



HALE PARISH COUNCIL

OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN
THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HALE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 8.00pm**

Attendance

Present: Cllr M Roberts, Cllr C Anderson, Cllr Trevaskis, Cllr P Lewis, Cllr A Hutchinson, Cllr J McNamara, and Cllr C Williams.

In Attendance: Six members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Received from Cllr G Wright. No apologies were received from Cllr P Healey or Cllr B Cleary.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Pat Lewis declared an interest regarding item 9ii, Planning Ref: 26/00009/FUL.
- 3. Public Participation**
 - Airport Data: A resident provided an update on the collection of month-long pollution and noise data; results are currently pending.
 - Drone Presentation: A local drone pilot presented a proposal to create promotional videos for local landmarks. He noted that as a new company, he would only charge for travel expenses. Potential requirements for Air Traffic Control or Halton Borough Council permissions were noted.
 - Tree Maintenance: A resident raised concerns regarding overgrown ivy. The Chair agreed to meet the resident to address the matter.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** - The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th January 2026 were approved as a true record, subject to a minor amendment regarding Cllr J McNamara's apology.

5. Finance and Accounts - The following items were deferred until the March meeting:

- **5.** Parish Council Accounts
- **6.** Invoice Sampling (pending the attendance of Cllr G Wright)
- **7.** Instant Access Account

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr A Hutchinson

The Motion was approved

8. Drone Filming Opportunity - The Council resolved to further discuss the drone pilot's proposal to establish a specific scope of work and associated costs.

9. Planning Applications

- a. **Ref: 26/000018/TPO:** The Council supports works related to health and safety but opposes arbitrary pruning for purely aesthetic reasons. The Clerk will convey these comments to Halton Planning.
- b. **Ref: 26/00009/FUL:** The Council resolved to support this application in its entirety.

10. Pension Policy - The policy was accepted with the removal of Section 9. It was confirmed that only the Clerk is entitled to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), while other qualifying employees may access alternative schemes such as NEST.

11. Easter Egg Hunt 2026 - The Council approved a 10% budget increase from the previous year, setting a total budget of £660 to account for rising costs.

12. Trustee Deed - It was resolved to request that Louise Beaton amend the Trust Deed. This amendment will grant the Village Hall Management Committee the authority to approve spending up to £5,000 per annum within agreed budget lines to improve operational efficiency.

13. Environmental Issues

- a. **Noise Pollution:** Cllr C Anderson reported on an unidentified "hum" in Hale and Halebank. While the noise has ceased recently, the situation will be monitored.

14. Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA): Cllr J McNamara reported record passenger growth and ongoing discussions regarding a new integrated transport

system. Cllr Trevaskis requested an update on the overdue Airport Master Plan; Cllr McNamara will raise this at the next Airport Management Committee meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:20 pm.

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