

HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Friday 1st August 2025 9am @ The Centre, Halton

Chair: Cllr Slinger

Present: Cllr Coates, Cllr Turner, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Buntin

Clerk: Luke Mills

25/08/01 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given

Cllr Rigby, Cllr Sewell

25/08/02 To receive declarations of interests and dispensations

None

25/08/03 To consider approving the terms of the Rural England Prosperity Fund Grant and signing the agreement

It was resolved: to approve the terms of the REPF grant and to sign the agreement

25/08/04 To choose one of the following options:

- a) selection of the preferred company to supply and install new play equipment at St Wilfrid's Park
- b) putting out for formal tender the St Wilfrid's Park play area refurbishment
- The REPF grant team confirmed by email that "our legal department have agreed that you are able to conduct a closed process i.e. what you have already done in obtaining quotes from 3+ providers, so long as you are satisfied that you are achieving value for money"
- Three well-known suppliers were asked to tender to provide similar equipment for the St Wilfrid's Park play area refurbishment. The quotes were:

Company A: £61,076
Company B: £57,980
ESP Play Ltd: £40,000

- **It was resolved**: to accept the current closed tender process, since changing to process to an open public tender at this point would risk losing the REPF grant which has a completion deadline of February/March 2026.
- It was resolved: to accept the tended quote of £40,000 + vat from ESP Play Ltd

Signed	Chair	Date