



HALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Halton Parish Council meeting, which was held on
Wednesday 13th August 2014 at 7.30pm, in Halton Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

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| Michael Blundell (Chairman) | Mrs M Ellwood | S O'Shea |
| B Thompson (Vice Chairman) | Cllrs Mrs A Jimson | Ms G Tipson |
| Mrs S Barber | M Jocelyn | Parish Clerk Mrs C Jensen |

Cllr S Bowles (AVDC)

Brian Bostock (Highways Committee)

Action

14.97 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs C Waddams and Wg Cdr J Holmes.

14.98 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Barber, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ellwood and unanimously **AGREED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2014.

14.99 Declarations of Interests

No personal or pecuniary interests were declared, and there were no requests for dispensations.

14.100 Open Forum

Mr Bostock asked what progress has been made in the introduction of a website. Cllr Ms Tipson confirmed that the matter was in hand.

Cllr Bowles commented that the news from the boundary commission to maintain the link between Halton and Wendover was well received. He also raised concerns about the amount of infilling which was proposed in Aston Clinton, without the infrastructure to support it.

14.101 Clerk's report

- The two external noticeboards have been lined with new cork.
- A conference "Bucks for Bucks" will be held on 7th October at the Gateway Conference centre. All councillors have been advised.
- Wg Cdr Ms J Holmes has confirmed that the grass which runs alongside the airfield, on the road out of Halton village, is the responsibility of BCC. A request has been made for the grass past the entrance/exit to the airfield to be cut back; it is very difficult to pull out because when traffic comes past the airfield and into the village, it cannot be seen. A reply will be sent to Wg Cdr Coleman. **CJ**
- A Chiltern Society newsletter has been received.
- The sample table will be ordered as a matter of urgency. **CJ**

14.102 Finance

The following invoices were proposed by Cllr Mrs Jimson, seconded by Cllr Jocelyn and unanimously **APPROVED** for payment:

| Payee | Cheque No. | Net | VAT | Gross |
|---|------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Houseproud Cleaning – village hall July (3 cleans) | | 126.00 | 25.20 | 151.20 |
| Mr S Hunt – Payment for July and August 2014 | | 60.00 | 0 | 60.00 |
| HMRC – Tax and NI – August 2014 | | 262.61 | 0 | 262.61 |
| Cooleraid Ltd 4 bottles of water (to replace Angel Springs) | | 15.80 | 3.16 | 18.96 |
| Cooleraid Ltd – Annual Maintenance | | 25.00 | 5.00 | 30.00 |
| G A Foulger (repairs to kitchen ceiling) | | 400.00 | 0 | 400.00 |
| Homepage Computers (Resetting and verifying email) | | 25.00 | 5.00 | 30.00 |
| Defence Estates - rent for street cable 1.8.14 to 31.7.15 | S/O | 10.00 | 0 | 10.00 |
| Mrs C Jensen – salary July 2014 | S/O | 808.77 | 0 | 808.77 |
| Ms B Woon – salary July 2014 | S/O | 48.00 | 0 | 48.00 |
| Angel Springs Ltd – drinking water for village hall – June 2014 | D/D | 27.20 | 5.44 | 32.64 |

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| Altdigital – 15.4.14 – 16.7.14 | D/D | 120.00 | 24.00 | 144.00 |
| Altdigital – Toner delivery | D/D | 6.95 | 1.39 | 8.34 |
| Unicom – telephone and broadband rental July 2014 | D/D | 22.03 | 4.41 | 26.44 |
| e-on – Street lighting for June 2014 | D/D | 112.95 | 22.59 | 135.54 |
| e-on – Street lighting for July 2014 | D/D | 116.71 | 23.34 | 140.05 |
| E on – Village Hall 18.6.14 – 20.7.14 | D/D | 46.01 | 2.30 | 48.31 |
| Thames Water 10.4.14 – 13.7.14 | D/D | 45.53 | 0 | 45.53 |
| British Gas – July 2014 payment | D/D | 146.67 | 7.33 | 154.00 |
| British Gas – August 2014 payment | D/D | 137.14 | 6.86 | 144.00 |
| Total | | £2,562.37 | £136.02 | £2,698.39 |

Receipts

| Payer(s) | Deposit slip | Amount |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Hall bookings | 500075 - 500076 | 697.00 |
| Interest -July | BACS | 1.11 |
| Office rent – July | BACS | 80.00 |
| Postage (from Buckland PC) July | BACS | 4.24 |
| Total | | £782.35 |

Bank Balances – as at 31st July 2014

| | £ |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Account 00822879 | 1,000.00 |
| Account 02689033 | 15,929.81 |
| Total | £16,929.81 |

Cllr Mrs Jimson questioned the cost of gas for the village hall. It was suggested that, since the amount of £144.00 per month is based on previous usage, before the installation of the new boiler, it would be prudent to wait for a few months to assess the situation.

14.103 Highways

Members unanimously **AGREED** to confirm with AVDC that Halton Parish Council is interested, in principle, for AVDC to adopt the grasscutting service which Bucks CC wishes to devolve. The Clerk will advise AVDC accordingly. **CJ**

It was noted that footpath 8/3 is to be temporarily closed. Footpath 8 has in fact moved; the map which was provided by the Clerk appears to be out of date, efforts will be made to secure an up to date copy. **CJ**

It was reported that there is a lot of dog litter being left on the canal footpath. The Clerk will obtain some notices from AVDC **CJ**

Cllr Blundell reported that horse riders are using the canal footpath. The Clerk will contact the Rights of Way team at Bucks CC and The Canal River Trust to enquire whether notices could be erected to advise users that it is not a bridle path. **CJ**

Following the receipt of a letter from the Chiltern Society, advising that Bucks CC will cease to maintain footpaths, the Clerk will provide Cllr O'Shea with the statute which places the responsibility for the maintenance of footpaths with Bucks CC. **CJ**

Cllr Mrs Barber produced a 30mph sticker, which can be placed on wheelie bins. It was unanimously **AGREED** to purchase 100 stickers at a cost of £60. These would be issued free of charge to residents along the main village road and Halton Lane. They will be available from the Parish Office or from Cllr Ms Tipson at Tree Tops. The Clerk will investigate the system for the installation of an "Average Speed Camera". **CJ**

A letter received from a resident relating to the proposed withdrawal of bus services for the schoolchildren in Halton was discussed at some length. It was **AGREED** to advise the resident of the efforts which have been made in the past to provide public transport for the village, all to no avail. The Clerk will explain that the Parish Council agrees with the views expressed in the letter, and will write to Bucks CC to support the need for a service for the schoolchildren of the village. **CJ**

14.104 Environment

It was unanimously **AGREED** to hold the presentation of the Tindall Cup at the Best Kept Village sign which is already in place, and to provide a light lunch of sandwiches, nibbles, coffee, tea and soft drinks at the Village Hall. A budget of £120 was unanimously **APPROVED**.

The event should be open to all those who participated in the "clean up" day, members of the Church and the parish councillors. An invitation will be sent to the Bucks Herald (if this has not already been done by the Best Kept Village Committee), and to the Station Commander at RAF Halton. **CJ**

It was **AGREED** that the cup should be displayed at the Halton Festival which is due to be held on the day following the presentation. **CJ**

14.105 HS2

It was unanimously **AGREED** to approve Mrs C Jensen as a representative for Halton Parish Council on the HS2 Bilateral meeting group, now known as Petitioning Organisation Partners (POP).

Cllr Thompson provided a brief report on the meeting which was held last evening, including an explanation of the purpose of the group – to obtain the best mitigation for the Wendover and Halton Area. It was unanimously **AGREED** to make a donation of £250 towards the fighting fund. **CJ**

14.106 RAF

The clerk apologised that the work has not been completed on the Neighbourhood Passes, **CJ**

14.107 Village Hall

The minutes from the meeting held on 23rd July were circulated; no issues were raised. **CJ**

It was unanimously **AGREED** to approve County Glass and Glazing as the supplier for the new Fire door. **CJ**

The date for the pub night has been set for 20th December 2014. The Clerk will apply for the necessary entertainments licence. Cllr Mrs Jimson is stepping down from organising the pub night. The role will be handed over to Mr & Mrs Holcroft. **CJ**

Cllr Jocelyn confirmed he will obtain the beer from Dayla. **MJ**

The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee is yet to be arranged. **AJ/CJ**

The date set for the senior citizens' lunch is 3rd December 2014.

The Clerk reported that two applications have been received for the post of bookings clerk. The Clerk reported that, in view of the reduced pressure over the last two months, she is content to continue with the work of bookings clerk. It was unanimously **AGREED** to accept this offer and withdraw the vacancy. The Clerk will advise the applicants accordingly, thanking them for their interest in the village. **CJ**

14.108 Planning

14/01990/ATC – Tree Tops, Halton Village, HP22 5NS. Fell one Larch tree to ground level. *No objections.*

14/012347/ATC – 20 Halton Village, HP22 5NS. Reduce one prunus cerasifera by 30%, and shape. *No objections.*

14.109 Correspondence

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| Wendover Arm Trust | Wendover Arm News Summer 2014 |
| Aylesbury Vale District Council | Invitation to the Chairman's Civic Service at Brill |
| Aylesbury Vale District Council | The Aylesbury Town Centre Plan |
| The Chiltern Society | Clearance of Rights of Way |

14.110 Matters of Report

Cllr Mrs Jimson expressed an interest in setting up a Halton Village History Group, anticipating a launch in the Autumn. Several people have already expressed an interest. A launch meeting is planned for 22nd October 2014.

It was suggested that contact should be made with the County Museum and the Rothschilds (family archives)

14.111 Date, time and venue of next meetings.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th September 2014 at Halton Village Hall at 7:30pm. The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday 3rd September 2014, if necessary.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____