



# HALE PARISH COUNCIL

## OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HALE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2022 AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Williams, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Wright, Cllr Spargo, Cllr Cleary, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Trevaskis, Cllr Brown

In attendance: The Clerk and six members of public were also present

1. **Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllr Healey and Cllr McNamara
2. **Declarations of Interest** – No Interests were declared
3. **Public Participation** – To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation
  - i. A member of the public enquired about the replacement of the current Union Flag which is worn and tattered. The Clerk informed the meeting that the matter is in hand. He further highlighted an opportunity to raise the Ukrainian flag in support of Ukrainian nationals and soldiers during these difficult times.
  - ii. In addition the resident informed the meeting that he had received a quotation for the installation of appropriate bunting along Town Lane, up to the Memorial Green and on to the park entrance in preparation for the Jubilee celebrations in June. He indicated that this may be a topic for discussion at the independent Jubilee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.
  - iii. The Lord Mayor was once again allowed to give an overview of the preparations for the Jubilee Celebrations. He said he is very happy with the current position and that much progress has been made. The policy of “beg, steal and borrow” has served him well and he will continue to make arrangements for this much anticipated event. He would like to see a “diary” of events produced so that residents have a reference point for all organised events taking place over the Queens Jubilee Celebration weekend. Refurbishment of the Village Fawcett Gun is well under way and the Lord Mayor advised that there are only a few parts which need attention before the project is complete.

The Chair thanked the Lord Mayor on behalf of the Parish Council for his commitment and enthusiasm in the planning of this important event
4. **Minutes** –
  - i. Cllr Spargo proposed that the minutes for Hale Parish Council Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 16th February 2022 should be approved as a true record. Cllr Williams seconded the proposal.

**The Motion was approved**

- ii. With a minor amendment to item 5. Cllr Wright proposed that the minutes for Hale Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 21st February 2022 should be approved as a true record. Cllr Anderson seconded the proposal.

**The Motion was approved**

**5. Matters Arising From previous Parish Council Meetings**

- i. The Chair explained that planning permission will be sought formally, once the proposed projects are ratified and funding approved. He explained that the planned Beacon may not be available for the Jubilee festivities but described it as a long term assignment which can be used for future local events & Events of State. It was noted that the Parish Council receives a discount on all planning applications.
- ii. A draft Trust Deed amendment is being produced by Louise Beaton MBE for approval and submission to the Charities Commission in due course.

**6. Ward Councillor's Report** – A notification of the adoption of the DALP submitted to the Secretary of State on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 was forwarded by Cllr Wharton for the Parish Council's attention.

**7. Payments & Receipts** – A proposal by Cllr Spargo to accept all payments made between 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 as recorded in the cash book record which has been reconciled against the bank statements to these dates, all payments having been made under Financial Regulation 6.4 as detailed was received and seconded by Cllr Wright

**The Motion was approved**

**8. Accounts** – A motion to accept the reconciled bank statement and summary of receipts for the period 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 as a true record was proposed by Cllr Spargo and seconded by Cllr Wright

**The Motion was approved**

**9. Village Hall Sign** – A proposal by Cllr Trevaskis to give the Clerk delegated authority to supervise the commissioning and installation of a sign in recognition of the various organisations and individuals involved in the re-building of the current building was seconded by Cllr Spargo

**The Motion was approved**

**10. Fawcett Gun Siting** – A letter from the Chair of Hale RBL was considered and debated with a number of alternatives being offered for discussion. The opinions of all councillors and the residents present were taken into account and a motion to site the Fawcett Gun on the memorial green temporarily whilst a consultation with local residents takes place was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Spargo. In a vote the motion was rejected.

**The Motion was rejected**

A revised motion to site the Fawcett Gun on the forecourt of Hale Village Hall was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Cleary

**The Motion was approved**

- 11. Solar Farm** – It was noted by the Chair that the published decision date for the Application for a Lawful Development Certificate planning application 22/00019/PLD is described as “not available” on Halton Borough’s planning website. It is recognised that the Parish Council should be active in attempting to encourage a quickly established formal decision and that Hale’s three Ward Councillors should be encouraged to “call in” the application as it is now a month later than the published “target” date.

Cllr Mitchell asked for clarification about the previous objections submitted by Hale Parish Council and the Chair gave her a summary of what had been submitted and for what purpose. She suggested that it might be more appropriate to offer alternative uses for the area in question rather than to simply object to the proposed application.

It was proposed by Cllr Trevaskis that the Clerk should ask the Ward Councillor’s to “call in” the planning application 22/00019/PLD. He recommended that this item be further reviewed pending the submission of alternative proposals such as recreational and environmental projects. Cllr Mitchell seconded the proposal

**The Motion was approved**

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00pm