



HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 2015
AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Present: Cllrs: Karen Gibson, David Fell, Brian Jefferson, Bob Bauld, Barbara Duffy, Carol Slinger, City Cllr. Paul Woodruff and Luke Mills

Clerk: Position Vacant

Chair: Cllr Slinger

15/07/2218 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Sandi Haythornthwaite.

15/07/2219 **Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 10th June 2015.**

It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2015 be accepted as a true record following the deletion of - "and more central heating radiators" from minute ref: 15/06/2209 (d) and signed by the Chair.

15/07/2220 **Council**

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

15/07/2221 **Suspension of Standing Orders**

Luke Mills introduced himself to the Parish Council as an interested candidate for the Clerks role. Cllr. Paul Woodruff reported that the Forgewood application would go to committee on July 27th. He has requested a site meeting before the 27th July.

15/07/2222 **Resignation of Clerk**

Due to changes in circumstances Lynn Malkin felt she could not carry on the role as Clerk and terminated her employment. She would not accept payment for the hours worked completing the last PC minutes. Luke Mills had declared an interest in the position and had met with Cllr. Slinger and was attending this meeting to see what was involved.

It was resolved that: Cllr. Slinger take on the role on a temporary basis until a replacement was appointed.

15/07/2223 **Handymens Salaries and Repairs and Maintenance**

Timesheets have only been received from John Butler for June for 30.5 hours.

Repairs to the swings on St. Wilfrids Park are in hand with a quote for £498 plus VAT being received from Lancaster City Council.

It was agreed to purchase new basketball nets for the MUGA at a cost of £12.85.

A quote has been received for wheeled strimmer at a cost of £345 plus VAT.

It was resolved to: approve the above expenditure.

Cllr. Jefferson will pursue the problems with the blocked drain at the entrance to the car-park at HCA.

15/07/2224 **To consider and approve reports**

a) **Police Report.** It was reported that reports (by postcode) can be downloaded from www.saferlancashire.co.uk.

b) **Finance Report**

B/fwd 1/7/2015 £32,867.07

Income Burial Ground £ 287.25

Expenditure

Cheques 000193-000196 £ 269.99

Balance as at 1/7/2015 £32,884.33

Made up of

General Account £21,513.02

Village improvement Account £ 9,401.73

Play Equipment £ 1,969.58

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

A VAT refund request has been submitted for £2,271.22

It was resolved to: accept the Finance Report to 1st July 2015.

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

Fencing has now been erected at the rear of the Centre to provide a safe outdoor space for the play group.

It is anticipated that the kitchen refurbishment and the outdoor decking would be completed in the next 3-4 weeks.

The AGM will take place on 29th July 2015 at 7.30pm with refreshments being provided.

15/07/2225 To consider new planning applications.

No new planning applications.

It was resolved that: the PC request that City Cllr. Paul Woodruff be formerly asked to approach the City Council to ask that any development in Halton is deferred until a Neighbourhood Plan has been completed.

15/07/2226 Website

Deferred until next meeting.

15/07/2227 Neighbourhood Plan

An Open Meeting was held on 17th June and a willing group of volunteers agreed to join the sub-committee to take on the Neighbourhood Plan forward led by Cllr. Bob Bauld.

Cllr. Jefferson will contact the MOD regarding the army camp being involved in discussions.

The City Council have asked that the PC reconsider the boundary of the Neighbourhood plan to exclude the area to the west of the M6 motorway and Lune crossings and they believe that this area contains a range of significant structures which would be better to be protected and considered in the long term through decisions made in the wider local plan. However the PC feel that the whole of the Parish should be included and this would be relayed back to the City Council.

15/07/2228 HCA Outside decking and Refurbishment of old kitchen

A request from HCA for financial help with the above projects was discussed.

It was resolved to: agree the expenditure of up to £3,500 for the new kitchen furniture and up to £2,000 for the outside decking at the Centre @ Halton.

15/07/2229 To approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meeting

000193 C Slinger expenses	£ 44.74
000194 Dennis Barnfield	£ 27.36
000195 United Utilities	£ 14.94
000196 John Butler	£ 182.95

TOTAL £ 269.99

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

15/07/2230 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 12th August 2015 at 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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