



MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF HALEBANK PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 3 MARCH 2026

Present Cllrs Terry Colquitt – Chair (TC) John Anderton- Vice Chair (JA), Jayne Caslin (JC), Rebecca Littler (RL), Cliff McIlwraith (CM), Billy Knowles (BK), Adam Harrison (AH)

Clerk: Christine Southern (CS)

Also, in attendance:

4 Members of the public.

1. Welcome and Introduction

TC Welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Jayne Caslin and Billy Knowles.

Resolved that: the absence of Parish Cllrs Billy Knowles and Jayne Caslin be noted and accepted.

3. Declaration of Interests

None received.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

To resolve to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 2 February 2026.

Resolved that: The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2026 be accepted as a true record.

5. Clerks Report

5.1 Site across from Goldmine

TC informed those present of a meeting with Adrian Adams (Planning enforcement) regarding the ongoing issues.

Resolved that: Clerk to continue to liaise with Planning Enforcement.

5.2 Industrial Screening

RL updated the meeting regarding the proposed 'Living Screen' to be installed on the boundary of JR recycling, Pickering Road. CS advised that approval via a licence application needs to be given by Halton Borough Council to place planters on the pavement.

Action: Licence application to be completed by Clerk and Simon Roberts.

Resolved that: RL continue to liaise with the brothers.

6. Seras Update

RL updated the meeting on the ongoing noise and dust complaint. Following the submission of a Petition to both the Environment Agency and Halton Borough Council the PC were informed that some progress had been made and action taken by the company. Residents have advised of some respite but there is still intermittent disturbance, suggesting that the company are still not complying with their EA Permit.

Action: Clerk and RL to continue to liaise with Halton Borough Council and the Environment Agency for updates.

7. Police Report

PC was not in attendance. It was noted that PC Marnick will be retiring on 31 March.

Action: Clerk to contact PC Marnick with thanks and appreciation from the Parish Council and residents.

8. Finance

8.1 To approve accounts submitted for payments since last meeting on 2 February 2026.

Resolved that: The schedule of payments and accounts since the last meeting on 2 February 2026 be approved and accepted.

8.2 To agree and accept monthly Budget Report for Feb/March 26

Resolved that: monthly Accounts and balance for Feb/March 26 be approved, accepted and signed by members of the Finance Committee present.

9. Public Forum

Ditton resident Frederick Hughes brought to the attention of the meeting the use of the old Millhouse Garage site (Global Metals). A discussion took place regarding the type of waste being processed on the site. Mr Hughes had been in contact with Cllr Eddie Dourley regarding the site and received a response from Will Watson (Contaminated land officer HBC).

Resolved that: Clerk to liaise with Mr Hughes and Will Watson regarding the use of the land and the impact on Halebank residents.

10. Planning Applications.

None received

11. Planning Updates

To review updates and action to be taken in respect of: new planning applications received since 2 February 2026.

11.1 Application 25/00346/REM approval of reserved matters Hale Gate Road development.

JA updated the meeting on action taken in respect of application 25/00346/REM.

11.2 Ratification of request for advice from Richard Buxton Solicitors agreed by 5/7 members (via email 9/2/26) at a cost of £5220.00 inc. VAT.

Resolved that: 11.2 be formally approved.

11.3 Ratification of request to instruct Richard Buxton Solicitors to submit pre-action protocol letter to Halton Borough Council agreed by 5/7 members (via email 18.2.26) at a cost of £4200.00 inc. VAT.

Resolved that: 11.3 be formally approved.

12. Ditton Bridge

The clerk confirmed that a structural survey will be carried out on Ditton Bridge by Mason Clark on 3rd March.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Grant Bellis of Mason Clerk.

13. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

14. To agree schedule of meetings for 26/27

Schedule of meetings for 26/27 was previously distributed to PC members.

Resolved that: the schedule of meetings for 26/27 be agreed.

15. Chairpersons closing comments.

TC thanked everyone for their attendance

16. To confirm proposed date and time of next meeting

The next full meeting will be held on Monday 13 April March 2026 in Halebank Youth Club at 8:00pm

Signed

Date