



HALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Halton Parish Council meeting, which was held on **Wednesday**
26th February 2014 at 7.30pm, in Halton Village Hall

Present:

Councillors:

Michael Blundell (Chairman)	Mrs A Jimson
S O'Shea	Mrs C Waddams
Mrs S Barber	M Jocelyn
Ms G Tipson	

1 Member of the public	Parish Clerk	Mrs C Jensen
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Action

14.16 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs M Ellwood, B Thompson and Wing Commander Ms J Holmes.

14.17 Minutes

It was unanimously **AGREED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2014.

14.18 Declarations of Interests

No interests were declared, no requests for dispensation were received.

14.19 Open Forum

Mr Bostock enquired whether any information relating to the future management of rights of way had been received. The Clerk confirmed that following enquiries, there was no evidence that this is the case.

CJ

14.20 Clerk's report

The account from British Gas for the call out in December has now been credited.

Further to enquiries last month, "Alex" from Garden Know How is one of the team – so is familiar with what's required, however Mrs Turner has advised that she will still be checking the parish council's pots.

An update has been received on the pedestrian street lighting situation along Upper Icknield Way. Further investigative work is to be carried out, including liaison with the Parish Council. Work is currently planned for 2015.

Aylesbury Vale District Council is to remove recycling banks. The Clerk will clarify whether this includes clothing banks.

CJ

The Clerk is awaiting a response from RAF regarding the land which needs clearing.

A letter relating to the Parish Paths Clearance Fund has been received from Bucks CC. The Clerk will request clarification.

CJ

Precepting authorities are not included in the 2% increase restriction for 2014/2015, but Government is prepared, if necessary, to apply the referendum thresholds to **larger** town and parish councils for the year 2015/2016.

Following the recent wet weather, there is a need for urgent remedial works to be carried out at the village hall. A quote has been received for £510 to remove rotten door sills, broken guttering and remove and replace the hopper. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jimson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Barber and unanimously **AGREED** to accept this quote and proceed with the work as soon as possible. The Clerk will contact the contractor tomorrow.

CJ

14.21 Finance

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

Payee	Cheque No.	Amount
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Houseproud Cleaning – village hall January 2014 (3 cleans)	001278	134.40
Mr S Hunt – Payment for February 2014	001279	30.00
HMRC – Tax and NI – February 2014	001280	214.20
E Sharp street lamp repairs (48 &49) St Michaels Close	001281	203.54
E Sharp street lamp repairs (47) – corner of Brookside	001281	101.77
K Lin Refurbishment of village hall floor	001282	2,430.00
Mrs C Jensen – salary February 2014	S/O	808.77
Ms B Woon – salary February 2014	S/O	48.00
Angel Springs Ltd – drinking water for office – December 2013	D/D	13.61
Angel Springs Ltd – drinking water for office – January 2014 (50% to be reclaimed)	D/D	63.77
Altodigital – final payment for copies from the old copier	D/D	137.54
Altodigital – Delivery charge for toners	D/D	8.34
Unicom – telephone and broadband rental January 2014	D/D	28.07
e-on – Street lighting for January 2014	D/D	139.80
e-on – Village Hall 8 th Dec 2013 to 19 th Jan 2014	D/D	75.95
e-on – adjusted VH bill 8 th Dec 2013 to 7 th February 2014(actual reading)	D/D	48.02
Thames Water Oct 2013-Jan 2014	D/D	41.36
British Gas – January 2014 payment	D/D	177.00
British Gas – February 2014 payment	D/D	177.00
Total		£4,881.14

Receipts

Payer(s)	Deposit slip	Amount
Hall bookings	500064 & 500065	571.00
Interest	Direct credit	1.22
Office rent	500064	80.00
Postage (from Buckland PC)	500064	1.50
Total		£653.72

Bank Balances – as at 31st January 2014

	£
Account 00822879	1,000.00
Account 02689033	27,356.68
Total	£28,356.68

The Clerk will make further enquiries about the implications of (1) The Local Audit and Accountability Bill, which closes the Audit Commission and transfers its functions; and (2) The Repeal of section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, which requires two members to sign cheques and other orders for payment. Further information on these subjects will be forwarded to Members, once the impact they may have on Halton Parish Council is clear.

CJ

14.22 Environment

The Community Payback team has cleared the car park of all debris and detritus. The pavement from the post box to St Michaels Close has also been cleared. A start has been made to clear the canal, but slippery conditions prevented further work. The Clerk confirmed that the team will be available next Tuesday. It was suggested that clearance work should also be carried out on the opposite side of the village road, and a hedge bordering the churchyard should be cut back.

CJ

The Chairman reported on an informal meeting which had taken place between himself and the Clerk with the Wendover Society, to discuss the implications of the proposed boundary change on Wendover and Halton. It was **AGREED** that a response to the proposal should be sent expressing the Parish Council's wish to maintain its links with Wendover Parish Council. The following links should be included to support the Parish Council's wishes:

Halton residents' use of Wendover's shops, library, dentists, schools and doctors.

There is a bus service to Wendover, but none to Aston Clinton.

Wendover Woods, and canal paths are shared by Wendover and Halton Parishes.

Halton shares a benefice with Wendover.

The parishes share a cycling group.

The parish boundary for Bucks CC will remain the same

Properties in Moor Park will be in Halton Parish, Aston Clinton Ward and have a Wendover postal address.

The Clerk will draft a letter for Members to consider; responses need to be sent by 8th April 2013.

CJ

14.23 Highways

It was noted that there are still several potholes in the village, and along the Upper Icknield Way which need attention, some of which are deep enough to cause vehicular damage. The Clerk will contact the Local Area Technician.

CJ

The Clerk reported that some ditch clearance had been carried out along Aerodrome Road by the Local Area Technician. The ditch belongs to the RAF, who is responsible for its maintenance.

14.24 HS2

The Clerk confirmed that the response which was approved by Members at the last meeting was sent out as soon as the minor amendments were completed.

14.25 RAF

There was no news on the situation relating to RAF passes. The Clerk will enquire about the position relating to the issuing of new passes.

CJ

14.26 Village Hall

The Clerk provided copies of the minutes of the last meeting of the village hall committee.

The Clerk reported that an assessment has been made of the condition of the boiler, which is currently cutting out on a regular basis, requiring the reset button to be pushed. Due to the age of the boiler, it would be uneconomical to repair. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Waddams, seconded by Cllr O'Shea to accept the quote of £2,658.00 from a contractor familiar with the village hall plumbing system. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

CJ

The Chairman reported that the Beetle Drive raised £196.00. The proceeds were shared between the Church and the fund to replace the tables in the village hall.

14.27 Planning Report

New Application

CC/20/14 – Bucks CC Museum Resource Centre, Tring Road, Halton. Installation of a prefabricated container to house a biomass heating system, fuel store and associated service land for access and underground pipework. *No objections.*

14.28 Correspondence

Police & Crime Commissioner Thames Valley	Police & Crime Plan Summary. <i>A copy to all councillors</i>
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14.29 Matters of Report

Concern was expressed that the RAF has applied for all the remaining S106 money available from the Princess Mary Hospital Site. The Clerk will make enquiries to ascertain:

- 1) if there are any plans for the proposed play areas?
- 2) if a consultation has been carried out?
- 3) if it will be floodlit?
- 4) what equipment will be there?

CJ

It was noted that residents of the village were welcome to visit the RAF cinema in the past. The Clerk will enquire whether this is still the case.

CJ

The garden waste along the canal has still not been removed. Cllr Mrs Waddams will speak to the occupiers.

CW

14.30 Date, time and venue of next meeting.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 9th April 2014 at Halton Village Hall at 7.30pm. The finance committee will meet on Wednesday 19th March 2014, if it is deemed necessary.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____