



# HALE PARISH COUNCIL

OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN  
THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING  
OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HALE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 8.00pm**

Present: Cllr Roberts, Cllr McNamara, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Healey, Cllr Trevaskis,  
Cllr Wright, Cllr Hutchinson, Cllr Anderson

In attendance: PCSO Steve Marnick, The Clerk, and seven members of public were also present

- 1. Apologies** – No Apologies were received from Cllrs Cleary or Williams
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were registered
- 5. Police Report by PCSO Ste Marnick** – It was agreed that PCSO Marnick should give his report at this point in the meeting as he was on duty and had other matters to attend to outside this meeting.

PCSO Marnick reported on the three month period between November 2024 and February 2025. He stated that although Hale is very quiet he felt he needed to highlight issues such as burglaries, off road biking and electric bike thefts as the main issues he faces on a daily basis. He was very pleased with the overall state of Hale Village and commented on the lack of crime in and around the area. He especially described his frustration at the problems that parking illegally and speeding creates, especially around the school areas. PCSO Marnick encouraged all residents who witness inconsiderate or dangerous traffic issues to call the police authorities on 101 or on Crimestoppers. He stated that offenders need to be caught in the act of breaking the law but that if an image or photograph can be sent to him he will visit the offender at their home and have a conversation with the person about the alleged offence.

- 3 Public Participation** – The meeting was keen to get the views of PCSO Marnick in respect of what can be done by the community to discourage inconsiderate and illegal parking. It appears that although there are other pinch points the main areas of concern in Hale are Church Road, Town Lane and Hesketh Road. PCSO Marnick described the extremely limited resources available to the local Police force and encouraged any local residents with an interest to issue informal tickets to deter parking violations

The lack of resources available has also impacted the Police's role in stewarding local events with the responsibility for safety being shifted to the organisers. Road closure, stewarding, proper documentation and co-ordination with the higher tier authority should now be the business of the organiser he stated

The need for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) training for a public sector organisation such as the Parish Council was discussed. There was an emphasis on the importance and awareness of the needs of neurodivergent individuals and people with disabilities. There was some caution expressed about the potential overreach of EDI training and a common sense approach was called for in addressing this community issue. It was agreed that appropriate training will ensure that events are inclusive and accessible to all members of the community

- 4 Minutes.** –The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 20th January 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record

Proposed by Cllr Joe McNamara

Seconded by Cllr Gary Wright

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

- 6. Accounts** – Cllr Wright proposed that the Accounts, having been reconciled to the bank statement and summary of receipts & payments 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record and comparison against budget. This was seconded by Cllr Healey

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

- 7. Invoice Sampling** - In line with financial regulation 2.2 The Council appointed member has checked and signed the reconciled account against original Unity Bank Statements and reported to the Parish Council any exceptions.

Cllr Wright proposed to accept the records and this was seconded by

Cllr J McNamara

**The Motion was approved**

- 8. Budget & Precept.**

- i. A balanced Budget of **£58,800** plus reserves of **£15151.60** for the financial year 2025-2026 (FY2526) was agreed

Proposed by Cllr Roberts

Seconded by Cllr J McNamara

**The Motion was approved**

- ii. A precept request of **£62,432.62** was agreed and the Clerk agreed to submit a request to Halton Borough Council for the same to finance FY2526

Proposed by Cllr Trevaskis

Seconded by Cllr Lewis

**The Motion was approved**

**9. Family Bake Off Day** – It was resolved that a family baking competition & afternoon tea event will be held at 2pm – 4pm on Saturday 22nd March 2025 in Hale Village Hall. Initial produce for the event will come from donations held by Cllr Roberts. It was agreed that the need for help and assistance is important and that volunteers will be required. A large number of potential entrants have expressed an interest and local community groups are being asked to supply entrants

**10. VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – The Chairman suggested that an event similar to recent National commemorative events should take place. It was agreed to check the date of the 4<sup>th</sup> May for availability of the Village Hall with the possibility of the Freemen providing a bar. It was suggested that local residents could be able to provide military vehicles and that the Clan Wallace Band could be available to provide a procession. A lone piper could be available for the reading of a proclamation. If required, permission should be sought from Halton Borough Council however a member of the public noted that provided the procession keeps moving and the correct signage is displayed there should not be an issue with road closure being required.

A member of the public asked whether it might be possible for a light to be displayed in the lighthouse at Hale Head as was the case in recent events.

**11. Liverpool John Lennon (LJLA)** - An Update and report by Cllr J McNamara – Cllr McNamara confirmed that he has invited two members of Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) management Committee to attend the March Parish Council meeting. He will inform the Clerk in due course about their potential acceptance and an agenda discussion item will be added to the March meeting.

At a recent meeting of the airport management committee the attendees were informed that all landing aircrafts are held to strict landing patterns at clearly defined heights and directions. In addition the state of all aircraft using the facility are rated for their quality including a noise rating. The quality was found to be very good.

Finally, it was noted that only one or two local residents have contacted LJLA about noise and pollution. Without a larger number of complaints the airport will continue to operate as it currently does. A local resident was asked to bring along anybody who has issues in respect of noise or pollution to the Parish Council meetings and their views can be discussed and recorded.

**The Chair Closed the Meeting at 10.00 pm**