



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 21st FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: The Clerk was also present

1. **Apologies** – An apology was received on behalf of Cllr Healey
2. **Declarations of Interest** – No Interests were declared
3. **Public Participation** – To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

4. **Minutes** –

- i. Cllr Mitchell proposed that the minutes for Hale Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022 should be approved as a true record. Cllr Spargo seconded the proposal.

The Motion was approved

- ii. Cllr Trevaskis proposed that the minutes for Hale Parish Council Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 27th January 2022 should be approved as a true record. Cllr Williams seconded the proposal.

The Motion was approved

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

Item 5 (i) was noted by members

- i. **Jubilee Celebrations** – Various proposals by the Lord Mayor to be Addressed at the Extra-Ordinary meeting on 16th February 2022

Item 5 (j) was noted by members

- j. **Civic Service** – All invitations have now been sent out and replies are being monitored and recorded by Cllr Mitchell

k. The Chair Expanded upon this subject and gave an overview of the attached objection submitted on behalf of the residents of Hale Village. In particular he identified 4 primary areas of concern which were addressed. Two of these were expanded upon. The first in relation to the application land not being operational in nature and the second in consideration of the proposed solar panel array not being considered as “buildings”.

- 6. Ward Councillor’s Report** – There was no report received by the Clerk for consideration on this occasion
- 7. Payments & Receipts** – A proposal by Cllr Spargo to accept all payments made between 9th January 2022 – 8th February 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 Cllr McNamara

The Motion was approved

- 8. Accounts** – Approval of the reconciled bank statement and summary of receipts for the Third quarter of 2021 (1st January 2022 – December 8th February 2022) presented by the Clerk was proposed by Cllr Spargo and seconded by Cllr Anderson

The Motion was approved

- 9. Trustee Amendment** – The council resolved that the Clerk should contract the service of Louise Beaton to draft an amendment to the Trust Deed. Hale Parish Council will need to meet again as a trustee (I.E there can be no other council business discussed.) to accept the amendment once it has been provided by Louise. The amendment will need to be sent to the Charity Commission who have up to 90 days to raise an objection. If no objection is raised after 90 days then the Council can continue as a trustee to proceed with the actions as outlined in the amendment and meet once again as a trustee to appoint additional members.

Proposed by Cllr McNamara and seconded by Cllr Williams

The Motion was approved

- 10. Resident Donation** – A proposal by Cllr Brown to make a donation to “Mind” mental health charity in support of a recently deceased resident was accepted and a donation of £250 agreed. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Trevaskis.

The Motion was approved

- 11. Bus Service** – Cllr Spargo gave an account of the poor bus service being experienced in Hale Village at present. He outlined the fact that as a resident of 46 years he has witnessed a decline in the travel times from Hale Village into Liverpool city Centre with a journey which previously took approximately 35 minutes now taking over an hour. Cllr Spargo proposed that the existing X1 bus which runs directly from Runcorn into Liverpool city Centre could be re-routed through Halebank, Hale Village and then on past Liverpool John Lennon Airport and back out onto the existing route providing a faster more efficient service for residents. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the three

ward councillors with a request to explore the possibility of better options being available and to make an approach to Mersey Transport Authority regarding the licensing of improved passage might be considered.

Proposed by Cllr Cleary and seconded by Cllr McNamara

The Motion was approved

- 12. Sign for Village Hall** – It was resolved to commission and install a commemorative plaque in Hale Village Hall. The plaque will record the opening date of the new Hall and will credit the work of community groups and volunteers who helped to have the new building developed. In addition any funding authorities will be credited with the wording and dimensions of the plaque to be agreed by members in a proof format prior to the commencing manufacture.

Proposed by Cllr Spargo and seconded by Cllr Wright

The Motion was approved

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45pm