



HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday 14th June 2017 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton

Chair: Cllr Bob Bauld
Present: Cllrs: Brian Jefferson, Karen Gibson, Barbara Duffy, 3 x Members of the public
Clerk: Luke Mills

17/06/2527 Apologies for absence:

Cllr Carol Slinger

17/06/2528 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

It was resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2017 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

17/06/2529 Council

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

17/06/2530 Suspension of Standing Orders

A local resident on Lythe Fell Avenue explained that she would like to erect a fence along the boundary between her garden and the land owned by the Parish Council. Cllr Jefferson explained that the Parish Council purchased the land off the Roman Catholic Church about 8 years ago when the Link Path was constructed and that as long as the fence follows the line of the existing boundary then there is no reason to object. The resident was asked to send her request in writing to the Parish Council.

A local resident from Pointer Grove reported that the Russell Armer application will not be discussed at the 26th June meeting of the Planning Committee, but probably the July meeting. There is contradictory legal advice on whether there is a valid objection to using the culvert behind Pointer Grove. The Lead Local Flooding Authority (LLFA) have taken neutral stance. The Parish could ask Highways whether a bigger pipe could be fitted in Arrow Lane. The drains surveys highlighted cracking in the culvert under the gardens behind Pointer Grove. Ideally Russell Armer would fit a new pipe in Arrow Lane and repair or replace the whole culvert. The other key aspect that could be grounds for objection is the landscaping, particularly the footpath promised on High Road; no diagrams or plans have been provided to indicate the design of the footpath.

Cllr Jefferson highlighted that the Section 106 has not yet been agreed with the Parish Council, which could provide funds for flood prevention measures. Parish Council could approach the Planning Officer to discuss. The Parish Council can request pre-conditions and highlight that Lancaster City Council will take legal liability for flooding if this is approved.

17/06/2531 To consider and approve reports

a) Open Spaces Report

Cllr Jefferson reported that the boardwalk has been repaired and that work to trim the hedges along the Link path has commenced. Two of the groundsmen recently attended the Emergency First Aid course at the Centre.

The Parish Clerk reported that the groundsmen have requested a higher platform in order to prune and trim the higher hedges. Cllr Jefferson knows someone who owns a hedge ladder and may be willing to sell it.

It was resolved: that Cllr Jefferson will speak to the owner of the hedge ladder and will offer up to £200.

The Parish Clerk reported that the skate park shelter has been damaged again and that the several areas of fencing around the children's play area is also damaged.

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk ask the groundsmen to patch the Skate Shelter.

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk ask the groundsmen to fix the playground fencing.

The Parish Clerk reported that:

- Spacers/bushes in the brackets of the HCA swings are showing signs of wear and have been highlighted by the Lancaster City Council playground inspection. Replacements are being sought.
- The Groundsmen have worked 108.5 hours (120 incl. holiday) in May, so £33 over-budget.

Cllr Jefferson reported that he has spoken with the football team about improving the pitch, providing changing rooms and identifying a second pitch within the Parish.

b) HCA Report

Nothing to report.

c) Finance Report

The Parish Clerk reported that:

- The Finance Report indicates spending and receipts are in line with the budget; the current balance in the Village Improvement account is £10,395, of which £6,733 is already committed, leaving a balance of £3,662.

Brought Forward	36,963.07
Income	
War Memorial Donations	120.00
Rent (HCA)	10.00
Expenditure	
Payments	3,282.06
Carried Forward	33,811.01
made up of:	
General Account	23,415.25
Village Improvement Account	10,395.76

It was resolved: to accept the Finance Report to 14th June 2017.

d) Allotments

Cllr Gibson reported that most of the plots are currently well-maintained.

The Parish Clerk reported that an upkeep reminder letter was sent to the tenant of 8b on 12th May, but there has been little sign of improvement, so a notice of termination will be sent and the plot reassigned to the next person in the waiting list.

It was resolved: the Parish Clerk will give the plot holder 1b notice to move the shed and remove the greenhouse.

It was resolved: the Parish Clerk will ask the groundsmen to remove the glass doors as soon as possible

e) Burial Ground

The Parish Clerk reported that County are still taking appropriate action to ensure the caravan is moved, but this will take time.

The Parish Clerk also reported that the water has been turned back on without permission.

f) Planning

New Applications

- Outline application of the demolition of 3 dwellings and erection of 3 replacement dwellings
 - The Brooklands Kirkby Lonsdale Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6RL
 - Ref. No: 17/00589/OUT
- Listed building application for removal of internal partitions, and installation of new internal partitions, new wall linings and new sanitary fittings and associated plumbing
 - Red Door And Red Door Cafe Church Brow Halton Lancashire
 - Ref. No: 17/00530/LB
- Erection of a single storey rear extension
 - 6 Middle Highfield Aughton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PQ
 - Ref. No: 17/00504/FUL

Decisions

- Retention of a summer house
 - 31 Arrow Lane Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6QP
 - Ref. No: 17/00405/FUL | Status: Permitted
- Demolition of existing dormer and construction of a dormer extension to the front elevation
 - 38 Oak Drive Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6QL
 - Ref. No: 17/00449/FUL | Status: Permitted
- Proposed Lawful Development Certificate for the erection of a detached garage
 - 19 Schoolhouse Lane Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6QX
 - Ref. No: 17/00372/PLDC | Status: Lawful Development Certificate Refused
- Demolition of an agricultural barn, and change of use of three agricultural barns and erection of new building to provide staff and visitor accommodation ancillary to the use of the Thoroughbred Retraining Centre.
 - Whinney Hill Farm Aughton Road Aughton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PQ
 - Ref. No: 16/01498/CU | Status: Permitted

Cllr Jefferson & Cllr Slinger met Story Homes on 12th June to see the latest plans. The revised scheme is likely to consist of 84 units. The homes nearest to Low Road will now face the road. They will endeavour to reach an agreement to provide a path onto Forge Lane. They are likely to apply for full planning permission in July/August.

17/06/2532 Request to erect a fence on Parish Council land

It was resolved: that there is no reason to object to the request as long as the fence is erected in-line with the existing property boundaries.

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk responds to the resident once the request is received in writing.

17/06/2533 Russell Armer Development on Kirkby Lonsdale Road

It was resolved: the Parish Council will try and speak at the 24th July Planning Committee meeting.

It was resolved: the Cllr Jefferson will write to the Planning Committee, asking to be informed about progress, highlighting the concerns of the Parish Council and residents, and discuss an appropriate Section 106 agreement.

17/06/2534 Emergency Plan Expenditure

The following expenditure from the Emergency Plan grant was reported:

- Portable generator £499.99
- Power leads £359.94
- Trolley kit for generator £55
- Post-crete for sign, (already approved)

Totalling £925.51

17/06/2535 War Memorial Restoration

Cllr Jefferson reported that the War Memorial Trust is overwhelmed with requests, so there are delays in dealing with grant applications.

The Parish Clerk reported that £120 of donations have been received so far.

17/06/2536 Consider and adopt Standing Orders for Halton with Aughton Parish Council

It was resolved: that the Standing Orders be adopted and approved for the next 12 months.

17/06/2537 To approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meeting

Payee	Description	Gross
Envirocare	Grass cutting for May	432.00
GreenThumb	Pitch treatment	450.00
Luke Mills	Salary & expenses for May	463.46
Garry Bretherton	Salary for May	412.50
Carl Richardson	Salary for May	495.00
Kyle Oram	Salary for May	55.67
Kath Bryne	Plants and compost	35.98
Carol Slinger	Expenses - Emergency Response	925.51
Water Plus	Burial Ground water rates	11.94
	TOTAL	£3,282.06

It was resolved: to approve the above expenditure and the payments signed-off.

17/06/2538 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 7:15pm at The Centre @ Halton. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:40.

Signed..... Chair Date

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.