



# 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  
WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Wright, Cllr Spargo, Cllr McNamara, Cllr Trevaskis,  
Cllr Williams

In attendance: The Clerk, the Lord Mayor and two members of the public were present

- 1. Apologies** – Cllrs Healey, Cleary, and Anderson recorded their apologies
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were registered
- 3. Public Participation** – To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The Chair allowed the Lord Mayor and the two members of the public attending to make representations regarding the agenda Items.

A working document which has been produced and co-ordinated by the Chair was deliberated upon and the proposals therein were debated. It was agreed that in principal the ideas and suggestions were generally sound and warranted further consideration. However there was some disappointment expressed from the floor that more consultation and inclusion in the ideas proposed had not taken place. In particular The Lord Mayor felt that the report produced had been created without his input and was unhappy that it was credited to the Chair. He felt strongly that as a primary figure in this project he should have received emails to keep him updated.

It was subsequently noted that the Chair had been given the incorrect email address for the Lord Mayor and unfortunately any correspondence he had sent had not been received by him. In mitigation the Chair apologised for not being more “inclusive” with his report but explained that his priority was to achieve a proposal which has the correct information and credibility to enable several funding applications to be submitted subsequently on behalf of the Parish Council. He went on to say that by his understanding he had been asked in a prior meeting to explore the funding options available. He believed that the submission of such applications was the priority in view of the short timescale available. He further expressed a view that everything he has done has been for “the right reasons”

The report presented was credited to the Chair personally to ensure that there was a definite distinction from any document submitted on behalf of Hale Parish Council.

He stated that any project requiring funding cannot be commenced until an application is approved. In addition a schedule of all proposed costs needs to be submitted for a successful outcome to be achieved

Cllr Spargo gave his opinion that all parties concerned have a collective and common interest and are striving for a similar outcome. The Queens Jubilee is a fantastic opportunity for Hale Village but in his opinion there has clearly been a breakdown in communications and all future efforts should demonstrate debate and inclusion for any proposals being considered. It was noted by a local resident that one of the proposals under discussion is to present a potted acorn/oak tree to each of the children in the Village. However it was felt that this would not be possible due to the need for these trees to be planted at the correct time in late autumn or early winter. In addition they are susceptible to animals such as squirrels who have acorns as part of their regular diet.

A proposal to install a village beacon was discussed and it was agreed that subject to approval consideration of all the fire risks and spectator attendance should be taken into account. A full planning application will be required with a proper opportunity for residents to give their views before the project can be approved.

Installation of specific jubilee lighting was proposed for discussion where concerns about them only being properly visible in the dark were expressed. It was suggested that the exercise might be cost prohibitive and that appropriate street bunting might be more suitable as an alternative.

Cllr Mitchell noted that during the preparations for the Millennium celebrations in 2000 a number of fund raising events took place in addition to the formal funding applications submitted. She suggested that similar fund raising opportunities existed for residents to explore.

**4. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022** – It was resolved to submit the relevant applications for funding for various Installations and celebrations proposed for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Proposed by Cllr Spargo and seconded by Cllr Williams

**The Motion was approved**

- i. **Jubilee Green** – It was resolved to approach Halton Borough Council to request voluntarily registration of the piece of land at the Junction of Hale Rd High St. and Ramsbrook Lane under Section 15 (8) of the Commons 2006 Act as a Village Green – renaming the parcel of land as the “Jubilee Green” to commemorate The Queen.

Proposed by Cllr Spargo and seconded by Cllr Williams

**The Motion was approved**

- j. **Donation** – an amendment was made to the proposal to donate £1500 to the Freemen of Hale. Upon review It was resolved to approve a donation of £2000 to the Freemen of Hale under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to assist with staging a Jubilee party and assorted work associated with the Queens Jubilee celebrations.

After the amendment to the initial proposal from Cllr Spargo, Cllr Wright proposed that the sum of £2000 should be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Williams

**The Motion was approved**

- k. Village Trees** - It was agreed that in the light of recently discussed information regarding the gifting of potted oak trees to children within the Village the proposal was considered unfeasible.

A revised proposal for a budget of up to £700 for the purchase of 7 appropriate trees (type to be confirmed in further discussions at next PC meeting) was submitted by Cllr Mitchell and supported by Cllr McNamara. Seven trees signifies the 7 decades that Her Majesty the Queen has been in office. The motion was resolved by Members.

**The Motion was approved**

- l. Planning** - It was resolved to give the Clerk delegated authority to seek approval from the Environmental Services Division at Halton BC for the approved installations. In addition to arrange for the submission of the appropriate planning application and approve grant applications for funding.

Proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Spargo

**The Motion was approved**

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00pm