



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 14th APRIL 2025 AT 7.30pm

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

In attendance: The Clerk and two members of the public

1. **Apologies** – No Apologies were received by the Clerk
2. **Declarations of Interest** – No declarations were noted
3. **Public Participation** – One regular volunteer gave an account of the planning for Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt.
4. **Minutes** – The minutes of the Hale Village Hall Management Committee Ordinary meeting on 10th February 2025 were approved and accepted as a true and accurate account.

Proposed by P Turton and seconded by Cllr P Lewis

The Motion was approved

5. **Payments & Receipts** - The list of payments and receipts made between 25th February 2025 – 31st March 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 N Thompson and Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

The Motion was approved

6. **Accounts** – The reconciled bank statement and summary of receipts & payments 25th February 2025 – 31st March 2025 were accepted as an accurate record and comparison against budget.

Proposed by Cllr M Roberts and Seconded by Cllr J McNamara

The Motion was approved

7. **Disabled Access for the Village Hall** – The matter of access to the Village Hall for disabled users was discussed. It was suggested that an approach to Liverpool Airport be made for funding to improve the walkways and car park at the rear of the building which have become uneven and potentially dangerous.
8. **Solar Panels** – An appraisal by a local contractor was discussed and a proposal for the Trustee was agreed. The installation of the solar panels currently in position on the building was never completed properly so that a contribution towards the running cost could be achieved.
9. **Health & Safety Working Group** – The Clerk gave an account of the progress being achieved in addressing the issues raised on the recent Worknest Risk assessment. It was agreed that any H&S issues should be addressed officially by way of an inclusion on all management committee meeting agendas moving forwards
10. **Village Hall Funding** – Paul Turton agreed to make enquiries regarding the ability to fund local community halls such as the one in Hale, by communities of a similar size. It was noted that comparable establishments appear to have external funding or support from the higher tier authority to secure their continued use. The Clerk suggested that ACRE and Chalc would be good initial points of reference for assistance.
11. **Future Meeting** – It was agreed that the next village Hall meeting will take place on 13th May 2025 at 7.30pm

Proposed by Cllr M Roberts and seconded by Cllr J McNamara

The Motion was approved