



HALTON WITH AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2016 AT THE CENTRE @ HALTON

Present: Cllrs: Brian Jefferson, Barbara Duffy, Karen Gibson, Sandi Haythornthwaite, members of public: Les Wilkins, Pete Lambson, Jessica Bellarby
Clerk: Luke Mills
Chair: Cllr Carol Slinger

16/04/2332 Apologies for absence: were received from Cllr Bob Bauld, City Cllr Woodruff

16/04/2333 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

It was resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2016 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendments:

- Item 16/03/2315 amended to 16/03/2331
- Item 16/03/2320 (d) changed from “accept the Finance Report to *10th January 2016*” to “accept the Finance Report to *9th March 2016*”.

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

16/04/2335 Suspension of Standing Orders

Pete Lambson reported back from the Emergency Response Planning group. They have produced an initial draft of paperwork which is going through a review cycle. They are looking into suitable generators for the Community Centre. There will be an open meeting on the 20th April to present some of the details.

Member of public reported that the:

- Memorial Garden wall is still in need of repair;
- Paintwork on the new street lighting in the conservation area is peeling off;
- Old concrete street lamp (number 20 opposite the flats nr the old school) should have been removed when the new street lamp was installed;
- Road surfaces have deteriorated significantly with the extra traffic, especially nr Church Brow
- Daffodils planted on the edge of the village have been killed/covered-up by the M6 Link work.

Cllr Jefferson reported that there is a plan to repair the wall, but that it is awaiting the availability of certain people. He also reported that there is a plan for some road improvements along Church Brow, but this is dependent on the M6 Link budget.

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk will inform County Highways of the road issues and street lamp issues.

Cllr Haythornthwaite passed on a short report from City Cllr Woodruff who reports that he believes the flood damage to the wall and crash barrier on Low Road at the Crook O’Lune will be resolved soon.

16/04/2336 To consider and approve reports

a) Open Spaces Report

It was noted that the sandpit may need some more sand.

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk to monitor and order more if and when required

Cllr Jefferson reported that the football teams are out-growing the football pitch and are being forced to hire pitches in Morecambe. At present, there is no obvious solution.

The Parish Clerk reported that the groundsmen would like a clearly defined composting area.
It was resolved: that a compost area can be created on the unused allotment plot.

Cllr Haythornthwaite reported that there has been a meeting for those interested in the new playground in Aughton. They are currently looking for grants.

b) HCA Report

Cllr Jefferson reported that the ground source heat pump has been disconnected which has resulted in a substantial reduction in electricity consumption. The water usage has also decreased due to the various measures that have been put in place. Wages of the staff have been increased above the national living wage. Everything has been running well apart from some disruption from teenagers.

c) Finance Report

Brought Forward	£17,656.96
Income	
Allotments	£87.50
Bank Interest	£0.56
Burial Ground	£ 220 105.00
<u><Correction of erroneous entry for</u>	<u>26.60</u>
<u>Cheque 229, Oct 15></u>	
Precept	£28,096.00
Expenditure	
Cheques	£2,536.19
Carried Forward	£ 43,409<u>4.683</u>
made up of:	
General Account	£29, <u>123038.352</u>
Village Improvement Account	£12,401.73
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 13th April 2016.

d) Allotments

Cllr Gibson is pleased to report that the new allotment holders are busily improving their new plots.

e) Burial Ground

There was discussion of how to clear out the various items that have been left in the store rooms.

It was resolved: that Cllr Haythornthwaite will enquire whether the burial ground boards are required by the grave diggers.

f) Local Plan

There is still no lead for the Local Plan.

It was resolved: that Cllr Slinger will contact the person who drafted the first version of the Local Plan.

16/04/2337 To consider planning applications

New Applications

- Construction of a dormer window to the front elevation
 - 155 High Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PX

- Ref. No: 16/00333/FUL | Status: Awaiting decision
- Proposed lawful development certificate for the construction of a replacement rear dormer
 - 155 High Road Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PX
 - Ref. No: 16/00332/PLDC | Status: Awaiting decision
- Proposed Lawful Development Certificate to erect a single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory
 - 1 Pine Close Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PL
 - 16/00387/PLDC | Status: Awaiting decision

Decisions

- Discharge of condition 5 in relation to an arboriculture method statement and 6 in relation to a tree protection plan on previously approved 15/01399/FUL
 - Sidegarth Sidegarth Lane Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6PG
 - Ref. No: 16/00044/DIS | Status: Decided (Initial Response Sent)
- Removal of a hedgerow
 - Land Adjacent Carus Cottage Kellet Lane Slyne Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6BJ
 - Ref. No: 16/0014/HDG | Status: Decided (Application permitted)
- 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: Decided (Application refused)
- Discharge of conditions 10, 14, 15 and 30 on planning permission 11/01137/RCN
 - Luneside Engineering Workshop Mill Lane Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6NG
 - Ref. No: 15/00210/DIS | Status: Decided (Initial response sent)
- Listed building application for internal changes
 - Tithe Barn Tower Church Brow Halton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 6LR
 - Ref. No: 15/01489/LB | Status: Decided (Application permitted)
- Discharge of conditions 3, 4 and 5 on application 15/01138/FUL
 - Land Between Halton Bridge and Lower Halton Weir South Bank of the River Lune Halton Lancashire
 - Ref. No: 16/00054/DIS | Status: Decided (Request Completed)

No objections were raised to the new applications.

16/04/2338 Funding for Emergency Response Plan

Cllr Jefferson reported that there is a good chance of gaining a grant for flood defenses/emergency response planning. There are a couple of possibilities, such as the County Community Resilience Scheme and Princes Countryside Fund. HCA can apply but not the Parish Council.

It was resolved: that Parish Clerk will request the application forms for the County Community Resilience Scheme and pass onto Cllr Slinger.

16/04/2339 Review Applications for Grounds Maintenance Person

There was discussion of the single application for the Grounds Maintenance role. Two other people had shown an interest but had not provided completed applications in time.

It was resolved: that Carl Richardson will be offered 8 hrs per week

Cllr Jefferson reported that the groundsmen's keys had been found near the Plant Room door.

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk will discuss this with the groundsmen.

16/04/2340 Review Quote from Enviroplay for Playground Work

There was discussion of the quote from Enviroplay. The quote is for £2,600 + vat. This does not include removal of the existing surfaces or see-saw.

It was resolved: to agree a budget of £3,000 to cover the quote from Enviroplay, hire of tools to break out the old equipment and hiring a skip.

It was resolved: that the see-saw will be installed in the same location.

It was resolved: that Parish Clerk to look into purchasing more enviromulch for the nest swing

It was resolved: that Parish Clerk to pass on details of Enviroplay to Cllr Haythornthwaite

16/04/2341 Review of Football Store Lease

It was resolved: that Parish Clerk to search for details of the lease

16/04/2342 Review of Litter Picking Requirements

It was resolved: that the current litter picking requirements are sufficient

16/04/2343 LALC Training

It was resolved: that the Parish Clerk to purchase to Arnold Baker Local Council Administration for £90

16/04/2344 Date of AGM

It was resolved: that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 11th May 7:15pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

16/04/2345 To approve accounts for payment for expenses incurred since the last meeting

Cheque	Payee	Description	Gross
262	United Utilities	Water rates (Dec - Mar)	13.51
263	Luke Mills	Salary	400.71
264	Garry Bretherton	Salary	371.25
265	Luke Mills	Expenses - Pesticide Training Course	420.00
266	Luke Mills	Expenses - Lawnmower	240.00
266	Luke Mills	Expenses - Playsand	143.64
266	Luke Mills	Expenses – PPE (strimming protection)	37.96
266	Luke Mills	Expenses – Algon	6.49
266	Luke Mills	Expenses – Stationery	17.97
266	Luke Mills	Expenses – PPE (pesticide protection)	21.48
266	Luke Mills	Expenses - PPE (pesticide protection)	19.50
267	HCA	Litter picking (Apr-Jun)	309.60
267	HCA	Room hire (Apr-Jun)	72.75
268	LALC	LALC & NALC annual subs	403.13
269	HMRC	PAYE (10-12)	58.20
TOTAL			£ 530.82

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

16/04/2346 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council be arranged for Wednesday 11th May 2015 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.