

Minutes of the
Halton Parish Council Meeting

held

30th October, 2019 at 7.30pm, in Halton Village Hall

Attending:-

Cllr B. Thompson (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs A. Jimson	Cllr Harold Pearce (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Waddams	Cllr P. Czaplinski	Cllr S Bowles
DCllr P Strachan	1 x Representative from RAF	4 x Members of public

19.126 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs MacKinnon and Cllr Dutton

19.127 Declarations of Interest

No members declared interest in any of the items to be agreed upon.

19.128 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of 18th September, 2019 were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairman

19.129 Open Forum

The Chairman closed the meeting for the following items to be discussed by the Parish Council, RAF, District and County matters, and members of the public to raise concerns and comment.

RAF

- This had been a successful period with the hosting of the Festival of Girls Rugby and the starting of the Winter Season of local sports clubs using the sports fields along with the associated increased activity; Hosting the MS Centre Christmas Fundraiser; Filming.
- The parkers on the old cricket pitch have been asked not to use the Perch Bridge route.
- Wg Cdr J Wren was the new OC Base Support and would be representing the Base at future meetings.
- There had been an increase in suspicious activity around the area, as far as Bedgrove. The Base was working with TVP.
- Regarding the walking of dogs on public footpaths that traversed the Base, an apology was submitted to the member of public that had been confronted as members of the public were not subject to the same regulations as their own personnel. The RAF only ask dogs to be kept on leads.
- There would not be a firework display in Halton this year.
- Planning consent for the new modular building was still awaited.

BCC

- Unitary rolls along, with weekly meetings about making the new authority safe and legal from day '1'. The Shadow Cabinet is attempting to ensure that there is no drop in services over the next few years of change.
- HS2 – A letter had been sent to Grant Shapps asking that all enabling and preparatory works be stopped until the review. This was declined.
- A report has been sent to Mark Shaw regarding Perch Bridge. An urgent meeting, under Health and Safety, has been requested.
- Meetings had been held regarding the new Halton Development and the retention of Heritage.

AVDC

- AVDC were aware that local services must continue through the Unitary change. Should any issues arise, Cllr Strachan asked that he, or Cllr Bowles, be advised.
- VALP – the submission had gone back to the Inspector with the requested changes. It is anticipated that this will be out for public consultation before the year end.
- Cllr Strachan was asked about the Halton NP and restrictions on land being released from the RAF Base. Cllr Strachan agreed to get a clear idea for Halton Parish Council.

A member of the public wished it known that there had been another car in the ditch by the exit of the Tennis Club. *The RAF representative advised that it had been an RAF vehicle that had malfunctioned and not a speeding problem.*

A question was raised whether a barrier could be considered to stop vehicles mounting the pavement? *The Parish Council could not comment on this and asked Cllr Bowles to ask that this be considered at the next LAF meeting.*

Members are asked whether designs for older peoples' housing at been looked at for the Halton site. *The advice was that housing mix is always looked at during the public comments on the VALP.* The last meeting's minutes were not on the web site. *The Clerk would ask the webmaster to advise why these were not visible.*

There being no further comments from the public, the Chairman then re-opened the meeting.

19.130 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that Red Roses buses were continuing to use Halton Lane as a route, new lights in the village have been completed, the second tranche of the precept had been received.

19.131 Finance

- a. The contractual and other payments, as listed, were considered and agreed.
- b. The precept for the financial year 2020/21 was reviewed. It was agreed that it would be raised from £30,000 to £33,000, due to the number of street lights that were failing and the estimated cost of each replacement being £3,000.
- c. Members considered and agreed that a donation towards the Royal British Legion, of £35 be spent under LGA s137, for the Poppy Wreath on Remembrance Day.
- d. After careful consideration, it was agreed that the Clerk would open up communication with the Traffic Management Firm, used to replace two street lights, asking for their, 'total justification on charging for something we did not have'.

19.132 Planning

There were no planning applications for the Council to consider.

19.133 Highways

There was nothing to report.

19.134 Village Hall

Quotes were being obtained for a complete redecoration, including repair of the plastering, new kitchen units and new chairs.

19.135 Neighbourhood Plan

A response was still awaited from the VALP Inspector before this is recommenced.

Two Councillors were going to attend a workshop on delivering the Neighbourhood Plan.

19.136 Consultations

The VALP submission was still awaited.

A survey requesting priorities for the new Unitary Council's budgets was out.

19.137 Environment

The Allotment Working Group had had their first meeting. Action points were agreed to feed into a report. Criteria that was being discussed was population centres, sizes, appraisal..

The Canal needed weed clearance. The Clerk would contact C&RT to ascertain when clearing for Halton was expected.

19.138 Communications

The Communications Group were holding a meeting on 31st October. It was anticipated that subjects to be covered would be the state of the noticeboards and uploading to the Facebook site. The Village Newsletter had been written and distributed.

19.039 Correspondence

Chiltern Society Newsletter

19.140 Matters of Report

- The meeting times had dropped off the last agenda
- It was anticipated that the date for the next General Election may be 12th December.

There were no items of a confidential nature to be discussed.

19.141 Date, time and venue of net meeting

The next meeting of Halton Parish Council would be on Wednesday, 11th December, 2019, at Halton Village Hall. Commencing 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 20.22