



HALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Meeting of Halton Parish Council** meeting
held on **Wednesday 25th February** at 7.30pm, in Halton Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

Michael Blundell (Chairman)	Mrs S Barber	S O'Shea	M Jocelyn
B Thompson (Vice Chairman)	Mrs A Jimson	Mrs C Waddams	

Mrs Marion Clayton
Wing Cdr Ray Morley RAF
Mrs Christine Jensen - Parish Clerk

The Chairman, Cllr Blundell announced that he does not intend to stand for office at the elections in May 2015. Cllr Clayton expressed her appreciation for all the work which Cllr Blundell has undertaken for the parish, and for all the help he gave to her during her time as the County Councillor.

15.17 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs M Ellwood, Cllr Ms G Tipson and Cllr S Bowles (AVDC).

15.18 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th January 2015 were unanimously **APPROVED** and duly signed.

15.19 Declarations of Interests and requests for dispensations

As the applicant for planning in agenda item 15.29 is the contractor for the planters and flowerbeds in the village, all councillors declared a personal interest in this item.

15.20 RAF

Wg Cdr Morley reported that the idea of the Good Neighbourhood Scheme has been discussed within the RAF, and it has been suggested that other stations could adopt the scheme. Concern was expressed that the vehicle parked in Halton Lane is still an eyesore. The Clerk will email further details to the Wing Commander. **CJ**

15.21 Open Forum

There were no matters raised.

15.22 Clerk's report

- Fibre Broadband is here. Further information will be sought into the impact for the village. **CJ**
- Copies of the definitive footpath map will be made and distributed to Councillors. **CJ**
- The amended list of meeting dates was circulated to all councillors.
- E Sharp Electrical reports that street lamp no's 12 (corner of McEwen Ride) and 29 (corner of Halton Lane) both need replacing. The Clerk will obtain some quotes. **CJ**
- Salary scales for clerks 2009 and 2013 were provided to Cllrs O'Shea, and Thompson for verification.
- Flooding at the junction of Halton Lane and Chestnut Avenue has been reported to Bucks CC - reference number 494527.
- British Red Cross has publicised first aid training. The Clerk will make further enquiries. **CJ**
- It was suggested that the Clerk ascertain whether the lamp in Old School Close is suitable for its location; should it be a pedestrian type lamp, and what would be the impact if it were changed. **CJ**
- The Clerk will make enquiries about the cost of installing truvello strips and include it as an item on the agenda for the next meeting. **CJ**

15.23 Finance

Payment of the following invoices was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jimson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Barber and unanimously **APPROVED**:

Payee	Cheque no.	Net	VAT	Gross
Mr S Hunt – Payment for February and March 2015	Bank tr	60.00	0	60.00

HMRC - Tax and NI – February 2015	Bank tr	218.60	0	218.60
Mrs C Jensen – salary February 2015	S/O	826.47	0	826.47
Mrs C Jensen – salary March 2015	S/O	826.47	0	826.47
Ms B Woon – salary February 2015	S/O	48.00	0	48.00
Done & Dusted Commercial – 2 cleans	Bank tr	90.00	0	90.00
MRJ Plumbing and Electrical Services. Installation - boiler pipework	Bank tr	350.00	70.00	420.00
Unicom – phone and broadband rental January 2015	D/D	30.13	6.03	36.16
e-on – Street lighting for January 2014	D/D	116.71	23.34	140.05
e-on – Village Hall 23.12.2014 to 9 Feb 2014	D/D	84.68	4.23	88.91
E Sharp Electrical Ltd 3 lamp repairs	Bank tr	182.99	36.60	219.59
E Sharp Electrical Ltd 1 lamp repair	Bank tr	85.81	17.16	102.97
Thames Water	D/D	37.07	0	37.07
Alto Digital - toner delivery	D/D	6.95	1.39	8.34
British Gas – February 2015 payment	D/D	94.29	4.71	99.00
Total		£2,972.36	£ 146.30	£3,118.66

Receipts

Payer	Deposit slip	Amount
Hall Bookings (cash ,cheques and direct credits)		
Hall bookings (direct credits)		
Interest - March		
Office rent – March 2015	Direct credit	80.00
Postage (from Buckland PC) Mar		0
Total		£ 80.00

Bank Balances – as at 31st March 2015

	£
Account 00822879	1,000.00
Account 02689033	12,587.88
Total	£13,587.88

It was recognised that the residents of Halton benefit from the retention of the Library. Therefore it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jimson, seconded by Cllr Thompson and unanimously **AGREED** to donate £50 to the Wendover Community Library. The Clerk will ask for further information on what the money will be used for.
CJ

15.24 Highways

The Clerk will obtain a quote for the replacement of street lighting with low energy type fittings. The Clerk will ascertain what kind of fittings are currently in place and advise Cllr Ms Tipson.
CJ

More potholes were reported to the Clerk. These will be passed on to Bucks CC, to arrange for their repair.
CJ

The Halton Village sign at Moor Park has been vandalised and the “toads crossing” sign has been knocked down. Cllr Jocelyn will inspect the sign and report back to the Clerk. The Clerk will report this to Highways on Call if necessary.
CJ

It was noted that the matter of speeding along Halton Lane was not on the agenda as it should have been. It will be included on the agenda for April.
CJ

15.25 Environment

Cllr Mrs Waddams reported that she will be unable to water the planters and flower beds this year due to a shoulder operation. All Councillors offered to undertake the task on a rota basis.
CJ

15.26 HS2

Cllr Thompson reported on the Government’s Select Committee’s report on Colne Valley. Councillors were advised of a meeting to be held at Halton Village Hall for petitioners to receive advice on their applications, and how to respond at Committee.

Cllr Thompson reported that a hydrologist has confirmed that cutting and covering tunnels will have an effect on streams and the environment; this will help the argument for a tunnel.

The Chairman offered thanks to Cllr Thompson on behalf of the village, for the efforts he has undertaken to achieve the progress made so far.

15.27 Village Hall

The Clerk confirmed that new pipework has been installed to facilitate the adjustment of the pressure on the heating system.

15.28 Website/Newsletters

It was confirmed that magazines will be delivered to the paper shop, this was well received last month.

15.29 Planning

New Applications

15/00497/APP 32 Halton Village. Extension to existing outbuilding for use as studio and home office.
Respond by 18th March 2015. There were no objections to this application.

CJ

15.30 Correspondence

There is no additional correspondence.

15.31 Matters of Report

· Cllr Mrs Jimson advised the meeting the next Rothchilds evening event will be held on 25th March 2015.

15.32 Date, time and venue of next meetings.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 8th April 2015 at Halton Village Hall at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____