



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 25th APRIL 2022 AT 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: The Clerk and four members of public were also present

- 1. Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Healey.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – No Interests were declared
- 3. Public Participation** – To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation
 - i.** The Lord Mayor was once again allowed to give an overview of the preparations for the Jubilee Celebrations. He said he is very happy with the current position and much progress has again been made. He informed the meeting that Lighthouse Lane has now been resurfaced thanks to a donation of surface material by Hale Estates and the loan of a roller vehicle from Lambros. Plans for painting the Lighthouse are well under way and work will commence on 9th May 2022. A temporary replacement door for the lighthouse will be installed by a local blacksmith. Refurbishment of the Village Fawcett Gun is ongoing and the Lord Mayor advised that the project is almost complete. The Lord Mayor has acquired the services of resident Tom Prescott who will read the Village Proclamation on the day of the Jubilee and the Football Academy based at the Freemen’s field have expressed an interest to be involved with celebrations.
 - ii.** Cllr Spargo informed the meeting that he had sent a report about the recent Hale Civic Service to his contacts at the Liverpool Echo and he is hopeful that it may be published in the very near future

The Chair thanked the Cllr Spargo on behalf of the Parish Council for his commitment and enthusiasm in the planning of this important event

- 4. Minutes** –
 - i.** Cllr Cleary proposed that the minutes for Hale Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2022 should be approved as a true record. Cllr Spargo seconded the proposal.

The Motion was approved

5. Matters Arising From previous Parish Council Meetings

- i.** The Chairman advised that the Council's bid for funding had so far not been successful, despite successful applications being submitted by other authorities. It was understood that this may be due to the nature of the bid focusing solely on the beacon which is considered to be infrastructure. The Chairman proposed that additional applications for funding be submitted to support other activities of the Council that the Council have approved to fund (trees), and further ideas (such as commemorative mugs), on the proviso that if external funding is secured for the existing projects, the Council will fund the installation costs of the beacon from funds that would otherwise be used to cover the costs of the projects subsequently being funded by grants.

The motion was proposed by Cllr McNamara and Seconded by Cllr Wright

The Motion was approved

- 6. Ward Councillors Report** – It was noted that Cllr Wharton is on Annual leave and there was no report received in his absence on this occasion.

Cllr Mitchell passed on a “thank you” to the Parish Council from Ward Cllr Marie Wright who attended the Hale Civic service and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

- 7. Payments & Receipts** – A proposal by Cllr Spargo to accept all payments made between 16th March 2022 and 31st March 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 Wright

The Motion was approved

- 8. Accounts** – A motion to accept the reconciled bank statement and summary of receipts for the period 16th March 2022 and 31st March against budgets and to accept them as an accurate record and Final account summary for 2021 – 2022 was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Spargo

The Motion was approved

- 9. Civic Service 24th April 2022** – Cllr Spargo gave an overview of this year’s Civic Service staged at St Mary’s Church and then on to Hale Village Hall for an afternoon tea. The afternoon has been deemed by all as a complete success. It is estimated that approximately 60 people were in attendance including the Lord Mayor of Hale, The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, The Mayor of Halton and the Deputy Mayor of Halewood. All went extremely well and It was noted that the day’s success was primarily due to good planning, attention to detail and good supervision by Cllr Spargo. Cllr Spargo reported that he is happy that the event had remained within budget and feels that the occasion was totally worth all the hard work.

- 10. Donation** – A request for assistance towards an afternoon tea Fundraising Event to raise funds for Jubilee Celebrations in Hale in June was approved. The Guildswomen in conjunction with the Ladies of Hale requested a donation of up to £100 to account for the hire of Hale Village Hall in which to stage this event

The motion was proposed by Cllr Trevaskis and seconded by Cllr Wright

In a named vote Cllrs Trevaskis, Wright, Spargo, Williams, Cleary, and Brown were in favour, Cllr McNamara was against the motion Councillor Mitchell abstained

The Motion was approved

- 11. Xmas Tree Installation** - It was agreed to defer discussions regarding this Item until the Clerk has had an opportunity to research the requirements for tree planting and also the impact expected upon the underlying services provision. In addition consideration should be given to the impact any installation may have upon the highway surrounding the area and in particular the visibility available for all road users.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45pm