

HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halsall Parish Council held on 8th December 2021 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidans Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall.

PRESENT: Cllr. R Brookfield (Chairman), Cllr. J Farley, Cllr. C Pyne, Cllr. J Ridley, Cllr. A Timon, D Bond (Parish Clerk) and 9 members of the public.

01/12/2021 Introductions / Apologies

Councillors introduced themselves to members of the public.

Apologies received from Cllr. E Wright, Cllrs. D Corfield and S Corfield, Cllr. B Young and Borough Councillor D Hirrell

02/12/2021 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest received.

03/12/2021 Borough Councillor's Report followed by Open Forum for 15 minutes for matters raised by members of the public for Councillors to respond to.

No report received from Cllr. Hirrell.

Following representations received from members of the public responses were as follows:

Request for the Clerk to invite Chief Inspector to attend the January meeting to address the issue of no police presence following numerous break ins in New Street to ask what investigations have taken place.

Member of the public asked Councillor Ridley why he had not declared an interest in the planning application for 20 Gregory Lane when it was being discussed at the November meeting and he responded to say that he had done so during the discussion which took place under that item and Cllr. Pyne confirmed that he had.

Request for 2 bins to be purchased for friends of the green and for the cost of collection to be paid for by the Council – to be discussed under item 11.

In response to complaints about dogs escaping from Turbury Farm the Clerk said he would contact the WLBC dog warden and ask him to investigate.

Clerk asked to write to Rosie Cooper / the Site Manager to complain about Hertz wagons using Renacres Lane and Heathey Lane on route to the Kew Development again and ask them to remind drivers to comply with the agreed route specified in the Transport Plan and use Jacksmere Lane Reports of electricity power cuts received – Cllr. Pyne asked for further instances to be recorded and the information passed to the Clerk.

04/12/2021 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2021 as a correct record.

The minutes, having been circulated were accepted and it was **Resolved** that they be signed as a correct record.

05/12/2021 Parish Clerk's Report

The report having already been circulated was accepted without comment.

06/12/2021 Reports from representatives.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils – Cllrs, Brookfield, Pyne and Wright attended the Parish and Town Council conference on 13th November.

Moss Alliance – Nothing to report.

Church Access for All – Cllr. Brookfield, Cllr. Wright and Cllr. Ridley - Cllr. Ridley informed Council that temporary ramps have been purchased for use on special occasions and proposed that the Council consider awarding an S137 Grant toward the cost.

The Chair disagreed and the proposal carried forward to the next meeting for further discussion and a decision when all representatives are in attendance.

Ormskirk School – Cllr. C Pyne stated that there had been some progress as the Trust has now received a reply from the Charity Commission which states they do own the site and buildings

07/12/2021 Planning Applications: 2021/1329/FUL - The Gables, Plex Moss Lane - Single storey rear extension – No comment

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08/12/2021 Reports from Working Groups:

Reports from the following Working Groups:

Transport – To be covered under item 10.

Flooding – Appointment of new working group – to be appointed when all members are in attendance.

Traffic and Road Safety – Cllr. R Brookfield and Cllr. Pyne – Cllr. Pyne stated that another collision had taken place recently at the Halsall Road / Gorsuch Lane / Renacres Lne / Morris Lane crossroads.

Action: Clerk to ask Sgt. Darren Carr why there are so many accidents and are there any plans to introduce changes to improve safety.

Cllr. Pyne has been stated that he has been in touch LCC's Partnership Team who have agreed help to contact every Council that has a road with a weight restriction with a view to asking the Chief Inspector why police in other areas enforce this and issue fines and Lancashire don't.

Cllr. Pyne also proposes that we respond to Rosie Cooper MP to ask why she has taken an arbitrary decision to not pursue the installation of chicanes on Moss Road and ask what exactly she calls a small number of HGV's travelling along that stretch of road when the figures supplied to us suggest otherwise.

Action: Cllr. Pyne to draft letters and circulate for comment and approval.

Cllr. Farley pointed out there are also problems with large farm vehicles travelling at speed along North Moor Lane.

Appointment of Planning Working Group – Following discussion it was agreed that this was not necessary

Appointment of Finance Working Group – Cllr. Pyne and Cllr. Wright appointed and the Clerk to participate in any meetings if required

09/12/2021 To further discuss and decide how to promote the work of Halsall Parish Council

Cllr. Pyne provided Councillors with an update on items posted stating that lots of likes have been posted and suggested going forward that some of the Council's policies and procedures be posted for information.

10/12/2021 To receive an update from Cllr. Pyne on the progress of the bus service usage survey and consider and decide upon any requests for associated costs

Cllr. Pyne updated Council on progress stating that no volunteers had come forward and he would therefore be conducting the survey on his own and no requests for any associated costs were received other than for a high visibility jacket.

Cllr. Timon volunteered to help and Cllr. Pyne indicated that the survey would start from January subject to covid restrictions.

11/12/2021 To further discuss and decide how the council can help with management of the Shirdley Hill Village Green

Following discussion it was **Resolved** that the Council agree to pay for 2 bins to be used for garden waste and held for collection by a member of the Friends of the Green and to cover the extra cost incurred by him.

Action: Include on the January 2022 agenda for further discussion.

12/12/2021 To discuss and decide upon applications for co-option

The applicant was asked to withdraw from the meeting to enable a vote to be taken.

Following discussion a vote was taken by way of a show of hands and it was **Resolved** that M Schofield be appointed to the Council.

The applicant returned to the meeting, duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and asked to complete the register of interest form and return it to the Clerk so that he could forward it to WLBC Member Services.

13/12/2021 To discuss and decide whether and how the Council wishes to respond to the new Local Plan Consultation

Following discussion it was **Resolved** that the Council did not need to respond at this stage of the consultation

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14/12/2021 To discuss and decide how to respond to the reply received from LCC re their tree replacement policy

Action: Clerk to write to LCC to ask which trees have been identified for removal and include on the January agenda for further discussion and determine to what extent the Council wishes to be involved in replacing felled trees.

15/12/2021 Finance

15.1. Schedule of Payments:

Resolved: That the following are approved for payment:

ET / <u>D.D</u> /SO	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
Direct Debits:		
November	Water Plus	10.08
	E-On	33.61
	E-On	33.86

Paid under delegated authority:

December:

D Bond – Sal	£ 855.74	
Mil-£	48.10	
Exp£	125.04	1028.88
J Forshaw		302.00
RBL – Wreath		34.00
D Corfield – Kettle		12.99
E Wright – Voice Recorder		49.99

15.2. To receive Financial Statement and confirm that the bank balance shown in the accounts agrees with balance on the bank statement.

Resolved: Financial Statement received and accepted and that the balance shown on the bank reconciliation is the same as on the bank statement.

15.3. To consider and decide upon any 2022/23 budget and matched capital funding proposals submitted by councillors – No proposal received to date – To be carried forward to January - Newly formed Finance Working Group to formulate a proposal for consideration by Councillors.

15.4. To discuss and decide how to conduct a review of the clerks pay and contractual terms and conditions and implement any recommendations.

Following discussion it was agreed that this be covered by the newly formed Finance Working Group and that the outcome form part of the 2022/23 Budget and precept proposal

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm