



HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2015 AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Present: Cllrs: Bob Bauld, Barbara Duffy, Karen Gibson, David Fell, City Cllr Woodruff, one member of the public
Clerk: Luke Mills
Chair: Cllr Carol Slinger

15/11/2270 Apologies for absence: were received from Cllr Brian Jefferson, Sandi Haythornthwaite

15/11/2271 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2015 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair, with the following amendments:

- Replacement of " Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 12th August 2015" with " Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 9th September 2015" in ref: 15/10/2258
- Replacement of item references "15/10/2255" & "15/10/2256" with references "15/10/2268" & "15/10/2269" respectively
- Replacement of "Cllr Jefferson reported that the last Parish Plan for Halton was produced in 2002." with "Cllr Jefferson reported that the first Parish Plan for Halton was produced in 2003 and revised in 2013. in ref: 15/10/2262 (a)
- Typos in refs:15/10/2261 c) iii), 15/10/2261 c) iv), 15/10/2262 a)

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

15/11/2273 Suspension of Standing Orders

a) Lancaster City Council Report from City Cllr Woodruff
 Cllr Woodruff has been in discussions about the Local Plan, specifically the Denny Beck development and the one near the Army Camp. He is also working on some signage and improvements to the recreational space at Aughton.

b) A member of the Gardening Club requested that the PC purchase an axe so that they can cut through some tree roots in the Memorial Gardens.

15/11/2274 To consider and approve reports

- a) Open Spaces and HCA Report
 The road gulleys on Church Brow will be cleaned soon. The council has not yet cut the verges on Church Brow.
 Cllr Slinger reported that HCA are doing well at the moment.

It was resolved that: up to £60 can be spent on a full size axe to enable the removal of tree roots

b) Finance Report

Balance from 14/10/2015	£15,716.04
Income	
	<none>
Expenditure	
	Cheques
	£1,325.42
Balance as at 3/11/2015	£14,390.62
made up of:	
	General Account
	£3,019.31
	Village Improvement
	Account
	£9,401.73
	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 3rd November 2015.

c) Allotments

Cllr Gibson reported that letters have been sent out to all plot holders reminding them of their responsibilities. Two allotment holders have terminated their tenancy; replacements have been found from the waiting list.

It was resolved that: the Parish Clerk ensures tenancy agreements are signed by new plot holders and that they have an introduction to the plots with Cllr Gibson.

d) Burial Ground

Benches around the parish should be protected from deterioration.

It was resolved that: the Parish Clerk will ask the groundsmen to coat benches around the parish including the Burial Ground.

e) Police Report

Some incidents noted on the police system, but lacking detail

It was resolved: that the Police Report will no longer be used.

15/11/2275 To consider planning applications

Awaiting Decision:

Fell x1 sycamore tree
1 Hazelbank Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6RG
Ref. No: 15/0154/TPO

Fell x1 tree, crown lift the canopy of x1 tree
105 High Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PS
Ref. No: 15/0129/TCA

Decisions:

Fell x1 tree, crown lift the canopy of x1 tree
105 High Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PS
Ref. No: 15/0129/TCA | Status: Application Permitted

United Utilities are planning to upgrade the sewage treatment works and pumping station next year.

15/11/2276 Consideration of Capital Expenditure for next financial year

Improvements to the Plantation and Castle Hill and the playgrounds were briefly discussed.

It was resolved to: discuss further in December.

15/11/2277 Halton Gardening Group

The Halton Gardening Group (HGG), who maintain various areas around the parish, have requested the following improvements:

1. The slope at the front of the Centre: HGG request that a small lip is inserted at the bottom of the bed to help retain the soil, and that some new topsoil is purchased to improve the bed.

It was resolved that: the Parish Clerk will ask the groundsmen to look into creating a small retaining structure for this planting area.

2. Planters at the Centre: HGG request that the soil is replaced.

It was resolved that: the soil will be replaced.

3. The tub closest to the newspaper agents has lost a steel band and is in danger of falling apart. Whilst this is not imminent it would be prudent for PC to either rectify this by replacing with another suitable band or removing the tub altogether.

It was resolved that: the Parish Clerk will look into the replacement costs.

4. HGG would like to purchase, place and plant a new oblong planter opposite the Top Shops between the bus shelter and the telephone box with PC permission.

It was resolved that: a new planter could be placed opposite the Top Shops, subject to the Parish Clerk checking that the planter is on parish-owned land.

5. Swings area on Schoolhouse Lane - HGG seek permission from PC to plant some clumps of daffodils close to the railings in this area.

It was resolved that: bulbs may be planted on the perimeter of the play area of Schoolhouse Lane

15/11/2278 To approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meeting

Cheque	Payee	Description	Gross
234	HCA	Room hire	77.00
234	HCA	Litter picking	283.50
235	Dennis Barnfield Ltd	Work gloves	27.02
235	Dennis Barnfield Ltd	Fuel	9.61
236	Garry Bretherton	Salary	261.12
237	John Butler	Salary	144.00
238	Luke Mills	Salary	337.91
239	Kyle Oram	Salary	35.40
240	K Bryne	War Memorial planting	24.44
241	B Jefferson	Compost	55.44
242	P Hutchence	War Memorial tubs	69.98
			£ 1,325.42

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

15/11/2279 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 9th December 2015 at 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:00

Signed..... Chair Date

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.