



HALTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **Halton Parish Council Meeting**
held on **Wednesday, 19th July, 2017** at 7.30pm, in Halton Village Hall

Present:

Councillors:

B. Thompson (Chairman)	Mrs M Ellwood	
Mrs C Waddams	P Czaplinski	Fg Off Emma Tulip (RAF)
Mrs F Lippmann (Clerk and RFO)	Mrs S Barber	Mrs A Jimson
1 member of the public	DC/CC S Bowles	

17.69 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Pearce.

17.70 Co-option of new councillor

Mr Stuart Holcroft presented himself for consideration for co-option to Halton Parish Council. Members accepted his request, took a vote in favour of Mr Holcroft joining the Parish Council. Mr Holcroft took his seat with the members and signed his Acceptance of Office.

17.71 Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of 8th June, 2017, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17.72 Declarations of Interests

No interests were declared

The Chairman closed the meeting

17.73 RAF

The RAF were represented by Fg Off Emma Tulip (Stn Adjt) who asked that the following be noted:-

- All road signage and markings were the responsibility of BCC
- The footpath running alongside the sewerage works and airfield would not be cleared by the DIO. *The Parish Council would contact BCC to ask that contractors clear the path. Following the meeting, the Clerk considered that the path was in Aston Clinton parish and would contact their office as ACP have taken on devolved services from BCC which might include footpaths.*
- Tree surveys – The DIO conducted tree surveys every 5 years, the last being in 2014, a hard copy of the last survey was shared with the Parish Council. A report on trees protected by a Tree Protection Order (TPO) would be passed on, once received. The Chairman asked that the DIO be receptive to TPO's being placed upon other trees on the base. Cllr Bowles offered his support to this initiative.
- Halton House Open day would be on 10th September, 2017
- The Station Fireworks Night would be on 2nd November, 2017, from 7pm.
- The Parish Council thanked the RAF for organising the Retiring of the Colour at St Michael's Church. It was felt that this reinforced the connection between the RAF and the Village.
- The Chairman advised that he had written to the DIO about concerns over the closure of the site and had asked for a meeting to discuss various legal points.
- The minister (Mark Lancaster MP) had promised inclusion in talks on planning for the site and wished that the items raised in the meeting mentioned above are on the agenda.
- It was noted by members that the Tug aircraft were flying low over houses again. FO Tulip would speak with the airfield staff.
- The footpath along Halton Lane, by the cricket field, was particularly overgrown restricting passage of two abreast. The PC asked if the DIO contractors might be able to clear back the growth from the cricket field hedgerows.
- The members asked for a list of events at the Nuffield Ground.
- Complaints had been received by members over the Relay for Life event. It was felt by neighbours that the sound system was too loud and it went on for too long. FO Tulip responded that the event was still within the confines of the law regarding noise and as it was outside MOD property, the Commercial Business Manager would be considering the issue.

17.74 Open Forum

- Cllr Bowles reported that road resurfacing would be undergoing in the near future. This would include the Upper Icknield Way to Chestnut Avenue. Cllr Bowles reinforced his support on TPO's to protect the retention of the avenues of trees on the playing fields.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting

17.75 The Clerk's Report

There were no items to report on that were not covered within the meeting agenda.

17.76 Finance

a. The following contractual items were agreed for payment, with the agreement on the current bank statements as listed below:-

02/06	Alto Digital (copier)	72.00
05/06	Cheque 001357 (Booking refund)	33.00
05/06	AVDC (Brown Bin Fee)	40.00
12/06	E-on (Street lighting)	246.47
13/06	Home Counties Toilet Hire	93.60
14/06	Your Print Solutions (Newsletter)	135.00
14/06	Viking (stationery)	74.80
16/06	British Gas	117.10
22/06	Castle Water	14.30
26/06	HMRC	121.10
26/07	Clerk	581.70
26/07	Unicom	38.08
28/06	Hall Bookings	105.00
30/06	Caretaker	38.00
30/06	S Hunt	30.00
30/06	Cheque 001359 (Internal Audit Fee)	30.50
04/07	Turville Team (Hall cleaning)	160.00
04/07	Cooler Aid (Water sanitation)	30.00
04/07	Pan European (copier lease)	462.00
05/07	E-on (VH power)	56.57
11/07	E-on (Street lighting)	238.51
11/07	Home Counties Toilet Hire	93.60
11/07	DIO (Street cabling RAF Halton)	10.00
11/07	G Turner (flowers for village beds)	236.61

Receipts:-

Village Hall income	1328.25
Interest	<u>2.19</u>
	1330.44

Balance on accounts:-

Business	24566.13
Treasurers	<u>421.28</u>
	24987.41

b. The purchase of an additional Mobile Vehicle Activation Camera (MVAS) was discussed in light of an offer from BCC to 'share' one with another parish at no cost the Halton Parish Council. It was discussed whether a dedicated laptop should be purchased for analysing data. Cllr Bowles would endeavour to find out whether BCC would accept/supply signage such as, 'Community Speed Watch' or 'Your speed is being reported' to make drivers consider slowing down.

c. The consideration of obtaining additional funding involving the wider community would be carried forward to another meeting.

17.77 Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

a. The Clerk advised that she had asked for reinforcement of the limited capability to carry extra traffic along Halton Lane, be raised during the appeal hearing for the 170 new homes on the site at the corner of Halton Lane and Aylesbury Road, Wendover.

17.78 Transport and Highways

- Cllr Mrs Barber wished it noted that BCC had confirmed that an improved chevron will be placed at the corner of Halton Lane and signs, '30 for a reason' installed.

- Large vehicles (laden lorries, busses) in excess of the 7.5 ton limit had been seen using Halton Lane. It was proposed and agreed that a day would be chosen for members to note vehicle registrations and take photographic evidence of these vehicles. This data would then be submitted to BCC for action.

17.79 Village Hall

Cllr Mrs Jimson reported on a Village Hall Committee meeting.

- It was of particular note that following a booking that had resulted in unacceptable behaviour within the Hall and the surrounds, a 'deep clean' had been booked.

Discussions had taken place on having a deposit system for one off bookings, with the Terms and Conditions tightened up.

- Quotations were being obtained to replace the windows in the kitchen and toilets as these were single pane, louvres. It was expected that these replacements would be funded through the New Homes Bonus (NHB) via AVDC and would make a big difference to the heating costs.

- The car park verge was overgrown. Mr Hunt had been contacted to clear back nettles, weeds etc.

- A leak had been reported, high up in the roof, during a storm, from a hirer. The members considered that this may have been a, 'one off', due to the heavy rain and high winds. There was no obvious damage from the outside. The roof would be inspected again following the next storm.

17.80 Neighbourhood Plan

Draft policies had been submitted to AVDC and received back with their comments. It was agreed that a public meeting would be held in the Village Hall on 16th September, 2017. Suggestions were made to include the Forestry Commission to promote their new building project and the RAF to speak with interested parties regarding the RAF presence in Halton.

17.81 Consultations

Aston Clinton were congratulated on the professionalism of their Neighbourhood Plan.

BCC had issued a Minerals and Waste Consultation which had been forwarded to members that day.

17.82 Communications

- The Draft NP would be sent for printing and circulation prior to the consultation on 16th September.

- The website will be giving details of the RAF, speeding etc.

- Wendover News and their website were being fed information which, it was reported, was well received.

- A Twitter account had been set up, but was not being used yet.

17.83 Canal and Environment

The footpath, alongside the sewerage works and the airfield was overgrown.

17.84 Correspondence

All correspondence via email had been forwarded to the members. Hard copies of the Wendover Arm News were available for members.

17.85 Matters of Report

- The dog waste bin, on the corner of Clayfield Road was overflowing again. The Clerk would request that the RAF install a larger dog waste bin, or a large normal waste bin as dog waste could now be placed in green waste bins.

- HS2 were funding 'not for profit' organisations through a grant system that was now being advertised.

- It was queried whether BCC had responded to Halton's request for S106 funding

- An area suitable for a nature reserve had been identified. It was asked that this be considered at the next meeting.

- The AVDC lottery could be promoted within the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.

- The Halton Open Gardens event had been very successful and had raised £645.

17.86 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Halton Parish Council would be on Wednesday, 13th September, 2017 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____