

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BROOKFIELD GOLF CLUB, HANKELow ON 5 JANUARY 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chairman
Councillor G Cope Vice-Chairman

Councillor C Ainley
Councillor I Jones
Councillor A Lee

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any non-pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) 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.

53 MINUTES – 3 NOVEMBER 2015

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 November 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54 FINANCIAL MATTERS

54.1 Budget – 2016-2017

The Council considered the Clerk’s report which comprised the following documents:

- Receipts and Payments Statement to 30 September 2015.
- Budget monitoring statement and draft budget 2016-2017

As part of the budget proposals, the Council also considered a letter from the Cheshire Association of Local Councils which was proposing to represent all local councils in Cheshire East at the public hearings for the Local Plan and was seeking a contribution from the Parish Councils named on the letter.

If the Parish Council agreed to a contribution, it would be £26.93 (based on the electorate of the parish). Members agreed that this be included in the budget proposals.

Part-way through discussion of the proposals the Chairman suspended the meeting for a short period to allow Nigel Cassidy to speak in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Members noted the calculations:

		£	£
	Balance at bank on 30 September 2015	4,918.00	
LESS	Spend to 31 March 2016	(2,227.00)	2,691.00
	Likely balance available on 1 April 2016	<u>2,690.00</u>	
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	Budget for the forward year	5,950.00	
LESS	Likely balance available on 1 April 2016	(2,690.00)	3,260.00
	Precept requirement	<u>3,260.00</u>	

Note: Councillor Ainley arrived during discussion of this item.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a budget of £5,950 be approved as detailed on the appendix to these minutes;
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of £3,260.00 from Cheshire East Council; and
- (c) That the Clerk's salary remain at £1,435 per annum.

54.2 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:

£93.20	HMRC – Tax on Clerk's salary: This includes under-payment on two occasions of £9.40 on each occasion.
£90.00	Brookfield Golf Club – hire of room for two meetings and additional meeting for councillors to meet with a developer.
£20.00	Councillor G Cope: reimbursement for nettle-cutting

55 PLANNING MATTERS

55.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council was invited to comment on the following planning applications:

15/5694N	Greenbank, Audlem Road, Hankelow CW3 0JA Demolish existing conservatory and build new conservatory
15/5425N	Fields View, Audlem Road, Hankelow CW3 0JE Erection of detached bungalow

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised in respect of planning applications Nos. 15/5694N and 15/5425N.

55.2 Lodge Farm Site

Following a briefing meeting with developers, Members had been provided with proposals for the Lodge Farm site.

The Chairman reported that Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey wished to be informed of the views of Members and she undertook to write to her direct. It was noted that the proposal for the site was a reduction from 32 dwellings to 19.

55.3 Planning Application No. 15/3563N (land off Longhill Lane, Hankelow)

Councillor A Lee represented the Parish Council at Southern Planning Committee on 25 November 2015.

The Planning Officer had recommended approval, but the Committee refused the application for the following reason:

The local planning authority considers that the adverse impacts of this development in terms of the loss of open countryside, loss of agricultural land and impact upon the character and appearance of the area would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. As a result, the development would be contrary to policies NE.2, NE.12, and BE.2 of the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich Replacement Local Plan 2011 and guidance contained within the NPPF.

56 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Nigel Cassidy updated the Parish Council in respect of progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.

57 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Rachel Bailey was not in attendance.

58 CONSULTATION

➤ **Cheshire East Council Pre-Budget Report (2016-2017)**

Cheshire East Council has published its pre-budget report for 2016-2017, with a foreword by Councillor Peter Groves, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Assets. Feedback from Town and Parish Councils was invited by Monday, 15 February 2016.

RESOLVED: That Cheshire East Council be informed that the Parish Council objected to the proposal that foster parents would, in future, be required to pay Council Tax.

59 SHARED INFORMATION/REPORT OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Parish Councillors were invited to share information which was not available at the time of publication of the agenda.

There were no shared items or reports from meetings of outside bodies.

60 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1 March 2016

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.50 pm and concluded at 8.35 pm

Item	Spend to 30 Sept 2015 £	Est Spend to 31 Mar 2016 £	Draft Budget 2016-2017 £
Administration			
Clerk's Salary (gross)			1,435.00
Clerk's net salary	595.98	594.00	
Tax on Clerk's salary	139.40	140.00	
Thirsk Payroll (PAYE service)	60.00		60.00
Clerk's expenses (stationery etc.)			50.00
Insurance/Audit/Subscriptions			
Insurance - annual premium	265.00	0.00	265.00
Audit (Internal - A Davenport)	50.00	0.00	50.00
ChALC affiliation fee	65.28	0.00	70.00
ChALC - 'Good Councillors Guide'	5.00		0.00
Cheshire Community Action	25.00	0.00	25.00
Cheshire County Playing Fields		16.00	16.00
Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society		10.00	10.00
BDO LLP (External auditors)		0.00	30.00
Grants			
Hankelow Methodist Church - refurbishment of school-room	1,000.00		0.00
Audlem Public Hall Annexe scheme			1,000.00
The Village Green			
General maintenance		0.00	0.00
Planter (West corner)			100.00
Members			
Chairman's allowance			100.00
Member Training			0.00
Miscellaneous			
Feed for ducks	140.00	0.00	140.00
Notice-board refurbishment	45.02	0.00	50.00
Suddenstrike - killing Moles on The Green	89.40	0.00	0.00
Contribution to examination in public of Local Plan		27.00	0.00
Neighbourhood Plan			
Purchase of specialist advice (cost per day – £325 plus travel); and miscellaneous items		1,000.00	1,000.00
Room Hire fee (Hankelow Methodist Church)	270.00	0.00	300.00
Brookfield Golf Club		90.00	0.00
Speed Watch - maintenance of equipment	51.81	150.00	250.00
Unallocated reserves		200.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	2,801.89	2,227.00	5,951.00