



# HALE PARISH COUNCIL

OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN  
THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING  
OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HALE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 8.00pm**

Present: Cllr M Roberts, Cllr J McNamara, Cllr P Lewis, Cllr A Hutchinson,  
Cllr Trevaskis, Cllr P Healey, Cllr C Williams, Cllr B Cleary

In attendance: The Clerk and Six members of public were present

- 1. Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllr G Wright and Cllr C Anderson
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were registered.
- 3. Public Participation** - A local resident informed the Council about the availability of a substantial number of commercial grade banquetting chairs which are currently available at a reduced cost which would be suitable for use in the Village Hall. Whilst this is a matter for the Village Hall Committee to discuss it was felt that there is cause for early consideration as the items will be sold shortly. The Clerk agreed to brief Councillors about the additional cover costs and any additional resources required to maintain the system.  
  
A second resident informed the meeting about the verbal abuse a volunteer group who were working on the War Memorial grounds was subjected to recently. A passer-by stopped his vehicle and verbally abused a number of the workers before driving off. The resident advised that this type of abuse could result in Volunteers not offering their assistance in the future and that that would be very disappointing.
- 4. Minutes.** – With a minor amendment to item 13, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 21st July 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr P Healey

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

5. **Accounts** – The reconciled bank statement and summary of receipts and payments for 3rd July 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Were deferred until the October meeting

Proposed by Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr M Roberts

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

6. **Invoice Sampling** – This Item was deferred until the October meeting in the absence of Cllr Wright who usually examines the records for approval.

Proposed by Cllr P Lewis

Seconded by Cllr J McNamara

**The Motion was approved**

7. **Instant Access Account** – The reconciled bank statement and summary of receipts and payments for 3rd July 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Were accepted as a true and accurate account

Proposed Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by by Cllr P Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

8. **Letter of Concern** – Further to a correspondence received by the Clerk, a local resident informed the meeting about the increase in anti-social behaviour she is experiencing around her home in Hale Park. A rise in the use of quad bikes and other motorised vehicles, solvent/gas abuse, lewd behavior and actual criminal damage caused by firearms have all contributed to the unacceptable levels she is currently experiencing. She stated that she feels that the Parish Council should lobby the higher tier authority to install surveillance equipment such as CCTV or ANPR to discourage the perpetrators and quoted national statistics demonstrating the improvements made in areas which have taken such actions.

Cllr Lewis informed the meeting about a fund called the police alert “swap fund” which is funded from the proceeds of crime and offers grants to assist with social problems such as that described above. Applications need submission before 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

The Chair informed the meeting that in addition he would call our local Council representative and the local Police Inspector to explore any options which Halton B.C. might be able to offer.

## **9. Remembrance Day 2025 –**

- i. Halton Borough Council have agreed to waive the costs for the application and TTRO for both years. Hale Parish Council will plan to budget for this annual event in the future while asking Halton to reconsider their decision and continue paying for the event from 2027 onwards.
- ii. It was resolved to support the Remembrance Day services for 2025 and for 2026 by employing the traffic management company blue arrow who will arrange for the event to take place at Hale war memorial at the cost of £820.

Proposed Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

- iii. It was resolved to purchase 20 large lorry poppies at the cost of £10 each for display around Hale Village

Proposed Cllr L Trevaskis

Seconded by Cllr J McNamara

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**10. Disabled Parking** – The Clerk agreed to contact the owners of Ivy Farm Court and enquire about the possibility of having disabled parking bays designated for public use. Also to contact Savills regarding the vacant land opposite Hale Church for additional parking or disabled parking and will bring the result back to this meeting in due course.

**11. Quiz Night** – It was agreed that this event is in hand and that organisers are happy with the preparations. Currently there are approximately 15 teams and it is hoped that 20 teams will compete on the night. The Chair agreed to organise purchase of the alcohol and food for the event and the Clerk agreed to advertise the event on the school whatsapp group.

**12. Civic Service** - It was agreed to arrange a meeting for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 4.00pm in the Village Hall and to invite the Vicar to discuss the current situation regarding the organisation of the service. Cllr McNamara has sent out all invitations and has had about 10 replies to date. Malcolm Spargo would like to attend the meeting to get an understanding of what is required in terms of the catering requirement.

**13. Halloween Event** – It was agreed to set a budget of £600 (£575 + 5%) for the purchase of Pumpkins and food & drink for approximately 170 residents & children. The event will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 3pm – 5pm in the Village Hall.

Proposed Cllr J McNamara

Seconded by Cllr L Trevaskis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

**14. Hale's Got Talent** – It was agreed to defer this matter until the October meeting

Proposed Cllr M Roberts

Seconded by Cllr P Lewis

**The Motion was approved unanimously**

*It was noted that members of the PC had previously requested all PC events be diarised at the beginning of each new year to ensure hall hire bookings were secured in advance and that there was sufficient time prior to each event to set up. It was agreed this would be undertaken in future years.*

**15. Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA)** – Cllr McNamara gave an update on the newly acquired sound monitors and their distribution between local residents to record the aircraft noise levels at different parts of the Village.

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**16. PCSO Marnick's Report and Surgeries** – The recent activity report and notice of Surgeries for PCSO Marnick were received and acknowledged.