

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HANKELOW
ON 4 MARCH 2013**

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chairman
Councillor G Cope Vice-Chairman
Councillors C Ainley, I Jones and A Lee

Notes: (1) Borough Councillor R A Bailey was unable to attend the meeting owing to a previous commitment. (2) Prior to the start of the meeting, members of the public were able to address the Parish Council.
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81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any non-pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and, in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

82 MINUTES – 7 JANUARY 2013

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2013 be approved as a correct record.

83 MATTERS ARISING (not detailed elsewhere on the agenda)

83.1 Provision of Grit on Hall Lane and Monks Lane

It was reported that the Borough Council was not able to provide a separate supply of grit at Hall Lane as this was in close proximity to a gritting route and did not, therefore, fall within the criteria. With regard to Monks Lane, an inspection would be carried out as the lane was very narrow and a supply of grit could impede access by vehicles.

84 FINANCIAL MATTERS

84.1 Ratification of Payment

The Parish Council was asked to ratify a payment of **£35.00** payable to "The Food Store". The payment was made at the conclusion of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 January 2013.

RESOLVED: (a) That payment of £35.00 to "The Food Store" be ratified; and

(b) That future accounts to The Food Store be paid annually, either in arrears or in advance.

84.2 Payment of Accounts

Members were reminded that any requests for payment must be included on the agenda. Although there was a delegation arrangement in place under paragraph 6.5 of the Financial Regulations for urgent payments, it was not good practice for non-urgent payments to be made outside meetings.

84.3 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

£2,450.40	TWM Traffic Management Systems Ltd. – payment for the Mini 300 Polypropylene Modular Speed Control Sign System (£2,042 + £408.40 vat)
£558.00	Cheshire East Council (Address Management NP0488) – payment for the street re-naming of part of Audlem Road to "Old School Lane".

In authorising the payments, the following were noted:

- (1) Royal Mail allocated post-codes and a new post-code would be allocated for the properties on Old School Lane (one post-code could not cover two streets; therefore, as the road would no longer be “Audlem Road”, new post-codes must be allocated). The erection of street name-plates was carried out by Cheshire East Highways and the Parish Council might be required to meet the cost of the new name-plate.
- (2) Councillors Jones and Ainley would be visiting TWM Traffic Management Systems later in the week and would deliver the cheque at that time.

84.4 Receipts and Payments Statement to 31 December 2012

A Receipts and Payments Statement for the period 1 April 2012 – 31 December 2012 was submitted.

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payments statement for the period 1 April 2012 – 31 December 2012 be approved and the bank reconciliation be noted as follows:

	£
Total Receipts	7,321.03
Less Payments	-2,207.87
	<u>5,113.16</u>
Current Account	4,397.03
Building Society Account	816.13
	<u>5,213.16</u>
LESS Unpresented cheques	-100.00
TOTAL	<u>5,113.16</u>

85 MAINTENANCE OF THE GREEN (LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY)

The Clerk had submitted to Cheshire East Council (CEC) the draft specification prepared by Councillor Ainley requesting that consideration be given to the setting up of a compact agreement. The Streetscape Officer (CEC) had stated that the Council was reviewing these arrangements and that no formal decisions were being made at present.

To make progress, he had contacted the Assets Team to confirm ownership of The Green. Enquiries of Land Registry had revealed that there was no known owner at this time. The Officer was of the view that the Borough Council’s maintenance of the area was “in the public interest” and there was no objection to the Parish Council accepting responsibility for The Green’s continued maintenance.

Members **AGREED** that until the situation regarding registration of The Green was clear, no further action be taken in respect of its proposed maintenance by the Parish Council.

86 REGISTRATION OF THE GREEN

It was reported that Hibberts LLP had received evidence from Cheshire East Council to confirm that The Green had been registered. The solicitor dealing with this matter (on behalf of the Parish Council) would be requesting the land registration fee (in due course) so that he could pursue the matter.

87 RE-NAMING OF PART OF AUDLEM ROAD

Cheshire East Council had confirmed that, as requested by the Parish Council, part of Audlem Road, in the vicinity of the Chapel had now been re-named ‘Old School Lane’. New post-codes

had been allocated. The Borough Council would write direct to the occupants to inform them of the changes to their address details. As noted above, the cost of the change was £558, comprising the following –

£372 re-naming of existing road, excluding the cost of street name-plate
£186 notification to all concerned parties of post address amendment (£31 per property)

The Clerk was asked to contact Cheshire East Highways requesting that the sign be installed at the earliest opportunity.

88 CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION – COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION

The Parish Council was invited to consider entering the annual Community Pride Competition. This year, one fee covered the whole competition. The following were the various competitions and deadlines for entry. Payment was required by 15 March.

1. Community Pride/Best Kept Village	15 March 2013
2. Cheshire Community Spirit Award	17 April
3. Cheshire Village Communications Competition – Best Website Competition	15 March
4. Village Community Safety Award	17 April

RESOLVED: (a) That the Parish Council enter the Community Pride/Best Kept Village competition; and

(b) That payment of the £25.00 entry fee be authorised.

89 PLANNING

Planning Appeal: 12/2309N – Outline application for 10 x two-storey residential units on land adjacent to 4 Audlem Road, Hankelow

The above planning application had been refused and an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State. The appeal would be conducted by means of an informal hearing and a site visit by an Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate. Representations already submitted would form part of the documentation considered. The grounds of appeal could be viewed online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning.

90 REPORT OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Members appointed to outside bodies were invited to report on recent activities. There were no matters to report.

91 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Councillor R A Bailey was not in attendance and the Parish Council proceeded to its next item of business.

92 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence received since the last meeting.

Cheshire East Council

- Articles invited for the next edition of PACE newsletter.
- HS2 Briefing
- Highway Schemes in progress and planned
- Nantwich LAP – (19 Feb) – comments on the Local Plan
- Nantwich LAP – (20 Feb) – comments on the Local Plan
- Town and Parish Councils Conference – 20 March – Congleton Town Hall – 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm

93 SHARED INFORMATION

Parish Councillors were invited to share information or to request the inclusion of items on the next agenda. The following issues were raised and the Clerk asked to take action as appropriate:

- Blocked drain in vicinity of Old School Lane – report to Cheshire East Highways
- Following installation of the new interactive speed signs, a photograph be taken, to include key parish councillors. The Clerk would prepare an article for the next edition of the CEC PACE Newsletter.

94 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 13 May 2013.

The Clerk was asked to invite Ann Draper (Coffee Club) and Val Morrey (Amenities Group) to report on activities at the Annual Parish Meeting.

.....Chairman