



# HALE PARISH COUNCIL

OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN  
THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL  
ACTING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF HALE VILLAGE HALL  
HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 8.00pm  
IN HALE VILLAGE HALL**

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

In attendance: Mr. Brian Hargreaves (Proper Officer) & 1 Members of the Public

- 1. Apologies** – No apologies were received from Cllrs Williams, Healey or Cleary,
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were received
- 3. Public Participation** – A member of Hale Village Hall Management Committee (HVHMC) has researched the availability of funding for upgrading the Village Hall security systems and believes that access to a “victims of crime” fund may be available to the Hall.

The Clerk agreed to measure the window blinds so estimates for replacing them can be sought.

Cllr Anderson agreed to Liaise with an ex councillor who has a background in catering to review the condition of some of the equipment in the Village Hall Kitchen. It was agreed that the oven is no longer fit for purpose and that items such as an air fryer and possibly a small freezer could benefit the facilities.

- 4. Minutes** –
  - i.** The draft minutes of the Special Meeting of Hale Parish Council as Trustee of Hale Village Hall on 5th August 2024 were accepted with an amendment to item 3.ii as a true and accurate record.
  - ii.** The draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hale Parish Council as Trustee of Hale Village Hall on 10th September 2024 were accepted with an addition of Cllr Trevaskis to the attendees as a true and accurate record.

Both sets of minutes were proposed by Cllr McNamara and Seconded by Cllr Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

- 5. Sound Proofing** – After an in-depth discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will contact Trim Acoustics who did a previous survey and presented two recommendations in February 2024. It was agreed that the depth of knowledge required to make decisions for such an installation is lacking and that professional

advice will be required to take the project forwards. Some of the proposed options being discussed may not be appropriate for the installation To ensure that the best economic result is achieved there will need to be further research undertaken.

- 6. Village Hall Maintenance** – It was agreed to defer the discussions as the Clerk is waiting for quotations for work to be presented by local tradesmen

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr McNamara

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

- 7. Next Meeting** – It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council as Trustee of the Village Hall Charity will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 8.30pm in Hale Village Hall following a Village Hall management meeting when certain proposals can be presented by the VHMC.

Proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Anderson

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm**