

**Hale Parish Council**

**Annual Parish Meeting**

**30<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Hale**

**Village Hall**

**Commencing 19.30hrs.**

1. Present: Cllr Healey, Cllr Cleary, Cllr King, Cllr Mason, Cllr Brown, Cllr Mitchell (chair)

2. Apologies: B. Hargreaves (clerk to the council).

Note: in the absence of the clerk, minutes were recorded by Mr Platt upon request of the chair.

3. Minutes: Dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Clarification of agenda item 5a. Matters of interest. Should be interpreted as a question regarding social media sites rather than being interpreted as a criticism.

There was a unanimous approval in favour to accept these minutes.

Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Cleary.

4. Annual Report:

The chair acknowledged two historic occasions, that being the jubilee celebrations and the passing of Elizabeth II. A special mention to those village organisations who contributed to both occasions: the Freemen of Hale, and the contribution of £1000 raised by the ladies of Hale group of which helped finance a memento of the jubilee occasion awarded to the children of Hale school. Leisure activities were well received throughout the year all for the benefit of the community: Halloween, Christmas grotto, Easter Egg hunt and Proms in the Park. Although with the greatest intent it was disappointing that the flower arranging and wreath making activity was cancelled as a result of the lack of interest. The siting of several benches within the village was acknowledged as a contribution to the village assets as was the commissioning of the Fawcett gun and the refurbishment of the painting and lighting of Hale Head Lighthouse. Again, acknowledgement and appreciation were

expressed to the many support groups who contribute their voluntary time to the wellbeing of the Village.

Response from a resident in attendance identified the late presentation of mugs to children of Hale School and that other children living in the village were not presented with this token gesture because of not attending the school.

There seems to be a lack of the council being proactive in acknowledging and planning for such country wide events and celebrations.

An application by the council in support of last years celebrations proved unsuccessful. Notification by the Hale branch of the British Legion regarding WW2 anniversary has not been returned by the council. And it is of a worthy note that Hale War memorial will be approaching 20 years since the date of refurbishment and commissioning. However, a response informed all present that the council are not there just to promote celebrations.

#### 5. Reports from Local Organisation:

Police – apologies of absence. Report can be found online as part of this meeting agenda. Speeding through the village should be a focus item of concern.

Lord Mayor – Not present.

Friends of Hale Village – A brief report of the volunteer activities carried out throughout the year. Coffee morning, hedge cutting, queens jubilee celebrations.

Note: Both the Lord Mayor and FoHV chair were not notified of their report contribution in advance of this meeting.

The Police Officer

patrolling the village was reminded of the meeting by the chair.

A.O.B. Question asked, “Have the trees planted in the park been paid for?” These were seven trees in acknowledgement of Queen Elizabeth II jubilee.

Date of Next Meeting:

confirmed.

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Meeting closed at 21.10hrs.