

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HANKELow
ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2014**

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chairman
Councillor G Cope
Councillor I Jones

APOLOGIES: Councillors C Ainley and A Lee

32 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.

33 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34 ACTION FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2014

The following actions had been implemented:

- Malcolm Lees had agreed to be the Parish Council's appointed trustee on the new Audlem Public Hall Committee.
- The Clerk had notified the insurance company that the Village Green should be added to the insurance schedule for the purposes of public liability.

35 FINANCIAL MATTERS

35.1 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:

£65.00	Mrs C M Jones – Reimbursement for tax paid to HMRC for the period to July 2014
£65.00	HM Revenue & Customers – tax for the period to October 2014.

**35.2 Receipts and Payments – 1 April 2014 – 31 July 2014
Budget Monitoring – 2014-2015**

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payments statement for the period to 31 July 2014, together with a budget monitoring statement for the same period, be received.

35.3 Authorisation of Clerk as a Bank Signatory

The Clerk was currently not listed either as a signatory or a correspondent in respect of the Parish Council's bank account. This meant that the Clerk was neither entitled to speak to staff at NatWest, nor to communicate in writing. This was currently carried out by the Chairman. Bank statements were issued to 'The Chairman' but were sent to the Clerk's home address.

The Clerk advised Members that it was normal practice for Clerks/Responsible Financial Officers to be able to correspond directly with their parish council's bank. The Parish Council was, therefore, asked to authorise the Clerk as a correspondent and a cheque signatory.

As there were only three councillors present, Members deferred this item to the next meeting.

**36 LITTER-BIN – LAY-BY ADJACENT TO THE SWEDISH HOUSES
(Item requested by Councillor G Foster)**

The Parish Council was invited to consider the purchase of a litter-bin for installation in the lay-by adjacent to the Swedish Houses. Cheshire East Street Cleansing had confirmed that it would include the emptying of the bin on the waste-collection round.

Rather than purchase a new bin, Members **AGREED** that one of the bins on the village green be removed and re-located to the lay-by at Swedish Houses. The Clerk was asked to notify Cheshire East Council (Ansa Environmental Services).

37 PLANNING

37.1 Neighbourhood Plan/Village Design Statement (VDS)

(a) It was reported that parish councillors would be meeting with Tom Evans (Cheshire East Council Planning Officer from the Spatial Planning Team) on Monday, **22 September** at 3.00 pm at Westfields, Sandbach.

The Parish Council was invited to prepare a list of questions/topics to be raised at the meeting.

Members agreed to consider the issues/questions outside the meeting when Councillors Ainley and Lee could join the discussion.

(b) **VDS Working Group – Progress Report**

The VDS Working Group had reported prior to the start of the meeting. There were no other issues raised at this point in the proceedings.

37.2 Technical Consultation on Planning

The Department for Communities and Local Government had published a number of new proposals to make practical improvements on earlier planning reforms and was seeking comments.

The National Association of Local Councils was also inviting comments from town and parish councils to inform its own submission.

RESOLVED: That no comments be made on the Planning Consultation document.

37.3 Planning Applications

Comments were invited on the following planning application.

14/3717N Coole Hall Farm, Mill Lane, Hankelow
Installation of 100 kW solar PV system on a farm building roof.
The system comprises 400 x 250W solar PV modules.

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

38 CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (ChALC)

As part of its review of Area Working, ChALC had established a number of thematic boards, one of which was 'Rural Matters Board (East)'. The Rural Matters Board was holding its first meeting on 30 September at Byley Village Hall, Middlewich at 7.00 pm and the Parish Council was invited to nominate two representatives to attend the meeting.

None of the Members present was available on 30 September and the Clerk was asked to contact Councillors Ainley and Lee to give them the opportunity to attend if they wished.

39 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE and FLOOD RESPONSE – WORKSHOP

The Parish Council was invited to participate in a table-top workshop to be held on 22 October (Westfields, Sandbach) from 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss and participate in a simulated emergency situation.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council decline to participate in the Community Resilience and Flood Response Workshop to be held on 22 October 2014.

40 SHARED INFORMATION

Parish Councillors were able to share information or request the inclusion of items on the next agenda.

The Clerk was asked to add the following items to the November agenda:

- (a) Review of arrangements for operation of the speed-watch scheme.
- (b) Budget proposals 2015-2016.

41 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 3 November 2014

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 8.10 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm