

HALE BANK PARISH COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
HELD Tuesday 6 September 2021
At 8.00 PM
HALE BANK YOUTH CLUB – BAGULEY AVENUE

PRESENT: Councillors (Cllrs): Colquitt, (TC) Anderton,(JA) (Vice Chair) Hastie,(IH) Maxwell, (JM) Stokes, (VS), Caslin, (JC) Knowles, (BN) and Travis (PT)

IN ATTENDANCE Christine Southern (Clerk)

The meeting was also attended by 8 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Ward Cllrs Mike Wharton, Eddie Dourley & Marie Wright

2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None to declare

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ditton Resident Eddie Hughes who had previously attended the Parish Council meeting of 14 June 2021 provided an update regarding the public right of way for land on Pickering Pasture which has been fenced off by the current owner of the former Haydock site.

The Parish Council had provided copies of the evidence forms for distribution by local residents.

Mr Hughes advised that the forms collected had been submitted to the relevant department but as yet, had not received a response. Mr Hughes suggested that a letter of support from the Parish Council may be of some help. Councillors agreed to provide a supporting letter.

Action: Clerk to compose a letter in support of Mr Hughes's campaign.

4. **WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT**

There were no Ward Councillors in attendance and no report was received. However, Cllr Eddie Dourley emailed his comments regarding the Cameron Site and advised that the purchase of the site by Beesley and Fildes would not affect Halton Borough Councils plans for housing on the site.

5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2021

Resolved that: The minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2021 be accepted as a true record and passed to chair for signing.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 Cameron Site

It has come to light through the media that Beesley and Fildes, Timber and Building Merchants have purchased the Cameron Site off Hale Road to create a depot/training centre and have proceeded to clear the site. Subsequently as a result of this information Cllr TC contacted John Beesley (Chair of Beesley and Fildes) who advised that Halton Borough Council had instructed the company to stop work immediately because the land was designated for housing. HBC are trying to find a new site for the storage depot/training centre.

7. PLANNING UPDATE

JM gave feedback on the meeting he attended on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the improvements to the Village Green held on 20 July 2021 at Picow Farm, Runcorn. The meeting was also attended by all Ward Councillors, HBC Open Space Divisional Manager Paul Wright and HBC Design & Development Manager Nick Martin. JM advised that HBC have plans to improve the Village Green by planting foliage and adding path and benches as well as merging the green with the surrounding greenspace. JM advised that this is a project will be completed over a number of years.

A meeting also took place on 20 July with United Utilities attended by George Finegan of United Utilities along with Cllrs Colquitt, Caslin and Travis. Mr. Finegan advised that United Utilities intend to reinstate the Village Green but currently the leak which had caused the damage had not yet been found and it could be some time before they would be able to complete the work. United Utilities have agreed to liaise with Halton Borough Council regarding any planned improvements.

Action: Clerk to liaise with HBC & United Utilities regarding any updates.

8. PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE

A discussion took place regarding the proposed Community Centre. Completed Questionnaires received from local residents were collected from Parish Councillors.

Action: TC to submit completed questionnaire to Peter Gerrard Associates

9. LOCAL ISSUES

9.1 Matters arising from previous minutes

A discussion took place regarding the request by local resident Carol Wynne for the amalgamation of the bus stops on Hale Road. Carol had collected signatures for a petition from local residents which she has now passed on to the Parish Council for submission to the relevant department at Mersey Travel.

Action: Clerk to pass the petition to Cllr Mike Wharton for submission to Liam Robinson at Mersey Travel.

9.2 Proposed Community Garden

JC advised that she had put forward a proposal to Halton Housing Trust regarding the development of a community garden on either side of Baguley Avenue and she was awaiting a response. JC and JA confirm that communication had been made with the residents mostly affected by the proposal and agreed that the residents would be informed of any changes before they go ahead.

9.3 Village Green update

Matter covered in item 7

9.4 The Pit (Fishing Pond)

Local resident Martin Dowling put forward a requests to the Parish Council for assistance with the Fish Pond on Halebank Park which is in need of some maintenance. TC advised that the Parish Council could not get involved in the regular upkeep of the pond but suggested that Mr Dowling created a working group and apply for a grant from the Parish Council to help with any work. Mr Dowling agreed to do so and will get back to the Parish Council in due course.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Clerk report to Councillors

Clerks Finance report was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances

10.1 To agree the Financial Risk Assessment as instructed by the internal Auditor.

Resolved that: The Financial Risk Assessment 2021/22 previously submitted to Parish Councillors be agreed.

10.2 To Note the payments submitted for approval under Standing Order 18

Resolved that: The schedule of payments submitted for approval at the meeting be approved.

11. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk advised that the new website was up and running and the new Parish council emails would be set up in due course.

Resolved that: Clerk continue to liaise with Then Media in respect of the email setup.

12. THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON

A discussion took place regarding the plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacon.

It was agreed that JM would submit a report to Parish Councillors regarding the event in good time for the next meeting when the details of the event would be discussed fully and decisions made as to the nature and extent of the event.

Action: JM to submit report to councillors detailing the event.

13. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk advised that a meeting was to be held regarding the plans for Christmas Lights in the Village. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 September outside the Co op.

Action: Councillors to let Clerk know if they are able to attend.

14. POLICE REPORT

No official report was available. All information is now available through the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the Parish Council representative PM had nothing to report. A discussion took place regarding nuisance caused by motorcycles and quad bikes being driven around the local area.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence was received.

15. CHAIRS CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

16. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 4 October 2021 Halebank Youth Club at 8:00 Meeting ended at 9:10pm

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____