



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 8.00pm**

### **Attendance**

Present: Cllr P Lewis, Cllr A Hutchinson, Cllr J McNamara, Cllr G Wright and Cllr P Healey

In Attendance: The Clerk and Three members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Received from Cllr C Anderson, Cllr M Roberts No apologies were received from Cllr B Cleary.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – No Declarations were registered
3. **Public Participation** –
  - i. A resident of Wellington Gate in the village expressed his concerns about a parking issue which is affecting him and making it extremely difficult to park his car outside his own residence. The Clerk agreed to write to Hale C of E School and request that school staff park in the school car park or areas which are not adjacent to residential properties
  - ii. The Clerk agreed to contact the vendors in the shopping area at Ivy Court and request that they take steps to ensure that litter and other packaging and food cartons are cleared regularly to protect the overall aesthetic of the area and to dissuade vermin .
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** - The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th March 2026 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr P Lewis

Seconded by Cllr A Hutchinson

**The Motion was approved**

5. **Address by a member of Halebank Parish Council** – Cllr Anderton addressed the meeting giving an update on the progress of Halebank Parish Council in its discussions with Halton Borough Council. He noted that sadly work has started on the building of 500 residential properties within the area and plans for a further 300 look to be progressing despite the efforts of Halebank Parish Council to prevent the plans.

Cllr Anderton informed the meeting that he will be standing in the local election on May 7<sup>th</sup> as a Reform candidate and asked for the support of the members of the Council and local residents

No support was formally offered for the Councillor's political ambitions.

6. **Accounts** - The reconciled bank statement and summary of receipts and payments for 3rd March 2026 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 Were approved as a true and accurate record and comparison against budget (as attached)

Proposed by Cllr G Wright

Seconded by Cllr A Hutchinson

**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.

Proposed by Cllr G Wright

Seconded by Cllr J McNamara

**The Motion was approved**

8. **Instant Access Account** – The reconciled bank statement and summary of receipts and payments for 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 Were accepted as a true and accurate account

Proposed by Cllr P Lewis

Seconded by Cllr J McNamara

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

9. **Hale parish Council End of Year accounts** - The reconciled bank statement & summary of receipts and payments for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record and comparison against budget.

Proposed by Cllr P Lewis

Seconded by Cllr J McNamara

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**10. Precept** – It was noted that the sum of **£64,216** has been received by the Parish Council from Halton Borough Council

**11. Risk Management Scheme & Policy** – Both policies were considered and approved for renewal for year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**12. Hale Park Entrance Maintenance** – The Clerk agreed to contact Halton Borough Council Green spaces dept to enquire about the possibility of assistance with maintaining the green spaces within the Village. In particular clearing the park entrance of leaves and supporting a clean, maintained area

Cllr P Lewis suggested contacting Halton Community Services to explore the possibility of drawing upon that resource for assistance with maintaining the Village green spaces.

**13. Planning** – The Planning application Ref 26/00096/TCA was discussed and accepted without issue

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**14. War Memorial & General Groundwork Maintenance** – Item 14 was deferred until the May Parish Council meeting

Proposed by Cllr A Hutchinson

Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**15. PCSO Retirement** - It was acknowledged that local PCSO officer Ste Marnick has now retired and the meeting expressed their thanks and sincere good wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

**16. Grant Application** – A Grant application submitted by Widnes Gymnastics Academy was considered by the members and a donation of £150 was agreed for assistance with their kit for the upcoming trip to the World Gymnastics Championships in the USA. It was noted that all applications are judged on their own unique circumstances and that the organiser and one of the Gymnasts are residents in Hale Village. Best wishes were expressed for their success in the summer.

Proposed by Cllr A Hutchinson

Seconded by Cllr J McNamara

**With one abstention The Motion was approved**

**17. Events Calendar 2026 - 2027** – It was agreed to defer this agenda item pending an application to assist with funding a coach trip by the friends of Hale Village.

The Clerk will arrange for a working party to meet to discuss the Events programme and to allocate members to take a lead in the various events planned

Proposed by Cllr P Lewis

Seconded by Cllr A Hutchinson

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**18. Standing Orders** - This Item was deferred pending arrangement & further discussion at a policy meeting

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr A Hutchinson

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**19. Financial Regulations** - This Item was deferred pending arrangement & further discussion at a policy meeting

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr A Hutchinson

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**20. Policies** - This Item was deferred pending arrangement & further discussion at a policy meeting

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**21. Bins** - This Item was deferred until the May meeting. In the meantime the Clerk will enquire about the possibility of Halton BC providing and servicing additional bins in and around the area

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**22. Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA)** - Cllr McNamara reported on the recent activities at LJLA and was happy to inform the meeting that they are doing well. He has tentatively arranged for representatives of the airport to attend the June Parish Council meeting as a P.R. exercise and to meet residents of the Village. Passenger numbers have increased by 3% in the first quarter and although Easyjet have cancelled one of their routes to Cyprus due to the recent troubles they are currently using the aircraft for a different route and maintaining the through flow of traffic.

The airport solar farm is now 100% operational with 25% of the airport electricity costs being covered by the installation. In addition it was reported that the airport has received a gold award for customer service and that 90% of flights are recorded as being on time.

The airport are concentrating on reducing their carbon footprint going forwards

**23. Parish Council Meeting Dates – 2026 – 2027** – The proposed dates for Parish Council meetings for 2026 – 2027 were accepted by the members

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**The Deputy Chair closed the meeting at 10.15pm**