



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 29TH JULY 2024 AT 8.00pm**

Present: Cllr Roberts, Cllr McNamara, Cllr Wright, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Healey,
Cllr Anderson

In attendance: The Clerk, and nine member of public were also present

1. **Apologies** - No apologies were received from Cllr Cleary
2. **Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were registered
3. **Public Participation** – The chair allowed members of the Public to address the meeting.

A local resident gave a presentation in which he informed the meeting of a significant increase in the number of commercial aircraft landing at Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) during the “curfew” hours between midnight and 6am. He explained that many airports around Great Britain have a locally self-imposed code of conduct in which a curfew during the hours of midnight and 6am is adopted in a show of consideration for residents living in the local area of the airport. However it appears that a number of operators are now scheduling flights to land during the curfew hours at LJLA and this was demonstrated in a document handed around the room which noted scheduled aircraft landing as late as 3.05am.

Another resident said that it was his belief that international airports had the authority to remain active 24hrs a day if they wished.

Cllr McNamara who sits on the LJLA Consultative Committee observed that during a previous meeting of the committee it was suggested that the late arrivals are mainly due to the re-positioning of aircraft for scheduled flights next day but that there are a relatively low number of complaints by local residents. In the past 12 months there were 34 complaints all from the same resident and in the most recent three month period only 3 complaints have currently been registered

Cllr Roberts supported a view offered at a previous meeting by Cllr Trevaskis in which he warned that an increase in airport use with numbers returning to pre-pandemic levels means that they can argue for an increase in the number of buildings on site and an overall increase in the airport footprint. This could have a significant detrimental effect on the surrounding area and possibly lead to a future increase in runway size

Cllr Roberts will contact our local borough councillors and possibly Cllr Steve Rotherham to discuss the concerns of residents.

Residents and Stakeholders are encouraged to complain to **environmental@liverpoolairport.com** or Telephone **0151 907 1745** if they have concerns or are disturbed by unreasonable aircraft noise. A complaints form is also available online.

The same resident presented a discussion document which outlined the considerable lack of transport infrastructure for the proposed housing development in Halebank. He has significant concerns about the already heavy traffic presence being diverted through Hale Village to avoid queuing on the dual carriageways near the Jaguar Land rover plant. He offered a solution which would mean a link road to the roundabout at the end of the A5300 but would alleviate a potential problem for the future.

It was noted by a past Lord Mayor that the new benches which were funded by a combined group of contributors are now in place in Hale Park. He asked whether it would be possible to acquire some bins to locate near the benches to prevent litter from being disguardated at the site.

Cllr Lewis offered a Christmas Tree to be used at the War Memorial if it can be removed from her garden at a convenient time.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he has been in contact with the Director of Community & Greenspaces at Halton BC to enquire about the staging of Hale Carnival in 2025. He has enquired about the possibility of leasing the Park for the one day event but has not currently received a reply.

4. **Minutes.** – The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 17th June 2024 were recorded as a true and accurate account.

Proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Lewis

The Motion was approved Unanimously

5. **Accounts** – Cllr Roberts proposed that this Item should be deferred. This was seconded by Cllr Lewis

The Motion was approved

6. **Pension Admin** – It was resolved to ask Payroll administrator D.Malley Payroll to attend to all pension arrangements at the cost of £15 per month on behalf of Hale Parish Council going forwards.

Proposed by Cllr McNamara and seconded by Cllr Anderson

The Motion was approved Unanimously

7. **Policies** – It was proposed that this item be deferred pending completion of the relevant reviews and subsequent submission at a future Parish Council meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Lewis

The Motion was approved unanimously

- 8. Invoice Sampling** – It was resolved to give Cllr Wright access to Hale Parish Council Unity Trust Bank account for the purposes of Invoice sampling. The Clerk will make necessary access arrangements.

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr McNamara

The Motion was approved unanimously

- 9. JLA** – With permission from the Chair this Item was addressed in section 3 Public Participation

- 10. Meeting between HBC and other local Council's** - It was agreed that in principle Hale Parish Council would like to be included in the exercise proposed by the Clerk of Preston Brook Parish Council with a view to strengthen relationships and co-operation between Halton Borough Council and other councils focusing on the areas of Planning and development.

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr McNamara

The Motion was approved unanimously

- 11. DBS Checks** – It was resolved that Hale Parish Council will fund the registration of Members and employees who wish to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Lewis

The Motion was approved unanimously

- 12. Hale's Got Talent** – It was agreed that Hale Parish Council should stage a local talent show in the run up to Christmas 2024. The format will be individuals or small groups who do not need large amounts of equipment and can turn-around quickly between acts.

Agreed dates for events staged by Hale PC are as follows:-

- i. 23rd November – Hale's got Talent**
- ii. 13th October Civic Service**
- iii. 27th October – Halloween Pumpkin Carving**

Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Anderson

The Motion was approved unanimously

13. Date of Next Meeting – 16th September 2024 8.00pm

The Chair Closed the Meeting at 9.00pm