



HALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Halton Parish Council Meeting
held on **Wednesday, 26th April, 2017** at 7.30pm, in Halton Village Hall

Present:

Councillors:

B. Thompson (Chairman)	Mrs M Ellwood	H. Pearce
Mrs C Waddams	P Czaplinski	Ft Lt Guy Sumner (RAF)
Mrs F Lippmann (Clerk and RFO)	2 x members of the public	

17.032 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Barber and Cllr Mrs Jimson

17.033 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March were agreed and signed by the Chairman

17.034 Declarations of Interests

No interests were declared

17.035 RAF

The RAF were represented by Ft Lt Sumner who asked that the following be noted:-

- Weekend firing schedule – in the short term, there was nothing to report.
- A fly past by a 'Hawk' took place the day before. This had been advertised through local publications.
- Sporting Events – This was a very busy time for sporting events at the Camp, they would be largely self contained, but traffic issues might be noticed.
- At the end of June, Cancer Research UK would be holding a distance walking camp with Halton as a 'stop off'. This is a 24 hour event. Flyers would be produced to advise residents.

The Chairman reported:-

- on a successful meeting at Westminster, with the Defence Minister, Mark Lancaster. The outcome of this meeting was that the Parish Council will be formally recognised as a stakeholder in the disposal of RAF Halton and would be consulted as such.
- The DIO, AVDC and BCC had all presented at a meeting, on the disposal of the RAF Site. (24 March 2017)
- AVDC confirmed they will continue to push for the removal of the Green Belt status on the Main Site and the making of Aylesbury Garden Town. The Chairman noted that all such development will have an impact on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- There will be a meeting on 9 May to get clarity on AVDC's plans.
- Another meeting will be held with the Chilterns' Conservation Board on 4th May to discuss the Main Site, and AVDC's proposals which will impact on the AONB, AAL and Green Belt.

17.036 Open Forum

- it was queried why Halton Parish Council (HPC) had been neglected in the proposals put forward to AVDC in the Wendover News, who had quoted 'Independent consultations with outside groups'. *Members agreed that they were unaware of these consultations.*
- Residents of Halton had been promised a monthly newsletter that had so far not materialised. *The Chairman of the Communications Committee explained that following the first meeting of the committee, this was being worked on.*
- Broadband Connection – Technicians had been seen working within the village and it was anticipated that new, faster broadband would be available in the next 4 months.

17.037 Communications Committee

The Chairman of the Communications Committee, Cllr Czaplinski, reported that a first meeting had been held. It was anticipated that the committee would communicate with the parish and share information. Initially, as a printed newsletter which would share what the Parish Council have been doing and what the DIO, RAF, AVDC and BCC have shared with us. Twitter, Facebook and the Halton Website would be kept up to date with relevant information. At present the Parish Council is still using a hosted website. It was anticipated that the first newsletter would be

The committee would try to generate interest from a, 'Friends of...' Group, to get information out. It was hoped that this group would generate interest in former residents, neighbouring villages etc. The more people that backed this would be better for all.

It was noted that neighbouring villages who had similar digital forums, where trying to stem the flow of theories and gossip were drowning out facts.

17.038 Clerk's Report

Bucks Best Kept Village - Halton's entry had been confirmed.

The Year End figures have been prepared and are ready to be signed off. The internal audit has been booked.

17.039 Finance

a. The following contractual payments were agreed:-

13/3	E-on (street lighting)	204.07
13/3	Turville Team (cleaning)	120.00
13/3	Home Counties (toilet hire)	93.60
13/3	Cooler Aid (water bottle)	4.74
15/3	Sparx Electrical (column Brookside)	2340.00
16/3	British Gas	117.10
16/3	Comet (New Kettle)	17.49
24/3	Unicom	34.62
27/3	Clerk salary	593.23
27/3	PAE (photo copier)	462.00
27/3	E Sharp (column repairs)	450.00
28/3	Hall Bookings	105.00
30/3	Caretaker	48.00
30/3	S Hunt	30.00
Year End 31.3.2017		
03/04	HMRC	115.85
03/04	Turville Team	150.00
05/04	E-on (VH)	78.92
11/04	E-on (street lighting)	225.94
11/04	Alto Digital (photocopier)	216.00
18/04	British Gas	117.10
20/04	AVDC (Dog waste)	216.65

Receipts:-

Village Hall income	1100.25
Interest	0.73
	0.72

Balance on accounts:-

Business	Year End	15281.64	20/4/2017	14722.80
Treasurers	Year End	<u>1000.000</u>		<u>783.35</u>
		16281.64		15506.15

b. The unaudited accounts were presented for consideration, the Annual governance statement 2016/17 and the Accounting statements 2016/17 were agreed and signed by the Chairman and RFO.

17.040 Planning

There were no planning applications to consider

17.041 Highways

Cllr Mrs Barber was not present at the meeting, but had forwarded her notes to the members.

- It was agreed to defer the discussion on the purchase of an additional MVAS.

- It was reported that the HS2 enabling works were going on and that contracts for mobilising would be starting in the next 6 months. The lorry and traffic routes had to be agreed and put in as constraints to HS2 works traffic. The Clerk would write to BCC.

17.042 Environment and Canal

17.043 Village Hall

17.044 Neighbourhood Plan

Work is ongoing, updating from the requests received from AVDC. At present the Clerk is aiming to have a draft to submit to AVDC by the middle of May 2017. After that we are in their hands whilst AVDC review the draft and comment. Subsequently, when AVDC have reviewed, we can go to Public Consultation. Then back to AVDC with the comments from the PC, then all the files are forwarded to an Inspector. To have the Plan 'made' it has to be agreed by AVDC in a full council meeting. To put a timeline on the process all depends on AVDC and the turnarounds. Eg Public Consultations have to go out for 6 weeks, the Inspector has 8 weeks, full meetings of AVDC are monthly (?). But we are getting there !!

17.045 Consultations

There were no consultations to consider.

17.046 Correspondence

All correspondence via email had been forwarded to the members. There were no hard copies to circulate.

17.047 Matters of Report

17.048 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Halton Parish Council would be on Wednesday, 7th June, 2017 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____