



HALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Meeting of Halton Parish Council** meeting, which was held on
Wednesday 24th September 2014 at 7.30pm, in Halton Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

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	Mrs C Waddams

Wg Cdr Ray Morley	Cllr S Bowles (AVDC)	Marc Lister (NHS Ambulance Trust)	Action
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The Chairman welcomed Wing Commander Ray Morley and Mr Lister to the meeting.

14.112 Apologies

There were no apologies.

14.113 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr O'Shea, seconded by Cllr Thompson and unanimously **AGREED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th August 2014.

14.114 Declarations of Interests

As a close neighbour, Cllr Mrs Ellwood declared a personal interest in item 14.123, 3 St Michaels Close.

14.115 Open Forum

Marc Lister, a paramedic and the Community Liaison & Training Officer for South Central Ambulance NHS Trust, gave a presentation on training for residents to become first responders in the case of an emergency. There are 80 councils within Mr Lister's area of responsibility, and he is seeking a means of advertising the training to the community. The use of defibrillators is becoming more popular in villages, and training can also be provided for their use. It is hoped that there will eventually be three or four first responders in each of Wendover and Halton. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. It was suggested that the Clerk should speak to Charlotte Hewes, the Clerk at Wendover, to ascertain the best option. **CJ**

Mr Lister suggested that the market should be researched and he advised that, if the defibrillators chosen were the same as those used by the NHS, they may be available at a cheaper rate.

Mr Lister confirmed that training as a first responder covers all the content of a first aid course.

14.116 Clerk's report

The Clerk distributed a list of proposed dates for the full parish council meetings for next year. These will be checked, and any amendments should be reported to the Clerk. The final dates will be ratified at the next meeting. **CJ**

14.117 Finance

It was proposed by Cllr Ms Tipson, seconded by Cllr Jocelyn and unanimously **AGREED** to approve the following invoices for payment:

Payee	Cheque No.	Net	VAT	Gross
Houseproud Cleaning – village hall August	001318	84.00	16.80	100.80
Mr S Hunt – Payment for July and August 2014	001319	60.00	0	60.00
HMRC – Tax and NI – August 2014	001320	262.21	0	262.21
Mazars (external audit for 2013/2014)	001321	200.00	40.00	240.00
County Glass & Glazing – (deposit for fire exit doors) chq sent 1.09.14	001317	420.60	84.12	504.72
Mrs C Jensen expenses July to September 2014	001322	381.81	26.92	408.73
Wendover Arm Trust – membership subscription for 2014	001323	25.00	0	25.00
Mrs C Jensen – salary August 2014	S/O	808.77	0	808.77
Ms B Woon – salary August 2014	S/O	48.00	0	48.00
Angel Springs Ltd – drinking water for village hall for August	D/D	11.34	2.27	13.61
Angel Springs Ltd – drinking water for village hall – Final payment	D/D	122.88	24.58	147.46
Unicom – phone and broadband rental August 2014 (£24 cr. to follow)	D/D	63.09	12.62	75.71
e-on – Street lighting for August 2014	D/D	116.71	23.34	140.05
E on – Village Hall 20.7.14 – 17.08.14	D/D	38.76	1.94	40.70

British Gas – July 2014 payment	D/D	137.14	6.86	144.00
British Gas – August 2014 payment	D/D	137.14	6.86	144.00
Total		£2,917.45	£ 246.31	£3,163.76

Receipts

Payer(s)	Deposit slip	Amount
Hall bookings	500077	226.00
Interest -August	BACS	1.11
Office rent – August	BACS	80.00
Postage (from Buckland PC) August	BACS	1.15
Stationery (from Buckland)	BACS	23.38
Total		£ 331.64

Bank Balances – as at 31st August 2014

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Account 00822879	1,000.00
Account 02689033	15,000.16
Total	£1,000.00

It was unanimously **AGREED** that a donation of £250 should be made towards the HS2 petitioning process.

14.118 Highways

There were no reports from the Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group.

It was noted that the issue of overgrown vegetation at the entrance of Main Point has now been resolved following work carried out by Bucks CC.

14.119 Environment

Cllr Mrs Waddams has received no response to her request for information from the Canals and River Trust. The Clerk will make further enquiries with the South East section of the Canals Trust. **CJ**

Members reviewed the presentation event for the Best Kept Village. Photographs have been published on the Bucks CC website.

The Chairman read out a letter of thanks from the presentation party; the Clerk will scan the letter and distribute it; Cllr Ms Tipson will arrange for it to go into the newsletter, and on the website. **CJ**

The Village Festival was once again a resounding success, raising between £10,000 to £11,000 for local charities.

Congratulations and thanks were passed to Cllr Ms Tipson, and Peter Dickson for their generosity in opening their garden, and for all the effort and hard work, which contributed to making the day such a success. Cllr Ms Tipson reciprocated by thanking Cllr Blundell for his invaluable help, and that of all other volunteers on the day.

14.120 HS2

Cllr Thompson reported that the Petitioning Organisation Partners group is currently focussed on collecting evidence for petitioners.

A request is to be made to Aylesbury Vale District Council for the same support to be offered as has been supplied by Chiltern District Council to its business community. The Chairman thanked Cllr Thompson for all his hard work on this matter.

14.121 RAF

Wing Commander Ray Morley, the new Deputy Station Commander, expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the meeting.

Wg Cdr Morley explained that he is responsible for the airfield, and will be available to deal with any issues which may arise.

The Wg Cdr highlighted the fact that current outstanding conflicts mean there is a global and local security issue. When referring to terrorism, there are 'hard' and 'soft' targets; Halton is considered to be a hard target. The RAF does not envisage any issues at present.

The Members of the Council reassured the Wg Cdr that the footpath which was causing him some concern has in fact been re-routed. The Clerk will ask John Clarke from the Bucks CC footpaths team to contact the Wg Cdr. **CJ**

If anyone has any security concerns the Wg Cdr advises immediate contact with the guard room on 01296 656211 or 656503.

The Clerk will arrange a meeting with George Mifsud to discuss the remembrance service. **CJ**
The Wg Cdr was advised of trees which need cutting back along Chestnut Avenue, to allow the street light to be more effective. There are also trees at Beacon Hill House which need cutting back.

Cllr Barber reported that vehicles are being worked on at the Orchard, opposite Clayfield Road, resulting in an unsightly and hazardous environment. Further enquiries will be made to ascertain the situation.

The Chairman commented that there are 29 houses at Mansion Hill for which there is no-one to deliver the newsletters. The Wg Cdr will make enquiries.

The Wg Cdr reported that quieter aircraft will be introduced in due course.

14.122 Village Hall

A meeting is due to be held next Wednesday, when the hall hire charges will be reviewed, and consideration given to introducing time slots.

It was unanimously **AGREED** that 10 square white tables should be purchased and the red tables offered for sale. **CJ**

14.123 Website

Cllr Ms Tipson provided a brief demonstration on the new website, which has just gone live. The domain address is haltonvillagenews.co.uk/. Cllr Ms Tipson was praised by all those present for all the hard work she has put into achieving this important goal

Wg Cdr Morley will arrange for a link to the RAF site, and commented that, if the newsletter is published on the website, the need for delivering becomes less important.

14.124 Planning

New Applications

14/02651/APP – 3 St Michaels Close. Single storey rear extension and single storey side extension to conservatory. Respond by 8th October 2014. Case Officer – Murtaza Poptani. *Under consideration.*

Decisions

14/01990/ATC - Tree Tops, Halton Village. Fell one Larch Tree to ground level. *At liberty to carry out the works.*

It was noted that when plans are received in respect of the RAF, they are often for required work to comply with legislation, such as installation of disabled facilities. It was unanimously **AGREED** that where such plans are submitted by the RAF, the Clerk, in conjunction with a member of the planning committee, shall decide whether they need to be considered by the full council.

14.125 Correspondence

The Chiltern Society	Magazine – Autumn 2014. <i>Noted</i>
Canal & Rivers Trust	Invite to the Annual Partnership meeting 15 th October – respond by 7 th October. <i>Noted</i>
NALC	Local Council Review – Autumn 2014. <i>Noted</i>
Bucks CC TFB	Think Community Conference 9 th October 2014. <i>Noted</i>
Wendover Arm Trust	Newsletter – Autumn 2014. <i>Noted</i>
Lloyds Bank	Obtaining a loan online. <i>Noted</i>
Rialtas	Charges for next year's accounting service. <i>Noted</i>
AVDC	Feedback on the new system for the planning bulletin etc. <i>Noted</i>
Bucks CC	Meeting to update parish and town councils on the devolution proposals. 4.30 to 6.30 pm on Wednesday 15 th October 2014. <i>Noted</i>
Bucks BKV	Thank you letter, for the reception on Saturday 13 th September 2014. <i>Noted</i>
AVDC	Invitation to Forum on the VALP – 16 th October 2014. <i>Noted</i>

Consultations

Bucks CC	Draft Countywide Parking Consultation. Respond by 31 st October 2104. <i>Noted</i>
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14.126 Matters of Report

Cllr Mrs Jimson flagged up the 3rd December as the date set for the pensioners' lunch, and the 20th December for the Pub Night. A reminder was issued for the inaugural meeting of the history group on 22nd October.

Cllr Jocelyn reported that lamppost no 24 is not working. **CJ**

14.127 Date, time and venue of next meetings.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 5th November 2014 at Halton Village Hall at 7:30pm. The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday 15th October 2014, if necessary.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____