



HALE PARISH COUNCIL
OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN
THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON
MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30pm**

Present: cllr Mitchell, cllr Kierman, cllr Williams, cllr Trevaskis, cllr Wright,
cllr Cleary, cllr Anderson, cllr Spargo

In attendance: Mr Brian Hargreaves (Proper Officer) and 9 Members of the
public

1. **Apologies** – No Apologies for absence were received
2. **Declarations of Interest** – cllr Trevaskis noted Membership Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee {Representative of Hale Parish Council).
3. **Public Participation** - No members of the public participated in this item
4. **Standing Orders** – the Council resolved to defer item for decision at February meeting.
5. **Financial Regulations** – the Council resolved to defer item for decision at February meeting.
6. **Minutes** - It was resolved to accept the Minutes for Hale Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2020

A vote to approve the minutes was taken with cllrs Spargo, Kierman, Williams, Wright and Anderson in favour. Cllrs Cleary and Mitchell were against.

The minutes were approved
7. **Payments** - All payments for the period 6th November 2020 – 4th January 2021 were approved by members. Cllr Mitchell requested that individual payments were more complete in their description. The Clerk agreed to fulfil this request in future.

8. Budget & Precept 2021 – 2022

The Council considered the 'Hale PC Budget + Precept Proposal 2021-2022' document.

It was noted that Hale Parish Council approached Halton Borough Council in 2019-2020 regarding the poor condition of a number of flower beds and Halton Borough Council agreed that Hale Parish Council could work to improve these areas as resources were limited within the higher tier authority. Cllr Mitchell advised that Halton Borough Council had now agreed to once again take over the maintenance of the flower beds and that the budget of £7,987.20 to acquire a lengthman was not required. Owing to this, Cllr Mitchell proposed this budget line be removed.

In a named vote requested by Cllr Mitchell

Votes In Favour – Cllrs Spargo, Mitchell, Kierman, Anderson and Cleary

Votes Against Cllr's Trevaskis, Wright and Williams

It was resolved to remove the lengthsman budget of £7,987.20 and to pass the maintenance of the flower beds back to Halton Borough Council. This provided for a precept reduction to £43,724.

It was resolved to approve the proposals within the amended 'Hale PC Budget and Precept Proposal 2021-2022'.

In a named vote requested by Cllr Mitchell - Votes In Favour – Cllrs Spargo, Trevaskis, Mitchell, Kierman, Anderson and Cleary

Votes Against Cllr's Williams and Wright

- 9/ **Local Plan** – The Council noted its prior objection to Halton Borough Council's Local Plan and voiced dismay that Halton Borough Council has proposed the loss of approximately 80 acres of Grade 1 agricultural Green Belt to be removed from Hale Heath. The Council resolved to utilise the monies set aside within the legal budget and general reserves budget to acquire a legal professional to assist Hale Parish Council to object at the Halton Local Plan examination hearings. The Council agreed to delegate to the Proper Officer to source quotes and agree a course of direction offline.
- 10/ **Book Of Reflection** - It was agreed that a Book of Reflection should be opened to record events and memories of 2020 – 2021
- 11/ **Meeting Times** – It was agreed to keep the start time for future Parish Council Meetings at 7.30pm

The Meeting was closed at 10.00pm