



HALE PARISH COUNCIL

OF THE HALTON BOROUGH IN
THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HALE PARISH COUNCIL

ACTING AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF HALE VILLAGE HALL

HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024 AT 8.00pm IN HALE VILLAGE HALL

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

Cllr Williams

In attendance: Mr. Brian Hargreaves (Proper Officer) & 4 Members of the Public

- 1. Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Trevaskis and McNamara by the Clerk. No apologies were received from Cllr Cleary or Cllr Brown
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were received
- 3. Public Participation** – A member of the public advised that an additional condition for Item 6 on this Agenda should be considered. She advised that a premium for public holiday hire should be applied and was happy to address it under item 6.
- 4. Minutes** – The draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hale Parish Council as Trustee of Hale Village Hall on 8th April 2024 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Wright and Seconded by Cllr Anderson

The Motion was approved unanimously

5. Village Hall Maintenance Plan

- I. Sound Proofing** - Cllr Anderson brought a sample panel to be considered as a sound proofing option for the main Village Hall. She advised that the materials used are fire retardant clomax foam and fire retardant material to cover the foam. This can be mounted on plywood and fastened to the walls in 8ft x 4ft Panels (x10). Cllr Wright and a local resident agreed to get costings for the plywood and Cllr Anderson said she will get an accurate costing for the foam. It was felt that this is a very cost effective way of achieving the sound proofing but that the overall effectiveness can only be measured by committing to the work. The Clerk reminded the meeting that we have had a professional survey done which could serve as a benchmark. The cost of that work would be unrealistic but identifies areas for best placement of panels and their sizes. It was advised by Cllr Lewis that the art group have suggested that a number of “cloud” effect sound proofing mobiles might assist the project. The costings will be reviewed at the next Village Hall Management meeting.
- II. Seating** – The sample seating identified by Cllr Trevaskis was discussed and members felt that the cost may be prohibitive without external funding. The issue of difficulties stacking the chairs due to lack of storage space also went against the

proposal. The meeting agreed that “Bistro” style chairs are a preferred option but that the practicalities of storage and cost are a major concern. A number of members reviewed seating available on social media outlets and it is felt that further review is required. A local resident identified folding chairs which are very similar to the existing chairs as a viable option being available at Costco at around £20 per unit. These folding chairs could be stored in a similar fashion to the existing units on rolling racking. Another member of the public identified the chairs recently borrowed from Halebank Parish Council as a suitable option and volunteered to ask the Halebank Clerk where they purchased them. It was agreed that the working group tasked with identifying replacement chairs should continue with their search and look at different options. Other members or residents should also offer any options they feel are appropriate by email. It was felt that if suitable chairs become available on social media or similar a poll can be taken by email and that the Clerk can be afforded the authority to spend up to £500 to secure a purchase. It is felt that ultimately the Village Hall will require up to 120 chairs but that there is a current urgent requirement for a minimum of 50. It was noted that fire regulations should always be observed regarding any consideration for replacement chairs.

- III. Building Work** - Alderman Sutton was not present at the meeting but it was noted that work has started on the repairs to the front elevation of Hale Village Hall. A number of local tradesmen are working in their own time to complete the work and to keep cost down to an absolute minimum as agreed.

The parish Council would like to formally recognise the efforts of these workers and offer their sincere thanks for the contribution being made.

Proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Roberts

The Motion was approved unanimously

- 6. Village Hall Tariff** - The Draft Hire Tariff for the Village Hall was considered and accepted with the addition of a premium being added for Bank Holiday hire including Christmas, Easter and all public holidays. The increase will equate to 150% of the normal hire rate to take into consideration the need for employees to open/close and prepare & clean the hall. This will be reviewed in April each year.

Proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded Cllr Roberts

The Motion was approved unanimously

- 7. Social Media/Website update** – The Clerk explained that the project is making good progress and that he has instructed the developer to continue with the chosen format. A current version is available at <https://halevillagehall-com.stackstaging.com/>

The Clerk can now forward the new Tariff to the developer and work on supplying any missing information and continue to work towards completion.

- 8. Next Meeting** – It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Trustee on 9th July 2024 at 8.00pm in Hale Village Hall

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm

ACTION LIST

- 1/ Cllr Anderson to get costings for Foam for Panels**

- 2/ Cllr Wright and N Thompson to get costings for Plywood for sound Panels**

- 3/ Working group to continue to search for suitable replacement seating for the Village Hall. Consideration for Stacking/Folding/storage is important**

- 4/ Resident to contact Halebank Clerk regarding their chairs**

- 5/ Record the names of all Volunteers who are working at Hale Village Hall**

- 6/ Clerk to update Social media developer & send new tariff.**

- 7/ Clerk to send link to development website to all members**