



HALE PARISH COUNCIL

OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN
THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HALE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Cleary, Cllr Brown, Cllr McNamara Cllr Healey, Cllr King,
Cllr Mitchell, Cllr McNamara, Cllr Anderson

In attendance: The Clerk

- 1. Apologies** – Apologies were received by the Clerk from Cllrs Spargo, Trevaskis and Williams
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were recorded by the Clerk
- 3. Public Participation** – No matters were discussed.
- 4. Minutes** – Cllr King proposed that the approval of the Minutes of Hale Parish Council Ordinary meeting on 21st November 2022 should be recorded as a true and accurate record. Cllr Anderson seconded the motion

The Motion was approved

- 5. Asset Register** – It was agreed that further discussions regarding the layout of the current Asset list should be undertaken at the January Parish Council meeting. Cllr Mitchell requested that a separate column should be included to show the actual current value (including any devaluation) of assets recorded. It was felt by other members however that only the current insured (replacement) value is relevant.

The Clerk agreed to add the three newly purchased benches to the register and to establish ownership of the recently installed Cannon on the Village Hall forecourt.

- 6. Personnel Committee** – It was resolved to schedule a meeting of the Personnel Committee on 6th February 2023

The motion was proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr Anderson

The Motion was approved

7. **Budget** – It was resolved to propose the following amendments to the current budget lines for acceptance of the full 2023-2024 Budget at the Parish Council meeting on January 16th 2023.
- i. **Asset Purchase** - £1000 (from £2000) Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Cleary
 - ii. **Wellbeing Committee** - £5000 (from £3000) Proposed by Cllr McNamara Seconded by Cllr King
 - iii. **Guildswomen Working Group** - £100 (from £150) Proposed by Cllr Mitchell seconded by Cllr Healey
 - iv. **Civic Service Working Group** - £500 (from £650) Proposed by Cllr Mitchell and Seconded by Cllr Healey
 - v. **Newsletter** – It was agreed to remove this item from the budget considerations – Proposed by Cllr Brown Seconded by Cllr Cleary
 - vi. **Subscriptions/Advisory Bodies** - £2000 (from £1500) Proposed by Cllr Brown Seconded by Cllr King
 - vii. **Village Hall Support Costs** - It was agreed to remove this item from the budget considerations – Proposed by Cllr Mitchell Seconded by Cllr McNamara
 - viii. **Election Costs** - It was agreed to replace this item from the budget considerations and re assign the budget line to “Coronation Celebrations” – Proposed by Cllr Mitchell Seconded by Cllr King
 - ix. **General Reserve** – £5000 (from £6695) Proposed by Cllr Cleary and seconded by Cllr Healey
 - x. **Environmental** - It was agreed to remove this item from the budget considerations – Proposed by Cllr Cleary Seconded by Cllr Brown

In a named vote the above motions were approved by Cllrs Cleary, Brown, King, and Healey. There were four abstentions.

The Motions were approved

Cllr Brown Proposed that based upon the adjustments above (a reduction of £13895 on the previous year) the Precept for 2023-2024 should be considered at £37,000. This was seconded by Cllr King

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.15pm