that the AGM and Annul Parish meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed..... Chair      Date .....

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.