



HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2015
AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Present: Cllrs: Bob Bauld, Karen Gibson, Brian Jefferson
Clerk: Luke Mills
Chair: Cllr Slinger

15/09/2245 Apologies for absence: were received from Cllr Duffy, Cllr Haythornthwaite, City Cllr Woodruff

15/09/2246 Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 12th August 2015.

It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2015 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair, with the following amendments:

Replacement of "conversation" with "conservation" in ref: 15/08/2234

Replacement of "30th Oct" with "21st Oct" in ref: 15/08/2235

Replacement of "football uprights" with "two swing uprights" in ref: 15/08/2238 c)

Replacement of "Cllr Sandi & Cllr Gibson" with "Cllr Haythornthwaite & Cllr Duffy" in ref: 15/08/2240

15/09/2247 Council

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

15/09/2248 Suspension of Standing Orders

City Cllr Woodruff provided apologies for non-attendance.

It was resolved to: in future City Cllr Woodruff will be asked to provide a report from the City Council

15/09/2249 To consider and approve reports

a) **Police Report.**
Nothing to report.

b) **Finance Report**

Balance from 12/8/2015	£27,784.94
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Income

Burial Ground	£231.50
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Expenditure

Cheques 000212 - 000219	£2,357.12
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PWLB Loan Repayment	£2,069.05
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Balance as at 9/9/2015	£23,590.27
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made up of:

General Account	£12,218.96
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Village Improvement Account	£9,401.73
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Play Equipment	£1,969.58
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Expenditure is in accordance with budget so far this financial year.

It was resolved to: accept the Finance Report to 9th September 2015.

c) Open Spaces and HCA Report

Cllr Jefferson reported that the small kitchen and new decking area have been completed. New signage around HCA will be provided shortly. The coffee shop has been very successful over the summer.

Cllr Jefferson highlighted the official launch of the village orienteering course. There will be a public event on Sat 17th October 1:30pm for 2pm start. Fees are £2 for adults and £1 for children. attend. Volunteers are needed on the day to prepare light buffet, help with marshalling and setting up meeting room. For details contact Susan Lucas (susanlucas1950@live.co.uk)

It was resolved that: Parish Clerk to ask the grounds staff to spray weeds along link path and cut back vegetation along the plantation wall on Low Road.

Cllr Jefferson reported that the verges between Church Brow and the motorway are overgrown and unsightly. Also the drains have not been cleared recently.

It was resolved that: Parish Clerk to contact Highways about weeds and drains along Church Brow, including the patch of grass near the path next to the motorway.

Cllr Slinger has contacted Costain about the cutting back of the hedge next to the Army Camp. They have offered to purchase new saplings, but have not offered to replant the hedge.

It was resolved to: Parish Clerk to review the burial ground records to ensure they are up-to-date.

d) Allotments

Cllr Gibson reported that the allotment paths are looking much tidier. The wilder parts are being tamed. There was discussion about the best way to manage the space underneath the willow tree, which is unsuitable as an allotment area.

It was resolved that: the area underneath the willow tree to be grassed

It was resolved that: the Parish Clerk to gather paperwork, including allotment information from previous clerk.

It was resolved to: contact allotment holders and remind them of the rules, expected conditions for allotments and ask for current contact details.

15/09/2250 Annual Insurance Renewal

The insurance company needs further information about the tool shed security prior to renewal.

It was resolved that: the mower should have further security to prevent theft

It was resolved that: £500 will be set aside to improve security of the tool shed

It was resolved that: that the HCA marquee will be moved out of the tool shed to provide more space for the tools.

It was resolved that: the renewal is agreed and will be paid when invoiced.

15/09/2251 New Bench in the Burial Ground

An offer has been received from a member of the public to purchase a new bench for the Burial Ground.

It was resolved that: the benches will be prepared for varnishing in the winter. All removable items to be taken off to somewhere secure beforehand.

It was resolved that: the Parish Clerk will respond to the member of the public and ask if they would prefer to make a donation towards a better quality bench

15/09/2252 To consider planning applications

Awaiting Decision:

- 15/00912/FUL, Erection of three stables, a hay storage room, tack room, the siting of a caravan and creation of a new hard standing including 2 parking spaces, Middle Highfield Aughton Road, Aughton, LA2 6PQ

Decisions:

- 15/0103/TPO: Pruning works affecting two mature yew trees, The Hermitage Estate Low Road Halton LA2 9HU
- 15/0097/TPO: Fell x1 early-mature/mature cedar, Beechdene Church Brow Halton LA2 6LP
- 15/00770/FUL: Construction of a front dormer & erection of a single storey side extension, 12 Forgewood Drive Halton LA2 6NY
- 14/01350/FUL: Erection of 20 residential dwellings with associated access road, Land Off Mill Lane Halton

The City Council solicitor refused to ~~our~~ accept our local petition for technical reasons. However, two councillors have requested a debate instead, which will serve the same purpose.

It was resolved that: City Cllr Woodruff will be asked to support the rural voice motions that will be debated at City Council.

Ways of objecting to the Forgewood development are still being explored.

15/09/2253 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Bauld reported back on progress of the plan. The City Council is updating the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which attempts to predict future housing needs for the Lancaster area. This information is important and could influence the neighbourhood plan. A grant will be sought to support the work required for the plan.

It was resolved that: an update on the Neighbourhood Plan will included in the Parish Prattle.

15/09/2254 Councillor Vacancy

No interest has been received for the vacancy so far.

It was resolved that: options for co-opting a councillor will be explored

15/09/2255 To approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meeting

212	Dennis Barnfield Ltd	Spare parts	£	13.86
213	Edward Taylor	Planning Advice	£	750.00
214	HCA	Room hire	£	42.00
214	HCA	Litter picking	£	357.75
215	Envirocare	Grass cutting Aug	£	408.00
216	Garry Bretherton	Tools	£	24.68
216	Garry Bretherton	Salary Aug	£	209.08
217	John Butler	Salary Aug	£	116.80
218	Luke Mills	Salary Aug	£	314.37

218	Luke Mills	Replacement keys	£	64.68
219	Kyle Oram	Salary Aug	£	55.90
	TOTAL		£	<u>2,357.12</u>

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

15/09/2256 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Signed..... Chair Date

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.