



HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Present: Cllrs: Brian Jefferson, Barbara Duffy, Karen Gibson, City Cllr Woodruff
Clerk: Luke Mills
Chair: Cllr Carol Slinger

16/02/2305 Apologies for absence: were received from Cllrs Sandi Haythornthwaite, Bob Bauld

16/02/2306 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

It was resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2016 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendments:

- Item 16/01/2296 (e): Balance from ~~03/11/2015~~ 09/12/2015
- Item 16/01/2296 (e): Balance as at ~~3/11/2015~~ 13/01/2016
- Item 16/01/2296 (e): to accept the Finance Report to 13th January ~~2015~~ 2016

16/02/2307 Council

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

16/02/2308 Suspension of Standing Orders

a) Emergency Planning

Covered by the previous meeting. A small working group has been formed which will convene a Community Emergency Planning for Wednesday 17th February.

b) Lancaster City Council Report from City Cllr Woodruff

Reported that he voted to save Lancaster Museum and bring it under the control of the City Council and supported the retention of the trees in the square. There was discussion of the impending bus cuts.

City Cllr Woodruff left.

16/02/2309 To consider and approve reports

c) Open Spaces Report

The HCA bins could not be moved due to build up of mulch.
 The work is not being covered by the current groundsmen.

The Parish Council are concerned that the amount of work carried-out by the groundsmen has fallen far short of the expected amount; in the order of 250-300 hrs since March. This has impacted the work around the village.

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk will discuss this with the groundsmen and draw-up new contracts to clarify the employment terms and obligations; to be agreed by 31st March 2016.

It was resolved: that the Parish will prepare a job advert for groundsmen.

It was resolved: that the Parish will renew the lease on Castle Hill.

d) HCA Report

Cllr Jefferson reported that HCA are still upgrading various parts of the building. It is very busy with new groups starting all the time. Used by a good range of ages. It coped very well during the flooding and aftermath.

The Family Fun Night was very successful and raised over £800.

e) Finance Report

Brought Forward	£11,985.35
Income	
Allotments	£725.00
Bank Interest	£0.59
Burial Ground	£450.00
Expenditure	
Cheques	£524.11
Carried Forward	£12,636.83
made up of:	
General Account	£1,265.52
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 10th January 2016.

f) Allotments

Plot holder of 1a would like to move away to another plot because it is shaded by the willow tree. Plot 1b is currently not in use due to the impact of the willow tree.

It was resolved: that Parish Clerk to seek the services of a tree surgeon to trim the willow tree.

g) Burial Ground

New plot area for cremated remains has been started.

h) Local Plan

Nothing has happened recently, the Parish Council still needs someone to lead on this.

It was resolved: Cllr Slinger to make contact with group that was working on it.

16/02/2310 To consider planning applications**New Applications**

- Change of use from agricultural land to domestic curtilage in association with Halton Green East and construction of a new vehicular access track and parking area
 - Halton Green East Green Lane Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PA
 - Ref. No: 16/00061/CU | Status: Awaiting decision
- Change of use of former blacksmiths workshop (B1) to a 3-bed dwelling (C3), demolition of detached garage and erection of a single storey rear extension
 - The Old Blacksmiths Workshop 62 - 64 High Road Halton Lancashire LA2 6PS
 - Ref. No: 15/01624/CU | Status: Awaiting decision

Decisions

- Reduce the canopies of x4 conifers, fell a section of conifer hedge, fell x1 mature conifer and crown reduce the canopy of a beech tree
 - 1 Riverside Close Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6NA
 - Ref. No: 16/0005/TCA | Status: Application permitted
- Creation of a fishing platform and access track
 - Land Between Halton Bridge And Lower Halton Weir South Bank Of The River Lune Halton Lancashire
 - Ref. No: 15/01138/FUL | Status: Application permitted

16/02/2311 Bus Service Funding

There was discussion about the bus cuts to 49 & 81 and how they may affect the community, though the Parish Council have had little correspondence from residents on this subject. Stagecoach have confirmed that they will be cutting evening and Sunday services. The Parish Council are relieved that the bulk of the parish journeys are covered.

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk to contact to Caton PC to see what actions they may be planning.

16/02/2312 B4RN

The recent public meeting was well attended, with plenty of interest. There is a possibility of The Centre being a B4RN hub.

16/02/2313 Playground Inspection Report

Cllr Jefferson has reviewed the report. The majority of the report is positive, with a few highlighted areas. The main issues highlighted were with the play equipment at the far end of the playing field.

It was resolved: Enviroplay will be asked to quote for safety flooring under the swing.

It was resolved: Cllr Jefferson to look into the possibility of offering an apprenticeship scheme with Lancaster & Morecambe College for groundsmen.

16/02/2314 To approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meeting

Cheque	Payee	Description	Gross
256	Adrian Jones	Website hosting	150.00
257	Luke Mills	Salary	371.11
257	Luke Mills	Expenses	3.00
TOTAL			£ 524.11

It was resolved: to approve the above expenditure and the cheques duly signed.

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk to inform City Council about the resignation of David Fell

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk to start updating the website.

16/02/2315 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 9th March 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.