

**HALE BANK PARISH COUNCIL**  
**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD Tuesday 1 November 2021 at 8.00 PM**  
**HALE BANK YOUTH CLUB – BAGULEY AVENUE**

PRESENT: Councillors (Cllrs): Colquitt, (TC) Anderton,(JA) (Vice Chair) Hastie,(IH) Maxwell, (JM) Stokes, (VS), Caslin, (JC) Knowles, (BN) and Travis (PT)

The meeting was also attended by 5 members of the public  
In the absence of the Parish Clerk, JM agreed to take the minutes of the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members present no apologies necessary. Apology made by Parish Clerk.

**2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None to declare

**3. Ward Councillors' Report**

None of the Ward Councillors attended nor was any report submitted.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No formal application to address the Council was submitted. Concern was express about lighting in the vicinity of Halebank Primary School some of which is within the school boundaries and one on Heathview Road.

Resolved: JA would mention the school lights to the headmistress and the Clerk to contact the highways authority in relation to the Heathview Road light.

**5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2021**

It was noted that paragraph 14 of the draft minutes suggested that it had been resolved to commission a gas fired beacon for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations whereas the resolution was to commission a permanent beacon.

Resolved that: The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2021 be amended so as to correct paragraph 14 and thereafter accepted as a true record and passed to the chair for signing.

**6. REVIEW UPCOMING PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE PARISH**

It was noted that an application had been made by Halton BID to erect non-illuminated signs on Foundry Lane and Pickering Road. Theses signs are to be permanent, 2.8 metres off the ground and attached to existing street lighting standards. None of the signs will be erected outside any residents' home and all will be on the industrialised part of Halebank.

Resolved: There are no apparent planning issues that warrant any objection on the part of the Parish Council nor any purpose in offering support.

**7. PLANNING UPDATE**

Still no further word on the progress of the DALP. Planning Inspectorate have still not published their report.

## **8. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 8.1 The Parish Council has written to Halton BC confirming our view the right of way has existed for more than 20 years on the face of the evidence we have seen and inviting Halton BC to ensure the right of way is restored, by enforcement if necessary.
- 8.2 United Utilities have written to confirm they are taking remedial steps to restore the Village Green but make it clear the original leak has yet to be resolved. They also have indicated their willingness to provide funds to put towards any linking of paths on the Village Green as part of their community investment activities.
- 8.3 Situation on the Cameron site still not resolved although there had been some further clearance.
- 8.4 JC indicated that Halton BC had yet to come back on the issue of permission for a community garden, let alone any practical assistance.
- 8.5 The results of the survey of Halebank residence indicate the majority favour making use of the Oddfellows Hall as a community centre. Further research underway to determine that feasibility of this project.

## **9. LOCAL ISSUES**

- 9.1 Negotiations are underway with Silva to use their yard as the venue for a Christmas Concert. The provisional date is 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021. 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance must be arranged, and it is hoped this and all matters relating to the concert can be resolved in time for the finance committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It is hoped this can be combined with the traditional Christmas parade around the Parish. The possibility of providing a Christmas Selection box for every child in Halebank was welcomed and an approach is to be made to the local branch of the Co-Op to see if they can supply us.
- 9.2 In the absence of the Parish Clerk, limited information was available however it seems the company can supply us with lights, preferably on an annual rental basis but the power will need to come from the local Co-Op branch as the lights are to be adjacent to their premises and surrounding their car park. It is hoped this issue can also be resolved at the finance committee meeting.

## **10. FINANCE**

- 10.1 The Parish Clerk has asked for a new laptop and printer to replace the existing machines which are of some antiquity and nom loner fit for purpose.

Resolved to purchase both a laptop and printer for use by Parish Clerk.

- 10.2 The registration of the Parish Clerk for FILCA agreed.
- 10.3 To note the payments submitted for approval under Standing Order 18.

Resolved that: the schedule of payments submitted for approval at the meeting be agreed.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 11.1 The Police/Fire Authority Draft Annual Report was noted without comment.
- 11.2 The letter from HBC Business Promotion Campaign was noted and approved.

## **12. The LPU Newsletter**

The LPU Newsletter was noted. It was further noted Halebank did not feature as an area covered despite both neighbouring parishes; Hale and Ditton being identified. JA will draw this to the attention of the author.

**13. QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION UPDATE**

JM informs meeting that the Friends of Pickerings Pasture are happy about holding the celebration on Pickerings Pasture and have indicated they also would prefer a permanent beacon.

JM informs the meeting that contact has been made with the preferred insurers who will come back with \ premium for the event.

TC informs the meeting that arrangements have been made for a pipe band and a choir at the celebration and that two local firms have been invited to tender for building the beacon.

**14. CHAIR'S CLOSING COMMENTS**

TC reminded the meeting that there was to be a meeting of the finance committee on 8<sup>th</sup> November although this meeting is not open to the [public, all members of the PC are invited to attend.

**15. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed the next full meeting will be held at 8:00 pm Monday 6 December 2021 in Halebank Youth Club.