

**HALE BANK PARISH COUNCIL**  
**FULL COUNCIL**  
**HELD Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00 PM**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Colquitt (TC) (Chair) Councillors (Cllrs): Maxwell (JM) Stokes (VS), Anderton (Vice Chair) (JA), Hastie (IH) and Reed (KR).

John Banbury (JB) & Graham Caine (GC) (Univar Operations)

The meeting was also attended by 4 members of the public.

**ALSO PRESENT** – C. Southern (Parish Clerk).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and a minutes silence was held as a mark of respect to the Duke of Edinburgh who passed away on Friday 9 April 2021.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Ward Cllr Eddie Dourley

The Absence of Cllr Richards was noted.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

None.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** due to the Covid19 pandemic public participation is submission of comments or questions to the Council prior to the meeting commencing.

None received.

**4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MARCH 2021**

**Resolved that:** The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2021 be accepted as a true record and passed to the Chair for signature.

**5. CONFIRM BANK MANDATE**

It was agreed that T Colquitt (Chair) and C Southern (Clerk) should be added as signatories on the Parish Council Bank Accounts.

Proposed JM  
Second JA

**Resolved that:** Clerk process changes to Bank Mandate and submit to NatWest Bank.

## 6. **ELECTION – UPDATE**

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council elections would take place on Thursday 6 May 2021 at Hale Bank Youth Club and that the list of candidates had been made public.

## 7. **COMPLAINT REGARDING NOISE AND LIGHT – UNIVAR**

The meeting was attended by Graham Caine and John Banbury of Univar Operations who gave an update on actions to be taken regarding the complaint.

VS and TC had attended the Univar site on 23 March 2021 at 2:00pm to meet with GC and JB and discuss the business of the company.

VS advised that the residents had noticed a great improvement over the last weeks and that the disturbances had been significantly reduced.

GC advised that Univar plan (a request for funding has been submitted to their head office) to plant Leylandii hedge along the exterior of the site to produce a barrier from the noise and light pollution. It was agreed that the Leylandii would be planted at a height of 5ft and not allowed to extend to more than 15ft over the course of time.

JB advised that additional actions such as new Fork Lift trucks and changes in the lighting system would be put in place as soon as possible.

VS expressed his thanks to JB and GS for their attendance and for their work in bringing the matter to a mutually agreeable conclusion.

**Resolve that:** Univar will produce a written statement confirmation their plan of action for the Hale Bank Site.

## 8. **WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Ward Councillor Eddie Dourley was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments and submitted a written report which covered the following items which had been discussed in the meeting of 1 March 2021.

- **UNIVAR ( Use of Hale Bank Road for Heavy Goods Vehicles)** – There is no specific dispensation for Univar to run overweight vehicles through a restricted area, however vehicles over 7.5tonnes can travel into a restricted area provided they are accessing a property or business that is located within the weight limit zone. If Univar (or any other business) is located within an area covered by an environmental weight limit they are within their rights to move heavy loads into and out of site.

- Refurbishing of the playground equipment (Blackburne/Baquley) – The playground and equipment will be surveyed to determine the condition and potential refurbishment costs
- The old pump house near the youth club (Possible site for Community Library) – United Utilities have agreed to carry out a survey on this building to establish what, if any equipment is still inside.
- Lighting on the Footpath ( Blackburne Avenue – Hale Bank Park)

This is the response from the Highways Department:

“As part of the Carbon Reduction commitment and reducing budgets, the Council Executive Board set a policy some years back, that there will be no new provision of street lighting unless it serves as the primary means of access to properties. As such, additional lighting to independent recreational footpaths is not being installed, and some existing lighting for example in rear pathways etc. is being removed when it reaches the end of its life”

Cllr Dourley also issued a report on the recent Spillage of treated waste on the village green. United Utilities advised that the clean-up was progressing well and that the residents of Lovell Terrace had been contacted by the Environmental Health Team following the burst to offer advice and reassurance, no issues have been reported. United Utilities have assured Halton Council/Cllr Dourley that the village green will be reinstated to its former condition and some additional planting has also been requested

TC also mentioned that the Parish Council had requested a copy of the key for the Village Green which as yet has not yet been received.

**Action:** Clerk to contact ED to request a copy of the key for the village green gates.

## 9. LOCAL ISSUES – ROADS/VILLAGE GREEN/FLY TIPPING

TC pointed out that the road of Hale Bank were still extremely dirty particularly Ditton bridge and that communication should be made with Halton Borough Council Street cleaning department to request action.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Halton Borough Council Street cleaning department.

## 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that there were no additional planning applications

## 11. PLANNING UPDATES

### VEOLIA – Failed Planning Application

JM advised that no response had been received to the letter submitted to Halton Borough Council planning department regarding the structure standing on the failed

Veolia Waste Transfer site on Pickering Road. The letter was emailed by the clerk on 10 March 2021.

**Resolved that:** The letter be resubmitted to Halton Borough Council Planning Department once again and copy in the monitoring officer.

### **DALP**

Cllr Maxwell confirmed that the Public Examinations have started to take place. The next stage of the Public Examination which is specific to our local area will take place during May and Hale Bank Parish Council will again be represented by Landor Planning Consultants as agreed. Cllr Maxwell has agreed to keep the Parish Council informed of any developments

## 12. **FINANCE**

**Resolved that the schedule of payments submitted for approval at the meeting under Stand Order 18 be approved**

## 13. **POLICE REPORT**

A discussion took place regarding incidents in the area over the last month particularly an issue regarding upsetting and disruptive behaviour by dogs/dog owners on the children's play area.

**Action:** Clerk to contact PCSO for further information.

## 14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received

## 15. **CHAIRPERSONS CLOSING COMMENTS**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

## 16. **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved that:** The next meeting of Hale Bank Parish Council would take place on Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 7.00 pm and would be held virtually.

**CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_