

# HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halsall Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidans Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. R Brookfield (Chairman), Cllr. E Wright (Vice Chairman), Cllr. D Corfield, Cllr. J Farley, Cllr. C Pyne, Cllr. J Ridley, Cllr. M Schofield, Cllr. A Timon, Cllr. B Young, D Bond (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

## **01/02/2022 Introductions / Apologies**

Councillors introduced themselves to members of the public.

Apologies received from Borough Councillor D Hirrell

## **02/02/2022 Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest received.

## **03/02/2022 Borough Councillor's Report followed by Open Forum for 15 minutes for matters raised by members of the public for Councillors to respond to.**

Report received from Cllr. Hirrell via email.

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

Member of the public expressed concerns about speeding along New Street, particularly at the Haskayne end where they enter from a 40mph zone coupled with the fact that the solar powered speed indicator is not working.

**Action:** Clerk to follow up repair of speed indicator with Alan Cox (LCC Highways)

## **04/02/2022 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as a correct record.**

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

## **05/02/2022 Parish Clerk's Report**

The report having already been circulated was accepted without comment.

## **06/02/2022 Reports from representatives.**

**Lancashire Association of Local Councils** – Cllrs, Brookfield, C Pyne and E Wright - Cllr. Pyne informed Council that new councillor training course which might be beneficial for councillors to attend is scheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Cllr. Timon expressed an interest.

**Action:** Clerk to book Cllr. Timon on course

**Moss Alliance** – Nothing to report.

**Church Access for All** – Cllr. Brookfield, Cllr. Wright and Cllr. Ridley – Following discussion it was Resolved that the Council respond to Reverend Ian Hopkins mail concerning Cllr. Farley as follows:

‘At the meeting of the Council in January the lack of a response from the Bishop to our letter dated 11th November 2021 (see below) was discussed.

Cllr. Farley volunteered to follow this up in person with the Bishop and has been trying to arrange an appointment with the Bishop.

In preparation for a possible meeting he sought a costing for the installation of a lift so that he could highlight that another solution to spending £54k was worth considering.

There was never any intention by the Parish Council to place any order for works and we apologise for any confusion and were wondering if it might be beneficial for a Councillor to join the PCC and report back to us to avoid any further misunderstandings.’

Cllr. Ridley agreed to define terms of reference for this group so that in future we would have an agreed scope for future discussions

**Ormskirk School** – Cllr. C Pyne stated Baroness Barran, Under-Secretary of State for the School System wrote to the Trustees of Ormskirk School Trust in February confirming that the Secretary of State for Education had now produced a revised Trust Modification Order which addresses the principle concern of the Trust in that the school would now be allowed " to grant scholarships, maintenance allowances and other financial assistance to past and future pupils".

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## 07/02/2022 Planning Applications: None

## 08/02/2022 Reports from Working Groups:

Reports from the following Working Groups:

**Transport** – Work on 315 Bus Survey is suspended until the COVID regulation on wearing masks on buses is cancelled.

**Flooding** – Appointment of new working group – Cllrs. Wright and Timon appointed

**Traffic and Road Safety** – Cllr. R Brookfield and Cllr. Pyne – Cllr. Pyne to attend 'Highways Special' themed conference for Parish and Town Councils in Lancashire. Sat 19th March 2022.

## 09/02/2022 To consider and decide whether to agree the attached policies and procedures

Following discussion it was decided that this matter be carried forward to the next agenda to allow time for further a review of the documents by Councillors before a decision is made.

Action: Clerk to include on the next agenda.

## 10/02/2022 To discuss and decide whether the Council wishes to comment on the LCC 2022/23 Budget Proposals

**Resolved:** No comment

## 11/02/2022 Finance

11.1. Schedule of Payments:

**Resolved:** That the following are approved for payment:

<u>Chq No /</u>	<u>D.D</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
<b>Direct Debits:</b>			
January		E-On	27.92
		E-On	139.58
		Water Plus	10.05
		Water Plus	17.86

### **Paid under delegated authority:**

#### **January:**

D Bond – Sal	£ 959.26	
	Mil-£ 65.00	
	Exp£ 50.00	1074.26
Jo-Ann Fay – Cleaning		88.30

#### **For approval:**

J Forshaw	302.00
Mark Knowles – Boiler Service	60.00
LBKV	25.00
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11.2. 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.

11.3. 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:

Memorial Trust – £1932

Friends of the green – £100

St Cuthbert's PCC – £500

Signed:

Chairman

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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11.4. To discuss and decide upon quotes received for tree planting and pathway on the Memorial Hall Field Following discussion it was **Resolved** that contract for the supply and planting of trees be awarded to the supplier who submitted the lowest quote.  
It was also **Resolved** that the contract for the installation of the pathway also be awarded to the contractor who submitted the lowest quote.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.51 pm