



HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2015
AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Present: Cllrs: Karen Gibson, David Fell, Brian Jefferson, Bob Bauld, Barbara Duffy, Sandy Haythornthwaite and one member of the public.

Clerk: Lynn Malkin

Chair: Cllr Slinger

15/06/2202 Apologies for absence: were received from Michael Jackson (work commitments)

15/06/2203 Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 13th May 2015.

It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2015 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

15/06/2204 Council

- a) Declaration of member's interests in Agenda Items
Cllr Jefferson declared an interest in 15/06/2210 planning items relating to Halton Hydro Ltd
- b) Change in declaration of member's interests - None

15/06/2205 Suspension of Standing Orders

Sheila Miles, member of the public brought to our attention that grass cutting by the allotment steps had been missed. Cllr Brian Jefferson to relate this to the handymen

15/06/2206 Co-Option of Councillor

Bob Bauld was proposed by Cllrs Brian Jefferson and seconded by Sandy Haythornthwaite.

It was resolved that: Bob Bauld was unanimously co-opted as the 8th Parish Councillor and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

15/06/2207 Appointment of Parish Clerk

Cllr. Slinger had interviewed Lynn Malkin for the position of Clerk and felt that she could carry out the role of Clerk competently.

It was resolved that: Lynn Malkin be appointed to the role of Clerk at an hourly rate of £8.613 for up to 8 hours per week commencing from 1st June 2015.

15/06/2208 Handyman Salaries and Repairs and Maintenance.

Following the probationary period for the handymen Graham Kitchen resigned. Cllr. Jefferson reported that John Butler and Garry Bretherton were working well with Kyle Oram and the quota of hours for the month was being covered between them all.

It was resolved to: increase the hourly pay for John Butler and Garry Bretherton to £7.50 per hour from 1st June 2015.

Cllr. Jefferson also reported on progress of maintenance and repairs. The orchard is mostly done. The Princess Trust path is under control and the burial ground is good. The army camp path is still to be strimmed. The War memorial also requires repair to the damaged perimeter wall, the cobble stones need replacing as do the barrel plant containers.

Kath Bryne has submitted expenses of £18.50 for plants and compost for the War Memorial planters.

It was resolved to: replace the containers and Cllr. Jefferson will contact the War Memorial Trust regarding funding for the other repairs.

Cllr. Slinger will contact City Council regarding the verges on Foundry Lane which are not being cut.

It was reported that the swings at St Wilfrids needed attention 2 new posts are required and new seats.

It was resolved to: the expenditure of up to £500 (excl. VAT) for the repairs to the swings.

15/06/2209 To consider and approve reports.

- a) **Police Report.** It was reported that the police no longer come to our meetings, however if we need to find information we can download their report.
- b) **Planning Report**
14/01350/FUL. Erection of 20 residential dwellings, Mill Lane, Halton – awaiting decision.
14/01344/OUT. Outline application for 60 dwellings, land south of Low Road Halton – deferred to July Planning Committee Meeting.

c) Finance Report	
B/fwd 10/6/2015	£34,824.06
Expenditure	
Cheques 000183-000192	£ 1,898.84
Bank Charges	£ 58.15
Balance as at 10/6/2015	£32,867.07
Made up of	
General Account	£21,495.76
Village improvement Account	£ 9,401.73
Play Equipment	£ 1,969.58

Expenditure is in accordance with budget so far this financial year.

There is still £2,271.22 VAT refund outstanding.

It was resolved to: accept the Finance Report to 10th June 2015.

d) **Open Spaces and HCA Report.**

Open Spaces covered under item 15/06/2208.

Cllr. Jefferson reported on the next phase of works planned for the Centre.

Rendering on the old hall needs repairing.

The old kitchen is to be pulled out and to be replaced with a new one with a new suspended ceiling and energy efficient lighting. A halogen hob is to replace the gas one. There is to be a new microwave and water heater, new white goods and more central heating radiators. Grey water is to flush the toilets with further economies made by replacing taps with spring loaded ones. Also decking is planned for the outside area.

15/06/2210 To consider new planning applications.

15/00544/CU, The Forge, Mill Lane, Halton, change of use of agricultural land to domestic, erection of a single storey side and rear extension, raising the existing roof and installation of solar panels.

15/00510/OUT Outline permission for a nursing home with vehicle access, land off Forge Lane, Halton.

15/00497/PLDC, conversion of garage into habitable room, 29 Town End Way.

15/00460/FUL, building of single storey outbuilding to the side of 1 Beech Road.

15/00422/FUL, building of single storey side extension, porch and dormer window to rear of 31 Sykelands Avenue, Halton.

15/00390/NMA to reduce the width of the turbine house from 7 to 6.5m and omit solar PV panels for Halton Hydro Ltd.

15/00561/FUL Demolition of existing building and construction of roof over existing midden at Green Hill House Farm.

It was strongly felt that there is a large degree of inappropriate development in the Parish which will be taken up with the planning department and incorporated into The Neighbourhood Plan.

15/06/2211 Website

A new website was started 3 years ago although it was barely live. Cllr Sandy Haythornthwaite volunteered to take this on as her expertise. She is to create a brief and to take to local people for costing and will bring this to the next meeting. She is also happy to do content management once the website has been created.

15/06/2212 Neighbourhood Plan

It was felt that the Parish should have a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole of the parish as a matter of urgency. The 60 plus 20 dwellings currently seeking planning approval (see 15/06/2209) are only the tip of the iceberg. There is a National strategy to increase housing stock, but it does not take into account where the housing demand is. On average our local authority have been building around 320 homes per year.

There are 264 houses planned for our parish, that's almost a year's worth of Lancashire's District Council's Housing. This level of development is unsustainable unless school, shopping and transport infrastructure keep in line with this development to serve a Parish population of 4,000 plus. The Parish Council's drive is to protect our community and a Neighbourhood Plan developed and approved by our community is the way forward. The Halton with Aughton Parish plan, 2013 could be developed by the Neighbourhood Plan into a working document once the Parish Boundary has been accepted. An Open meeting has been arranged for 17th June 2015 to invite the whole Parish to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. At this meeting it is hoped that a working party representing the views of a cross section of Parish residents will take this plan forward as a matter of urgency.

15/06/2213 Traffic Calming Measures – Aughton

Residents in Aughton are this evening meeting to discuss what can be done about the traffic travelling at high speeds through the residential top road. Cllr Jefferson suggested getting the County Highways involved because of the financial implications. Cllr Sandy Haythornthwaite will report back to the next meeting. Cllr Bob Bauld reported on the meetings and progress made with Paul Snape regarding Traffic Calming on Church Brow and that plans are almost ready to bring to the Parish meeting

15/06/2214 To Receive the Internal Auditors Report 2014/15

Cllr. Slinger reported that the Internal Audit had taken place on 8th June 2015 and there were no issues arising.

15/06/2215 To Consider, approve and authorise the Chair and Finance Officer to sign Section 1 (statement of account) and Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement) being part of the Annual Audie for the year ending 31st March 2015

The Finance Officer had completed the Statement of Accounts to 31st March 2015 as per the Accounts figures agreed at the AGM in May.

It was resolved: That Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015 be approved and the Chair and Finance Officer sign Section 1 (Statement of Accounts) and Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement).

The forms will be sent to the Auditors by 16th June 2015.

15/06/2216 To approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meeting

000183 Arena Systems	£ 208.00
000184 Dennis Barnfield	£ 13.86
000185 LALC	£ 421.27
000186 Envirocare	£ 408.00
000187 Garry Bretherton	£ 239.45
000188 Kyle Oram	£ 147.57
000189 John Butler	£ 126.10
000190 Graham Kitchin	£ 47.70
000191 Kath Bryne	£ 18.50
000192 Screwfix	£ 268.39
Bank Charges	£ 58.15

TOTAL £1,956.99

It was resolved to: approve the above expenditure and the cheques duly signed by Cllrs. Fell and Jefferson.

15/06/2217 Date of Next Meeting

Members agreed that due to the availability of the majority of Councillors the next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 1st July 2015 at 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed..... Chair Date
Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.