



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 20th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Trevaskis, Cllr Kierman, Cllr Williams, Cllr Healey, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Brown

In attendance: The Clerk and 7 Members of the public were present

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Wright, Cllr Spargo and Cllr Cleary registered their apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of Interest.
3. **Public Participation** – To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The Chairman welcomed new Parish Councillor Jason Brown.

The Lord Mayor of Hale Village made a representation to the meeting in which he enquired about the proposed date for the Annual Civic Service. He made a request that the Service be arranged (if possible) for a date in October other than 10th as he plans to hold a local ramble on behalf of the “Children in Need” charity on that date. It was agreed by members that this request should be accommodated.

In addition The Lord Mayor informed the meeting that he proposed to restore the village “Fawcett” military gun which is stored at his premises. A request was made to site the gun at the village cenotaph upon completion of the restoration. This matter will be reviewed as an agenda item at a later Parish Council Meeting.

4. **Minutes** –

i/ Cllr Kierman proposed that the minutes for Hale Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021 should be approved as a true record. Cllr Williams seconded the proposal.

The Motion was approved

5. **Matters Arising From previous Parish Council Meetings** – The actions taken and an update of progress on outstanding matters was noted and accepted.

i/ Welcome Back Fund – The Clerk will request clarification from Halton BC about any consultation within the region which has taken place and remind them that the “Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) expects local authorities to engage with stakeholders including local businesses, Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), Destination Management Organisations (DMO), town and parish councils. Where appropriate, MHCLG encourages local authorities to enter into suitable delivery partnership arrangements with town and parish councils to improve delivery outcomes for communities and high streets.”

Projects within the Parish which could be considered under this initiative might include:-

- i. Information Installations, maps or a visitor centre
- ii. Install litter bins at appropriate points around the Village
- iii. Replacement fencing along the shoreline
- iv. Information literature

6. **The Kickstart Scheme** - It was resolved to delegate the recruitment of officers under the Kickstart Scheme to the Proper Officer who will produce a scope of work for the operatives and decide an appropriate number of recruits required to work to improve open spaces and operate the coffee shop.

Cllrs Trevaskis, Kierman, Williams, Brown, Anderson, and Healey were in favour of the proposal. There was one abstention.

The Motion was approved

7. **Ward Councillors Report** – A report from ward councillors was presented to members.

i/ LDCA - It was noted that the recent Lawful Development Certificate Application submitted by Liverpool John Lennon Airport has been withdrawn. The Chairman further explained that the withdrawal of such an application is preferred by the applicant as rejection of the application could be detrimental to any further submissions.

ii/ Baileys Lane - The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) applied to Baileys Lane has progressed and cleared the consultation period. Signage & CCTV are currently being considered to ensure the best equipment for the application.

8. **Payments** – A proposal by Cllr Williams to accept all payments made between 8th July 2021 – 8th September 2021 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 Kierman

The Motion was approved

- 9. Planning** – It was resolved that The Clerk will make a submission to Halton BC in respect of the proposed 5G telecommunications mast. It was noted by the Chairman that this is an Application to determine whether a planning application is required for the proposed installation at Ivy Court, Town Lane, L24 4AG

Proposed by Cllr Kierman and seconded by Cllr Anderson

The Motion was approved

- 10. The Queens Platinum Jubilee – 2nd June 2022.** (70 yrs) Cllr Mitchell proposed that The Freemen of Hale be approached and asked to consider working in conjunction with other local organisations such as the Guildswomen, junior school and the Parish council to co-ordinate an appropriate celebration and to participate in the National beacon lighting ceremony. The Chairman asked that an offering with an element of permanence also be considered.

The Lord Mayor will consult with the Freemen and report back in due course.

- 11. Optical Fibre Proposal** – It was agreed that the request by the Community Fibre Lead from Factco (Fibre Optic Communications) to make a presentation highlighting her company's offering should be approved. The Clerk will arrange this with the company

- 12. By-Election** – Due to the By Election being uncontested it was noted that the cost to the Parish Council will be reduced (to approx. 1/3rd) and that no election will now take place on 14th October 2021.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00pm