



# Altham Parish Council

## Minutes

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### Minutes of the Altham Parish Council Meeting held on: Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021, at 2.00pm, No venue- Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

**Present:** Parish Councillor Rennie Pinder (in the Chair) & Parish Councillors;  
John Halstead, Christine Lingard, Gary Monk and Joe Threlfall.

**In attendance:** APC Clerk.

**Other:** None.

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#### **A001: Housekeeping**

The Chair, Councillor Rennie Pinder welcomed everybody to the meeting and checked on the virtual housekeeping arrangements so all present online could hear and view the meeting remotely.

Before the start of the meeting a one minute silence was held as a mark of respect for the recent death of HRH Prince Phillip.

#### **A002: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been submitted in advance of the meeting from Parish Councillor Tom Fearon.

#### **A003: Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were submitted.

#### **A004: Minutes from the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the APC virtual meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 were attached to the agenda and submitted for approval.

**Resolved** - (1) That the minutes of the virtual APC meeting held on the 2nd March 2021 be approved as a correct record.  
**Proposed by Councillor Halstead and seconded by Councillor Threlfall,**

#### **A005. Matters arising from the Last Minutes (Not listed on the agenda)**

The Chair reported that the agenda under the relevant heading listed most matters arising since the last meeting.

#### **A006: Public Participation**

No local residents were in virtual attendance at the meeting.

#### **A007: Chairman's Action**

The Chair reported a number of items were ongoing which had resulted in meetings with the MP and the allotment representative at Livingstone Road.

#### **A008: Parish Councillor Updates**

The Chair provided the meeting with historic background information about Walton Street. There had been a request by residents to tarmac the road which was unadopted. A quote had been obtained and the council was willing to pay a small percentage of the costs if all residents were willing to contribute. Only 4 out of 15 residents were willing to spend money so as a result they were now going to conduct their own repairs with stone chippings to fill in the pot holes.

#### **A009: Correspondence**

A letter had been received from a local resident about concerns on Moorfield industrial estate and Moorfield Way.

Information had been received from the Traffic Commission about a goods vehicle operation licence for Silcox's Ltd to use an address on Canal Way for the use of good vehicles and storage.

Whilst Members had no objections to the scheme an observation would be submitted with concerns on the nature of the road and a blind spot in that location.

#### **A010: Finance**

The Clerk reported that the building rent for 2021-2022 would be paid and this included the additional payment for the last quarter of rent for 2020-2021.

#### **A011: Updates on:**

A- Road Safety (Spids)

A reminder would be made to the Police about speeding vehicles along Whalley Road and Burnley Road in Altham.

B- Moorfield Industrial Estate

A number of problems existed on the site and HBC, the police and the Environment Agency were involved in a report on the scrap yard.

#### C- Parish Lengthsman

Councillor Halstead had concerns that whilst LCC stated they would increase the payment for 21-22 for public realm services, if there was a change in Officer would this agreement be lost in the system. The Chair would communicate with his contact at LCC to confirm the increase in writing and added that the new machine purchased was well received and had made the workload quicker.

A discussion took place on flowers and the costs of these with the current plant supplier. Members felt that obtaining a quote from a couple of local companies may result in a better deal for the Council and Councillor Lingard would make enquiries.

Councillor Halstead also discussed the flower beds and the borders for these which required repair around every 2 years. A local company had provided a quote for around £700 to replace with a rubber made border at the four locations except at the memorial. There was mention about removing one on Burnley Road and moving it opposite the Walton Arms and to see if another one could be donated as a gesture of goodwill with possible sponsorship.

**Resolved - (2) That the new rubber flower bed borders be purchased.  
Proposed by Councillor Monk and seconded by Councillor Threlfall.**

#### D- Crime Figures

Data revealed in crime figures an increase with a couple of major break ins recorded which included violence and money stolen. Drug taking had also been reported around the Walton Street area and a request would be made for more police patrols.

#### E- Allotments

Condition of Livingstone Road site & new tenants

A representative had been appointed by allotment tenants at the Livingstone Road site with the aim to help improve communications along with the appearance of the site and reverse the decision to temporarily close the location next March.

A virtual meeting had been held with Mr McDonald and as a result a site inspection visit would take place to look at the standards of each individual plot comparing them to the rules and regulations before issuing a report.

It was noted that other outside bodies had been contacted in relation to the Livingstone Road site closure and when made aware of all the facts, backed the Council's decision.

The Chair added a phone call had been received from someone reporting to be from the national allotment association. Only once confirmation was made that this was genuine would the Council respond with comments.

#### **A012: Clerks Report**

The Clerk provided information that the law to allow virtual meetings to continue would expire on the 7<sup>th</sup> May and a court case would determine if they could continue beyond this date.

It was noted that VE Day would take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> May and the Chair had received information about displaying figures of soldiers. It was felt that the turn around time to order these would be tight and the item could be looked at next year.

**A013: Planning Applications**

The Chair handed over to Councillor Monk who reported on this agenda item.

Communication problems with HBC seemed to be continuing with a number of requests having to be made to speak with planning officers. A letter had been hand delivered to Simon Prideaux at Scaitcliffe House and an update would be made once communications were received back.

A verbal summary was presented to the meeting of applications that the Council had commented on which also included no objections.

Applications discussed at previous meetings were recapped with the fence at Barncroft being moved which resulted in no enforcement action being required.

Councillor Threlfall reported that officers had contacted him last week and the issue on hawthorn Bank had now been resolved.

**A014: Christmas Event(s) Preparation Update**

Councillor Halstead reported that a latter would be sent to schools next week to gauge the expression of interest for any similar kind of event later in the year.

**A015: Any Other Late Business**

No other late business was reported at the meeting.

**Date(s) and Time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next APC council meeting would be confirmed once it was known if virtual or physical meeting would take place, this would also include the AGM and be held before the end of May.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Chair of the meeting  
at which the minutes were confirmed.