



HALE PARISH COUNCIL

OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN
THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF HALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT HALE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllr P Lewis, Cllr J McNamara, Cllr G Wright, Cllr C Anderson, P Turton,
A McNamara, Cllr M Roberts, N Thompson

In attendance: The Clerk and three members of the public

1. **Apologies** – No Apologies were received by the Clerk
2. **Declarations of Interest** – No declarations were noted
3. **Public Participation** – The meeting discussed the role and influence of non-council members in decision-making, particularly regarding a £500 increase in the wall panel funding decision increased from an agreed £1,000. The committee was criticised for poor communication and exclusion of non-council members.

Cllr Trevaskis explained that trustees can override decisions, but that the committee's input is often ratified without much discussion. Ann McNamara, Noreen Thompson and Paul Turton all expressed frustration about the perceived lack of influence of non-council members in decision-making. They all questioned the allocation of funds for the soundproofing, It was clarified that the amended decision was based on calculations and were not a deliberate exclusion. It was noted that an imbalance in the committee, with six Council members having a significant influence may be significant.

It was agreed that better communication could have prevented misunderstandings. The importance of alternative opinions in the decision-making process and a need for better communication and inclusion in future decisions was agreed by all.

4. **Minutes** – The minutes of the Hale Village Hall Management Committee Ordinary meeting on 13th January 2025 were approved and accepted as a true and accurate account.

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Lewis

The Motion was approved

5. **Payments & Receipts** - The list of payments and receipts made between 31st December 2024 and 28th January 2025 as recorded in the cash book record which has

been reconciled against the Bank statement to these dates as a true record, all payments having been made under Financial Regulation 6.4 as detailed were accepted by the committee

Proposed by A McNamara and Seconded by Cllr M Roberts

The Motion was approved

- 6. Accounts** – The reconciled bank statement and summary of receipts & payments 31st December 2024 and 28th January 2025 were accepted as an accurate record and comparison against budget (see attached)

Proposed by Cllr C Anderson and Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

The Motion was approved

- 7. Budget** – A planned budget for Hale Village Hall for FY2526 was discussed and a Proposal submitted to the Management Committee for discussion. A proposed budget of £48,470.00 was agreed with a General Reserve of £3,500.00 being maintained.

Proposed by Cllr M Roberts and Seconded by Cllr C Anderson

The Motion was approved Unanimously

PART TWO

Private & Confidential

- 1.** A staffing matter was discussed and two sets of job roles and responsibilities updated

The meeting Closed at 8.58pm