

HALFORD PARISH COUNCIL Minutes

Meeting held on 2nd November 2022 The Bridge Inn at 6.30 p.m.
Meeting closed 7.45 p.m.

Present:

Cllrs Black, Gale (Chair), Newell, Noon and Whalley

Clerk: Karen Parnell

SDC Cllr Penny-Anne O Donnell - One member of the public was present

Cllr David Roache from Tysoe PC to speak about his experience of Village Design Plans: David explained this is an opportunity for residents to decide what is important regarding rural, historic and environmental sites. It is also an opportunity for debate.

It was noted the built up area boundary has weight regarding further building. A group would need to be formed to progress this consisting of residents and possibly parish councillors. It was advised to then employ a planning consultant.

Much consultation and information is required and forming a good relationship with planning officers is necessary.

The project would take a number of years to formulate and become made.

It was noted the majority of parish councils do not have such plans and further noted that CIL monies would increase if such a plan was in place.

1. Apologies

WCC Cllr Izzi Seccombe

2. Declaration of Interests Councillors are asked to declare personal interests in any items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded that the code of conduct that took effect from May 2021 provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion, they should withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision about the matter.

None

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held in September 2022

Minutes having been circulated were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held in September 2022 and were duly signed by the chairman.

4. Democratic 15 minutes - Not required

5. Matters arising and new matters

A) Village Maintenance

WCC proposed works will include the road to Idlicote Bridge to the left of Long's Farm and the Road to Honington to the right of Long's Farm.

WCC have also been asked to cut back the overgrowth and clear a footpath.

Fly tipping has been cleared up and a bollard has been replaced.

Fosse way drains have been reported to WCC for action.

A new dog mess bin is now on order with SDC.

B) Village Plan Statement

Chairman sent PC members the Halford Village Design statement from 1999 which although historic is still relevant in some of the information it contains in advance of this meeting.

As well as information extracted from the Parish Appraisal - This gives some idea as to the importance placed on concerns of the villagers in 2002.

After discussion, it was agreed that before the council would take a decision on whether to proceed with the development of a neighbourhood plan, the community and residents of Halford would be presented with a balanced presentation of benefits, challenges and what would be required to develop a plan. Emphasis would be made upon the need for a dedicated working group to be established from the community and residents. The working group would need to commit and focus on the challenge for a likely minimum of three years. Advance notice and encouragement to attend this presentation/discussion would be well communicated to the community and residents through a number of channels. Based on the level of support, commitment for at least 6 members of a working group to be established and the general desire of the community and residents for a neighbourhood plan, the Parish council would take a decision at the first PC meeting following the Parish Assembly on whether to proceed.

C) Website Hosting

A new hosting company has been employed (Narked) and the website is being updated. It will be questioned how many users the website has.

6. Planning

Application(s) reference: 22/02958/FUL

Proposed : Proposed installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations of properties with an off white render finish.

At : 1 The Close, Halford, Warwickshire, CV36 5DJ

For : Orbit Housing Association Ltd

7. Finance

Budget – Precept 2023/24

The budget was expounded upon by the Clerk and the precept for 2023 – 2024 was agreed unanimously by the Council to be set at £ 7,200 No increase). Proposed: Cllr Whalley – Seconded Cllr Gale and agreed. Levels of reserves and church repairs were discussed.

A maximum of £ 10,000 remains dedicated to works at the church (Allocated from PC reserves).

8. Payments

Karen Parnell (Salary/Expenses) £ 450.00 Royal British Legion £ 30.00

Bank Charges £ 19.00 Halford PCC £ 250.00 WALC Training £ 18.00

Defibrillator Battery £ 300.00 Narked Ltd (Website) £ 523.00

Japonica Pride £ 136.00

Receipts: Precept 50% £ 3600.00

Meeting closed: 7.45pm

9. Date of next meeting: 4th January 2023 (The Bridge Inn)

Signed: Chairman on 4th January 2023.....