

Hale Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting
Hale Village Hall 30th May 2023
Commencing 7.30pm

1. **Present:** Cllrs Healey, Cleary, King, Anderson, Brown, Mitchell (Chair)
2. **Apologies:** B Hargreaves (Clerk to the Council)

*Note: In the absence of the Clerk the minutes were recorded by Mr P Platt
Upon the request of the Chair.*

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3. **Minutes:** Clarification of Agenda item 5a. Matters of Interest.
This Should be interpreted as a question regarding Social Media sites rather than being interpreted as a criticism.
Proposed by Cllr Brown & seconded by Cllr Cleary
There was a unanimous approval in favour of accepting these minutes as a true record
4. **Annual Report**
The Chair acknowledged two historic occasions, that being the Jubilee Celebrations and the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. A special mention to those village organisations who contributed to both occasions: the Freeman of Hale, and the contribution of £1000 raised by the ladies of Hale group which helped to 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 due to a lack of interest. The siting of several new benches within the village was acknowledged as a contribution to the village assets as was the commissioning of the Fawcett Canon and the refurbishment, re-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.
 - i. Response from a resident in attendance identified the late presentation of Mugs to the 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.
 - ii. There seems to be a lack of the Council being pro-active in acknowledging and planning for such country wide events and celebrations.
 - iii. An application by the Council in support of last year's celebrations proved unsuccessful.

- iv. Notification by the Hale Branch of the British Legion regarding WW2 anniversary has not been returned by the Council and it is worthy of note that Hale War memorial will be approaching 20 years since the date of its refurbishment and commissioning. However a response informed all present that the Council are not there just to promote celebrations.

5. Reports from Local Organisations:

- i. **Police** – apologies for absence. Report can be found online as part of this meeting Agenda. Speeding through the Village should be a focus item of concern
- ii. **Lord Mayor** – Not Present
- iii. **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 Friends of Hale Village said they were not notified of their report contribution in advance of this meeting.
- iv. The Police Officer patrolling the village was reminded of the meeting by the chair

- 6. A.O.B.** Question asked, “Have the trees planted in the park been paid for?” These are the seven trees planted in acknowledgement of Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee.

7. Date of next meeting

8. Meeting Closed at 9.10pm