



HALE PARISH COUNCIL
OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN
THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON
MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Kierman, Cllr Williams, Cllr Trevaskis, Cllr Wright,
Cllr Cleary, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Spargo

In attendance: Mr. Brian Hargreaves (Proper Officer) and 12 Members of the public

1. **Apologies** – No Apologies for absence were received
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Trevaskis Declared an interest in Item 9 on the Agenda.
3. **Public Participation** - No members of the public participated in this item
4. **Standing Orders** – the Council resolved to adopt the updated Standing Orders

A vote to approve the document was Proposed by Cllr Trevaskis and seconded by Cllr Spargo Cllr's Kierman, Williams, Trevaskis, Wright, Anderson, and Spargo voted in favour. Cllr's Cleary and Cllr Mitchell voted against the motion.

The motion was approved

5. **Financial Regulations** – the Council resolved to adopt the updated Financial Regulations

A vote to approve the document was Proposed by Cllr Trevaskis and seconded by Cllr Spargo. Cllr's Kierman, Williams, Trevaskis, Wright, Anderson, and Spargo voted in favour. Cllrs Cleary and Cllr Mitchell were against the motion.

The motion was approved

6. **Minutes** - A vote to approve the Minutes for Hale Parish Council Ordinary meeting held on 25th January 2021 was Proposed by Cllr Trevaskis and seconded by Cllr Anderson
Cllr's Kierman, Williams, Trevaskis, Wright, Anderson, and Spargo voted in favour.
Cllrs Cleary and Mitchell were against the motion

The Motion was approved

7. **Payments** - All payments for the period 4th January 2021 – 5th February 2021 were approved by members.

8. **Auditor Engagement** - A vote to approve the renewal of the engagement of John Henry of JDH Business Services Ltd. as Internal Auditor for Hale Parish Council at a reduced cost of £441.00 was proposed by Cllr Trevaskis and seconded by Cllr Wright

Cllr's Williams, Trevaskis, Wright, Anderson, Kierman and Spargo voted in favour.
Cllr Cleary, voted against the motion Cllr Mitchell abstained.

The Motion was Approved

9. **Planning Application 21/00050/FUL 31 Church Road Hale Village L24 4AY**

Representation was made by two local residents regarding the proposed planning application. The item was discussed at length and the Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should submit an objection to highlight the concerns voiced regarding the aesthetic appearance of the proposed development, its location within the green belt, its impact, and its internal configuration. It was noted that any structural concerns would not be within the scope or remit of Hale Parish Council's objection.

A number of comments were voiced that seemed incongruous to the duty of Hale Parish Council as a statutory consultee. Having declared an interest, Cllr Trevaskis was granted a dispensation to speak so that the Council could draw on his experience to clarify its position as a statutory consultee.

A motion to submit representations as outlined above was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Anderson.

The Motion was Approved. Cllr Trevaskis abstained.

10. **Traffic / Parking** – It was resolved to form a working group consisting of Cllr's Cleary, Trevaskis, Spargo, Wright and Anderson to collate information for consideration of all forms of traffic management within Hale Village. The group should report back to the full Council in due course. It was acknowledged that issues such as public safety and consideration of residents are being compromised as a result of increased vehicles and footfall. A pro-active approach will be considered and a plan of action agreed

11. **Personnel Committee** – A vote to approve the creation of a Personnel Committee, consisting of Cllr’s Mitchell, Spargo, Anderson, Williams and Wright. and its Terms of reference, was proposed by Cllr Trevaskis and seconded by Cllr Wright

Cllr’s Kierman, Williams, Trevaskis, Wright, Anderson, Mitchell and Spargo voted in favour. Cllr Cleary voted against the motion.

The motion was approved

12. **HR Policies** - A vote to approve the documents, Grievance Policy, Disciplinary Policy and Dignity at work Policy, which are based upon model documents published by NALC and ACAS was Proposed by Cllr Trevaskis and seconded by Cllr Spargo.

Cllr’s Williams, Trevaskis, Wright, Anderson and Spargo voted in favour.
Cllr’s Cleary, Mitchell and Kierman, voted against the motion.

The motion was approved

The Meeting was closed at 9.40pm