



HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2015
AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Present: Cllrs: Bob Bauld, Barbara Duffy, Karen Gibson, Sandi Haythornthwaite, Brian Jefferson, three members of the public
Clerk: Luke Mills
Chair: Cllr Carol Slinger

15/10/2257 Apologies for absence: were received from Cllr David Fell, City Cllr Woodruff

15/10/2258 Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 9th September 2015.

It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2015 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair, with the following amendments:

- Replacement of "weeks" with "weeds" in ref: 15/09/2249 c)
- Replacement of "The" with "There" in ref: 15/09/2249 d)
- Replacement of "to our accept" with "to accept our" in ref: 15/09/2252

15/10/2259 Council

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

15/10/2260 Suspension of Standing Orders

Residents from Forgewood estate stated their unhappiness about the recent decision to allow 60 homes to be built on the fields adjacent to their estate. They are planning to appeal the decision with the help of a barrister within the next 6 weeks. They are obtaining legal assistance from the charity "Environmental Law Foundation", which asks that those that use the services to join as a member for £50 per annum.

15/10/2261 To consider and approve reports

a) **Police Report.**

There was discussion about the Police Report listing incidents that occurred in August.

It was resolved: to monitor the report for a couple more months to see if it provides any further value.

b) **Finance Report**

Balance from 12/8/2015	£23,590.27
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Income

Burial Ground	£75.00
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Bank Interest	£1.03
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Expenditure

Cheques 220-233	£7,950.26
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Balance as at 9/9/2015	£15,716.04
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made up of:

General Account	£4,344.73
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Village Improvement	£9,401.73
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Play Equipment	£1,969.58

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

It was resolved to: accept the Finance Report to 14th October 2015.

c) Open Spaces and HCA Report

Cllr Jefferson is looking into the feasibility of gaining some funding for the purchase of a full size football pitch. Princes Trust pulled out of the path improvements. The drainage channel at the entrance has been cleared free of charge by a local firm.

The Perspex shelters were vandalised again.

It was resolved that: Parish Clerk to explore the possibility of reinforcing the shelters with mesh.

It was resolved that: Parish Clerk to thank Dick Holmes for cutting back brambles along the playing field.

i) Grass Cutting in Aughton

Cllr Haythornthwaite reported that the verges are getting very overgrown. This will be reported to Lancashire County Council.

The village grass needs another couple of cuts, which will exceed the original budget.

It was resolved that: the donation to the Aughton PCC will be increased by a further £160, which is sufficient for two further cuts.

It was resolved that: the budget for Aughton will be reviewed during the next precept

ii) HCA Kitchen Refurbishment

The HCA kitchen refurbishment costs are slightly overbudget (£5,520.03) relative to the agreed costs of £5,500.

It was resolved that: the increased costs are acceptable and the budget accordingly increased to £5,520.03.

iii) Replacement War Memorial Tubs

It was resolved that: the War Memorial Tubs can be replaced like with like, up to a cost of £100

iv) Pesticide Course for Lengthsmen

It was resolved that: a pesticide usage course will be organised for Garry at the cost of £210

v) Review of ROSPA Report

The annual ROSPA inspection did not automatically occur this year.

It was resolved to: Parish Clerk to request ROSPA inspect the playgrounds as soon as possible.

d) Allotments

Cllr Gibson reported that letters have been sent to allotment holders reminding them of their responsibilities. A couple of the plots are still not up to the required standard.

It was resolved that: Parish Clerk to send letters to the plot holders who are not keeping their plots to the required standard, highlighting the fact that their tenancy may not be renewed.

It was resolved that: Parish Clerk to contact those on the waiting list to see if they are still interested.

It was resolved that: Parish Clerk to ask the handymen to remove the nettles at the Manor House entrance

e) Burial Ground

It was resolved that: the water will be turned off for winter to prevent freezing.

15/10/2262 Neighbourhood Plan**a) To discuss Lancaster City Council's recent proposals for a Local Plan and report back from the meeting**

Lancaster City Council has agreed to use the Parish's boundary for the purposing of planning, though we await a confirmation letter.

Members of the Parish Council recently attended a meeting with Lancaster City Council who are currently running a consultation exercise on identifying areas for new housing in and around Lancaster. The draft Local Plan identifies two potential areas to the west and south of the parish, which could site up to 2,350 homes. This is not definitive yet, so the views of the parish can still alter the plans. Public consultation events will occur at the following locations and times:

- Thursday 22nd Oct: Lancaster and Morecambe College 2pm to 7pm
- Tuesday 27th Oct: Carnforth Heritage Centre 2pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 28th Oct: Slyne Memorial Hall 2pm to 7pm

Cllr Bauld reported that they have only a few volunteers to help with the Neighbourhood Plan, which would help the parish resist excessive development. Cllr Jefferson reported that the first Parish Plan for Halton was produced in 2003 and revised in 2013.

b) To consider a request for funding the Neighbourhood Plan

There was a discussion whether it was permissible for a Parish Council to join in order to gain access to these legal services. The Parish Council felt that it would be advantageous to the parish to have access to these services in light of the proposed developments in the area.

It was resolved to: that the Parish Council joins the Environmental Law Foundation as a group member for £50 subject to verification that it is permissible for Parish Councils to join.

15/10/2263 To consider planning applications

Awaiting Decision:

Creation of a new vehicular access into agricultural field: Open for Comment
Field South Of Scargill Farm Scargill Road Halton Lancashire
Ref. No: 15/01137/FUL

Status: Awaiting decision

Goat Willow (T1) - Fell, Lime (T2) - Crown lift
105 High Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PS
Ref. No: 15/0129/TCA
Status: Awaiting decision

Creation of a fishing platform and access track with a handrail Open for Comment
Land Between Halton Bridge And Lower Halton Weir South Bank Of The River Lune Halton
Lancashire
Ref. No: 15/01138/FUL
Status: Awaiting decision

Notice near Station Road/Mill Lane
Lancashire County Council are proposing to stop vehicular traffic along the section of Mill Lane south of Town End paddock since it is only designated as a footpath.

Decisions:

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 Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PQ
Ref. No: 15/00912/FUL
Status: Application withdrawn

Discharge of conditions 9, 10 and 11 on application 15/00544/CU
The Forge Mill Lane Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6ND
Ref. No: 15/00153/DIS
Status: Request completed

Outline application for the development of 60 dwellings with associated access
Land South Of Low Road Halton Lancashire
Ref. No: 14/01344/OUT
Status: Application permitted

Outline application for the erection of a nursing home and creation of a new vehicular access
Land Off Forge Lane Halton Lancashire LA2 6ND
Ref. No: 15/00510/OUT
Status: Application permitted

The Parish Council were not aware of the plan to prevent vehicular access along Mill Lane.

It was resolved that: Cllr Slinger will make some enquiries

15/10/2264 Councillor Vacancy

No candidates at present. To be discussed at the next meeting.

15/10/2265 Speed Monitoring on Church Brow

Cllr Bauld has been contacted by a county councillor to highlight funding for a movable speed monitor that could be used by the parish. Cllr Bauld is also in discussions with County Council about reducing the speed limit to 20mph.

It was resolved that: Cllr Bauld to further explore funding for this speed monitor.

15/10/2266 Remembrance Service Arrangements

The Parish Council will help with Remembrance Service in the usual manner, though there will be no officially organised drinks at the social club this year.

15/10/2267 Consideration of Capital Expenditure for next financial year

There was discussion over new services for the parish, such as access to Castle Hill.

It was resolved that: Councillors to consider ideas for next meeting.

15/10/2268 To approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meeting

Cheque	Payee	Description	Gross
220	Clarkson	HCA Kitchen electrics	1,525.20
221	Hexan	HCA Kitchen ceiling	360.00
222	Anchor Flooring	HCA Flooring	518.40
223	Lancaster City Council	Repairs to play equipment	597.60
224	HCA	Room hire	42.00
224	HCA	Litter picking	357.75
225	United Utilities	Water charges	12.16
226	Envirocare	Grass cutting Sep	612.00
227	Came & Company	Insurance renewal	2,376.21
228	Luke Mills	Salary	333.32
228	Luke Mills	Expenses	36.41
228	Luke Mills	Lock repairs	27.40
229	Kyle Oram	Salary	132.80
229	Kyle Oram	Expenses	200.57
230	John Butler	Salary	184.87
231	Garry Bretherton	Salary	270.57
232	HMRC	PAYE Months 4-6	346.00
233	British Legion	Wreath	17.00
			£ 7,950.26

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

It was resolved to: Parish Clerk to gather signatories for bank mandate and change the address.

It was resolved to: Save money by making best use of the current website. Cllr Haythornthwaite to discuss website content with Parish Clerk.

15/10/2269 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 09:30.

Signed..... Chair Date

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.