HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halsall Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

PRESENT: Cllr. P Bell (Chairman), Cllr. N Campbell (Vice Chairman), Cllr. B Young, Cllr. R Brookfield, Cllr. D Corfield, Cllr. L Campbell, Cllr. S Corfield, Cllr. B Assheton, Borough Councillor Maureen Mills, D Bond (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public

01/03/20 Apologies

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. E Wright

02/03/2020 Declarations of Interest

None

03/03/2020 Borough Councillor's Report followed by open forum for 15 minutes for matters raised by members of the public and response from Councillors to any matters raised

Borough Councillor Maureen Mills presented her report.

A member of the public spoke on the Chairman's article on a brief history of The War Memorial Hall and Playing Field as published in the March 2020 edition of the Halsall News stating that it was inaccurate and mischievous and called for the Chairman to resign to which he responded that he would consider his position.

04/03/2020 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2020

Resolved: That the minutes, having been circulated, were accepted and that they are signed as a correct record

05/03/2020 Parish Clerk's Report

Report presented and received.

06/03/2020 Reports from Representatives

LALC – Nothing to report

Ormskirk School Foundation Governor – Chairman updated Councillors on situation following failed Ofsted report

Moss Alliance – Covered by Borough Councillor in her report under item 3

Disabled access to Church – Cllrs. R Brookfield stated that he was pleased with progress and suggested that the work might qualify for WLBC CIL funds. **Action:** Clerk to discuss with WLBC Officer

07/03/2020 Planning

No planning applications

<u>08/03/2020 To receive updates from Working Groups and discuss and decide what further action to take.</u>

Fracking – Covered under item 3 **Flooding** – Vice Chairman updated Council on flooding issue along New Cut Lane **Transport** – No further update

Chairman

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<u>09/03/2020 To discuss any traffic and road safety issues and decide upon any action which</u> needs to be taken

Following discussion and in an attempt to help discourage drivers from speeding the council agreed to look at purchasing wheelie bin stickers and supplying them free of charge to residents. The Clerk was asked to include an article in the Halsall News conducting a survey asking anyone interested to supply him with address details so that we can gauge demand. **Action:** Clerk to include in news article and on website

<u>10/03/2020 To further discuss and decide how to respond to any updates following the</u> notification by Sefton Council of the forthcoming Town Lane road closure and the rerouting of traffic when it reopens following reconstruction

No further response to date.

Action: Clerk to include on next agenda

<u>11/03/2020 discuss and decide whether to comply with the request by Halsall Proud and</u> <u>Tidy to have the War Memorial cleaned</u>

Following discussion it was **Resolved** that the War Memorial be cleaned and that the contract be awarded to the contractor who submitted the lowest quote. **Action:** Clerk to place order

12/03/2020 To discuss and decide upon arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

Cllr. S Corfield suggested that it would be a good idea to have a bark or wood chip pathway along the inside of the Memorial Hall Field alongside the hedge that runs along Halsall Road and standing area on the inside of the Memorial Gates constructed to avoid having to gather on the roadside when the laying of the wreaths was taking place.

Following discussion the Clerk was asked to contact LCC Highways to enquire whether just closing that section of road nearest to the church would need to involve a traffic management company.

Action: Clerk to seek permission from LCC for a road closure without having to involve a traffic management company.

<u>13/03/2020 To discuss the Chairman's article on a brief history of The War Memorial Hall</u> and Playing Field published in the March published in the March 2020 edition of the Halsall News

Following discussion there was a call for the Chairman to resign to which he responded as before that he would consider his position.

<u>14/03/2020 Finance</u>

14.1. To approve Schedule of Payments. **Resolved:** That the following are approved for payment:

<u>Chq No</u> / <u>D.D</u>	Payee	Amount £
Direct Debits:		
Feb	Water Plus	10.25
	E- On	100.99
	E- On	22.38

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For authorisation:

1987	Peter Rimmer – (3rd instalment)	2000.00
1988	D Bond – Sal £ 674.40	
	Mil-£ 44.20	
	Exp £ 15.00	733.60
1989	J Forshaw	302.00
1990	P Walsh	35.00
1991	P Judd – Feb Cleaning	82.00
1992	Howard & McNamara	1440.00

14.2. Financial Statement presented and received / bank balances agreed to reconciliation and duly signed as a correct record

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 13th May 2020 at 7.30 pm at The Memorial Hall Halsall Road, Halsall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.