

HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halsall Parish Council held on 9th January 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidans Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall

PRESENT: Cllr. P Bell (Chairman), Cllr. N Campbell (Vice Chairman), Cllr. R Brookfield, Cllr. B Young, Borough Cllr. M Mills and D Bond (Parish Clerk).

01/01/2019 Apologies

Aologies received and accepted from Cllr. D Corfield, Cllr. S Corfield, Cllr.L Campbell and Cllr E Wright

02/01/2019 Declarations of Interest

None received

03/01/2019 Borough Councillor's report followed by open forum for 15 minutes for matters raised by members of the public.

Councillor Mills presented her report and updated Councillors on the latest developments on fracking.

Cllr. Brookfield expressed concerns about the lack of disabled access at St Cuthberts and asked whether the Council could write to offer assistance in obtaining grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and obtaining the necessary planning permissions.

The Council **Resolved** to write to the church to offer assistance in obtaining funding and the necessary planning permissions.

Action: Clerk to write to the Rector

04/01/2019 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 12th December 2018.

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

05/01/2019 Parish Clerk's Report

The report having already been circulated was accepted without comment.

06/01/2019 Reports from Representatives

LALC – Nothing to report

Ormskirk School – Cllr. Brookfield presented his report

CAAP - Nothing to report

07/01/2019 Planning Applications

2018/1283/LDC - Gibbons Barn, Plex Lane - Certificate of Lawfulness - Use of land as a domestic garden – No comment

LCC/2018/0058 - NWWA Sewage Treatment Works Meadow Lane - Erection of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverters and integral connection to the Ainsdale WWTW – No comment

2018/1067/FUL – 91 Segars Lane – Two storey extension to side of building – No comment

2018/1312/FUL – 37 New Cut Lane – Rear Conservatory – No comment

Signed:

Chairman

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08/01/2019 To receive updates from Working Groups and discuss and decide what action to take.

Fracking – Maureen Mills updated council on the latest news under item 3

Flooding – Nothing further to report

Transport – No further updates available

09/01/2019 discuss any traffic and road safety issues and decide upon any action which needs to be taken

Cllr. N Campbell stated that parking in the bus stop opposite New Street garage has stopped for now but he would continue to monitor the situation

10/01/2019 To further discuss and decide whether to keep the red phone box

Following discussion it was **Resolved** that the Council keeps the phone box and include an amount of £300 in the 2019/20 budget to cover repairs and put shelving inside.

Halsall Proud and Tidy Group to be asked to paint the phone box

Action: Clerk to amend budget accordingly and ask PAT if they are willing to paint the phone box as and when needed.

11/01/2019 To discuss and decide how the Council wishes to respond to the request for comments on Lancashire County Council's Budget Proposals for 2019/20

Following discussion it was **Resolved** that the Council should respond as follows:

That the village street lighting budget should be ring fenced and any savings should be made by reducing lighting in towns and cities where additional lighting is generated from buildings.

Action: Clerk to respond accordingly.

12/01/2019 To discuss and decide how the Council wishes to respond to the Police Commissioner's request for the public's views over proposals to recruit extra officers to support policing

Following discussion it was **Resolved** that the Council write to object to the use of 10 million pounds of taxpayer money to police the peaceful fracking protest at Preston New Road and that efforts should be made to recover that money from either Central Government, who allowed the fracking to proceed despite Lancashire County Council refusing planning permission, or the fracking company, and that money used to provide extra policing.

Action: Clerk to respond accordingly

13/01/2019 Finance

13.1. To approve Schedule of Payments

Resolved: That the following payments are approved:

Direct Debits:

Dec 2018	Water Plus	14.29
	Water Plus	6.74
	E-On	87.15

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For authorisation:

1888	D Bond – Sal £655.20	
	Mil-£ 24.05	
	Exp £ 26.06	705.51
1889	J Forshaw	180.00
1890	P Judd	60.80
1891	P Walsh	27.00
1892	HMRC	539.85

13.2. To receive Financial Statement

Financial Statement presented and received and bank balances agreed to statements and duly signed

13.3. To discuss and decide upon applications for S137 grants

Following discussion it was **Resolved** that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

Halsall Memorial Hall and Playing Field Trust £1500

Royal British Legion £34

13.4. To discuss and decide whether to agree the 2019/20 Budget and Precept Proposal put forward by the Clerk and decide whether to apply for Matched Capital Funding

Following discussion the Clerk was asked to include the extra £300 to cover repairs to the phone box, update the figures and include this item on the next agenda for further discussion and a decision.

Action: Clerk to include 2019/20 Budget and Precept Proposal and whether to apply for Matched Capital Funding on the next agenda.

13.5. To further discuss and suggest ways in which available S106/CIL monies should be spent and if necessary decide what action to take to ensure that the money is spent on Halsall Parish projects – Consideration to be given to applying for S106 monies to extend existing play area on Memorial Hall field - To be discussed at the next meeting

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

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