



MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF HALEBANK PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 6 JULY 2026

Present:

Cllrs Terry Colquitt (Chair) (TC) John Anderton (JA), Martin Tipping (MT) Rebecca Littler (RL), Billy Knowles (BK)

**Also in attendance: Clerk: Christine Southern (CS)
25 Members of the public.**

1. Welcome and Introduction

TC Welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. To agree to co-opt new member.

Following the lack of response from the Notice of Casual Vacancy posted on 26 May 2026 PC members received interest in writing from resident Martin Tipping.

The co-option of Martin Tipping was proposed by Cllr John Anderton and Seconded by Cllr Terry Colquitt. The proposal was agreed by all members present.

Resolved that: Martin Tipping be co-opted as member of Halebank Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to process relevant paperwork.

3. Declaration of Interest

Members were reminded of their responsibilities to declare any personal or prejudicial interested.

None received.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To resolve to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 June 2026.

Resolved that: The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 June be approved.

Action: Clerk to update website.

5. Clerk Report

Any update on matters arising from meeting held 8 June 2026

5.1 Site Opposite Gold Mine

There were no updates on this matter.

Action: Clerk to continue to liaise with Planning Enforcement.

5.2 Roberts Recycling Screening/Planters

The Clerk updated the meeting on the proposal to install screening/planters against the boundary fence of Roberts Recycling.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Performance and Enforcement Manager regarding the joint Parish Council/Roberts Recycling application to install planters on the footpath.

5.3 Seras Update

RL updated the meeting on action taken in respect of the dust/noise from Seras Biomass Fuel Plant. It was noted that:

- The company have appealed against the Noise Abatement Notice served by Halton Borough Council.
- Residents continue to complain to the Environment Agency and HBC Environmental Protection.

Resolved that: RL & CS continue to liaise with the residents, HBC and outside agencies.

5.4 Monitoring Equipment (Sunningdale Park)

Following the installation of dust, vibration and noise equipment on Baynard Drive. The information has now been uploaded by CS.

Action: RL & CS to arrange to review and collate the readings.

6. Planning Enforcement

An update on matters in discussion with HBC Planning Enforcement.

6.1 Industrial Developments Mersey View Road

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a large industrial space is being created on Mersey View Road.

Resolved that: The Parish Council monitor the site along with HBC Planning enforcement.

Action: Clerk to continue to liaise with Planning Enforcement.

7. To Review and accept the following policies

The following policies (previously distributed) were agreed and formally adopted.

7.1 IT Policy

7.2 Co-option Policy

8. Finance

8.1 To review and approve accounts submitted for payment since 8 June 2026.

Resolved that: The Schedule of payment submitted since last meeting on 8 June be approved and accepted.

8.2 To agree and accept the monthly budget report for June/July 2026.

Resolved that: The monthly budget report for June/July 2026 be approved, accepted and signed by members of the finance committee present.

9. Public Forum

Many of the public present had attended to discuss the Footpath/Cycle Path (agenda item 11.1). It is agreed that any questions should be referred to agenda item 11.1. No other requests were made from members of the public.

10. Planning Applications

No new applications had been received since 8 June 2026.

11. Planning Updates

To receive updates and actions be taken in respect of previous planning applications being reviewed by the Parish Council and Planning Consultants.

11.1 Planned Cycle Path, Hale Gate Road

Following recent concerns from residents regarding the legalities of the proposed mixed-use Cycle/Footpath on Hale Gate Road the Parish Council agreed to consult their legal team regarding the matter.

Resolved that: Lisa Foster (Buxton's Solicitors) be instructed to investigate the legalities and procedures concerning the change of an existing footpath to mixed use cycle/pedestrian.

12. Proposed Community Pub

TC updated the meeting action taken regarding the proposal for a Community Pub and the recent community survey in respect of this.

The results of the the survey were as follows:

172 Responses were received.

91% of those who responded felt that the Mersey View is important to the identity and community spirit of Halebank.

91% of those who responded were in support of the Parish Council proposal to explore the possibility of the Mersey View being purchased and run by the community as a community space.

Action: TC to continue to explore all avenues.

13. Correspondence

Application received for co-option to Parish Council in relation to agenda item 2.

A Grant Request for £300.00 was received from The Friends of Pickering Pasture (previously distributed to all members). All member's present agreed to the request.

Resolved that: A donation of £300.00 be granted to The Friends of Pickering Pasture. (FOPP)

Action: Clerk to liaise with FOPP regarding payment.

14. Chairpersons Closing Comments

TC thanked everyone for their attendance.

15. To Confirm proposed dates and time for next meeting.

Next Parish Council meeting will be held in Halebank Youth Club on Monday 7 September at 8:00pm.

Resolved that: A meeting be arranged for both the Community Improvements Committee and Finance Committee during July/August.

Action: Clerk to liaise with members regarding availability.

Signed

Date