



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HALEBANK PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2023**

**HALEBANK YOUTH CLUB- BAGULEY AVENUE**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Colquitt (Chair) Hastie (IH) Caslin (JC), Stokes (VS),  
Maxwell (JM) Knowles (BK)

Clerk: Christine Southern

Also in attendance were eight members of the public.

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting opened at 8:00pm

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies we received from Cllr Anderton, Ward Cllrs Eddie Dourley and Mike Wharton

**3. To receive declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest that they may have had in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item was reached.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Resolved that:** The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9 January 2023, Extraordinary Meetings 21 and 27 January be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson

**5. Ratification of Policies**

5.1 To agree to ratify Training Policy

**Resolved that:** Training Policy be ratified as from 6 February 2023

5.2 To agree to ratify Code of Conduct.

It was agreed that the ratification of the Code of Conduct would take place at the meeting on 6 March to allow members more time to read the document.

## **6. Clerks Report**

- 6.1 Clerk updated the meeting on a recent request for additional defib. Clerk has been advised that a defib could not be supplied through the usual channels as the location suggested was too close to the current one and the owners of the building (Co-op) would not allow it. It was suggested that the Parish Council could purchase a defib themselves.

**Action:** Parish Council to look into the cost of purchasing and upkeep of a Defibrillator.

- 6.2 Clerk advised the meeting of the Halton Environmental Initiative which involves the Halton Veterans Legion who had visited Halebank on Friday 3 February clearing litter and rubbish from areas of the village.

- 6.3 Cllr Caslin advised the meeting of plans for a 'Kings Festival' to be organised in conjunction with the 'Friends of Halebank' and 'Halebank Community Hub' to celebrate the Kings Coronation in May.

## **7. Finance**

To approve accounts submitted for payment

**Resolved that:** The schedule of payments submitted for approval be accepted.

## **8. Ward Councillor Report**

No Ward Councillors report was received.

## **9. Public Forum**

No requests were received.

## **10. Planning Applications -To consider any new planning applications received**

No new planning applications had been received since the last Full Council Meeting.

## **11. Planning Updates -To receive updates on planning applications currently being addressed by PC Planning Consultants**

### **APPLICATION 22/00413/OUT - MARSHALLS WAREHOUSE (OFF LOVEL WAY)**

JM updated the meeting regarding actions taken since the last Full Council meeting regarding the Marshalls Warehouse on Lovel Way.

As per the resolution of the Parish Council, Buxtons Solicitors were asked to instruct counsel to consider the prospects of Judicially Reviewing the decision to grant planning permission. The letter of engagement from Buxton's advised the PC cost would be significantly more than was previously put to the Parish Council. As the terms of the resolution did not set a cash limit the Clerk, after consultation, accepted the terms of engagement despite the higher costs and Buxtons were asked to proceed.

Following formal written Advice from Ms Jennie Wigley KC and an on-line consultation between JA, JM and the Clerk to the PC with Mr P Lyons of Buxton's Solicitors, the conclusion was the decision to grant this application is not one that is vulnerable to Judicial Review.

Mr Lyons also expressed the view that even had the decision been vulnerable to Judicial Review because of the minor defects in the process, any such defects are easily remedied and would not make a fresh application so onerous as to dissuade a developer from making one.

Concerns had been expressed about the fact Marshalls were ripping up hedges and otherwise destroying the habitat without having completed the purchase of the land from Halton BC.

Buxtons were instructed to write to HBC seeking an explanation asking them to make Marshalls desist until the agreement had been finalised. HBC replied promptly but stated they had granted a licence to Marshalls to undertake this work, that it was being supervised by an independent ecologist who was instructed to file weekly reports with HBC. In these circumstances, there were no further practical steps the PC could take.

**12. Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

**13. Community Improvement**

The clerk informed the meeting that four new bins provided by the Parish Council had now been installed in

**14. Report from PCSO**

No Police report was received.

**15. Chairperson Comments**

Chair advised the meeting of a vacancy on the Parish Council as Cllr Travis had resigned. Vacancy to be advertised as from Tuesday 7 February 2023.

**16. To agree date and time for next meeting and items for the next Agenda**

Monday 6 March 2023 in Halebank Youth Club at 8:00pm.

Signed.......... Date .....6-3-23.....