



HALE PARISH COUNCIL

OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HALE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 21st JUNE 2021 AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Kierman, Cllr Williams, Cllr Healey, Cllr Wright, Cllr Cleary, Cllr Spargo, Cllr Banks

In attendance: Mr. Brian Hargreaves (Proper Officer) and 5 Members of the public

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Mitchell, Williams and Anderson registered their apologies
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Trevaskis noted an interest in Item 8(ii)
3. **Public Participation** – Parish Council Standing Orders were suspended to allow Two local residents to address matters not on the Agenda

Both residents had concerns about recent comments on social media relating to the installation of a defibrillator at the Village Hall. In the interest of clarification one of the residents explained the processes undertaken to acquire the unit and addressed many of the misinterpreted or misguided opinions currently being expressed on the facebook platform. He outlined the training requirements post installation and volunteered his services to train villagers in the use of the defibrillator once it is installed.

Another resident expressed her disappointment at the vitriol and petty bickering being experienced on social media.

It was acknowledged by the Chairman that a more pro-active commitment to engaging with residents and the publication of projects currently being addressed might improve matters.

Standing orders were re-instated.

4. **Minutes** - The Minutes for Hale Parish Council Ordinary meeting held on 17th May 2021 were accepted by members as a true record

The Motion was approved

5. Matters Arising –

i/ Members noted that a previous matter concerning a complaint by a resident has been addressed and that the resident has acknowledged a response from the Monitoring Officer at Halton Borough Council.

ii/ It was noted that Ward Councillors have responded positively to a request for a monthly update of matters concerning Hale Village for future Parish Council meetings. This will be an ongoing agenda item when appropriate.

6. Ward Councillors Report – A report by Cllr Wharton was received and noted by members

7. Payments - All payments for the period 10th May 2021 – 10th June 2021 were received and approved by members

The Motion was approved

8. Planning –

i/ Application 21/00310/PLD – Lawful Development Certificate - It was proposed by Cllr Trevaskis that the Clerk should explore the availability of specialist help in the production and submission of a formal objection to the granting of a Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) for Liverpool John Lennon airport. Ward Councillors should also be consulted about assistance in this matter and the Clerk should use his delegated authority to acquire costings and submit proposals for by members to consider in advance of any decisions made.

Cllr Spargo seconded the motion

The Motion was approved

ii/ Planning Application 21/00339FUL – 31 Church Road. – The re-submitted application was considered by members and it was agreed that this is a much improved submission. There were no significant issues of concern and it was agreed that no further objections should be submitted to Halton Borough Council.

9. Open Spaces – A motion to request that the Clerk should make enquiries about the availability of access to the government backed fixed term “Kickstart” programme for the unemployed was proposed by Cllr Trevaskis. It was noted that a sum of £1500 per candidate was available for this initiative to assist with any training and support provided.

Having had considerable dialogue with Halton Borough Council’s Open Spaces department it has been established that maintenance of the Ornamental Flowerbeds around the Village is not a regular service they can provide. Halton BC have confirmed

that their resources are limited to providing two visits per year maintaining a series of shrub borders. Unfortunately they cannot maintain any floral areas.

It was acknowledged that there is an on-going need for maintaining green spaces around the Village including areas such as St Mary's church grounds. Volunteers could be encouraged by an increase in awareness with notices on social media and by leaflet drops being considered.

Cllr Wright seconded the proposal

The Motion was approved

10. Welcome Back Fund – It was noted that Halton Borough Council has recently been awarded £179,260 as part of the Government backed Welcome Back Fund

Cllr Trevaskis proposed that the Clerk should approach Halton Borough Council to establish whether this is a resource that Hale Parish Council can access.

Cllr Spargo seconded the motion

The Motion was approved unanimously

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.30pm