

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL, HANKELOW ON 2 JANUARY 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chairman
Councillor C Ainley
Councillor G Cope
Councillor I Jones
Councillor A Lee

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey
Seven members of the public

115 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.

Councillors A Lee, I Jones and C Ainley each declared an interest in agenda item 5 (Sale/Purchase of Hankelow Methodist Church) on the basis that they lived in close proximity to the church.

No other declarations were made at this point in the proceedings.

116 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2017 be approved as a correct record.

117 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey reported on Cheshire East Council matters of interest including budget difficulties.

Councillor Bailey also made reference to a town and parish council conference which had been scheduled, but subsequently cancelled. This was to be re-arranged for February 2018.

118 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

118.1 Minutes – 14 November 2017 and 12 December 2017

The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings held on 14 November 2017 and 12 December 2017 were submitted for information.

118.2 Call for Sites

It was reported that to date, the following were the responses to the 'call for sites'. In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, Members were asked to refrain from naming the individuals who had put forward these sites, except where a Member had a DPI in respect of any of the sites.

Site proposals:

- 1 Mixed development behind the Swedish houses
 - 2 Land off Longhill Lane for single dwelling
 - 3 Land off Longhill Lane for five dwellings
 - 4 Land off Monks Lane – infill of two houses
 - 5 Audlem Road - conversion of workshop and agricultural buildings
 - 6 Audlem Road – two houses in garden/paddock of dwelling
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- 7 Four-five affordable houses on field beyond The Granary (possible space for community building)
- 8 Field opposite Hankelow Church – various options including community area
17 houses and 15-20 holiday lodges
27 houses and eight affordable homes
20 houses and six affordable homes
- 9 Hall Lane – three-four detached dwellings and two semi-detached dwellings
- 10 Hankelow Church.
- 11 Five dwellings on Longhill Lane (uncertainty as to whether this was Hankelow or Buerton parish)
- 12 The Nook – two dwellings on land behind The Nook

In addition to the above, the following was put forward by an individual who attended the drop-in session.

- Proposal for 24 houses by Corbrook Cottages, with the possibility of a community building.

At this point in the proceedings, the Chairman, Councillor G Foster, declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item No 3 above on the basis that she was part-owner of the site. In view of this, she was considering standing-down as a Member of the Steering Group. As this item was for information only, she remained in the meeting.

119 SALE/PURCHASE OF HANKELOW METHODIST CHURCH

Members considered the Clerk's report following receipt of information from the Church Council in respect of the possible sale of the Methodist Church to the Parish Council on the understanding that the Council would lease back the church for the continuation of Sunday worship and other religious activities.

The purpose of the offer was to enable the Church building to become a community hub for the village.

Members agreed that this proposal was premature and before any decision was taken, there must be a consultation exercise with the residents of the parish.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council decline to make a decision in respect of the potential purchase of Hankelow Methodist Church, at this time.

120 FINANCIAL MATTERS

120.1 Budget – 2018-2019

The Parish Council was invited to finalise its budget for 2018-2019. The following documents were submitted:

- Clerk's covering report
- Budget monitoring showing the position at 30 September 2017 and Draft budget for 2018-2019.

The following amendments were made to the draft budget:

Line 11 Speed-watch: Reduce spend to 31 March 2018 to £75.00 and reduce budget spend in 2018-2019 to £75.00.

Additional item: Non-specific exploration of community hub for the village: £1,000.00.

The budget for 2018-2019 was £7,300.00 and would require a precept of £5,000. Calculations were noted as follows:

A Calculation of likely balance available on 1 April 2018

	Balance at bank on 30 September 2017	4,865.00	
ADD	VAT Re-claim	400.00	5,265.00
LESS	Spend to 1 Oct 17 - 31 Mar 2018	-2,910.00	
	Balance available on 1 April 2018	<u>2,355.00</u>	

B Calculation of precept requirement

	Forward year proposals	7,300.00	
LESS	Expected balance on 1 April 2018	-2,355.00	4,945.00
	Precept required for 2018-2019 (rounded)	<u>5,000.00</u>	

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a budget of £7,300.00 for 2018-2019 be approved;
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of £5,000.00 from Cheshire East Council; and
- (c) That the Clerk's salary remain at £1,435 per annum.

(Note: Borough Councillor Bailey withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

120.2 Authorisation of Payments

There were no payments to be approved.

121 PLANNING

There were no planning applications for comment.

122 THE WHITE LION SITE

Following a request from a resident, the Parish Council was invited to consider authorising the Clerk to write to the developer of the site, in due course, to make it clear that the parking of any vehicles was not permitted on the Village Green during demolition of the building and the erection of housing on the site.

RESOLVED: That in due course, the Clerk write to the developer of the White Lion site stating that permission would not be granted for its vehicles to be parked on the Village Green during development of the site.

123 DEFIBRILLATOR

North-West Ambulance Trust had recommended a cabinet which would be suitable for housing the defibrillator now in the Parish Council's possession. A copy of a screen shot from the supplying company was submitted.

The Defib Shop offered a cabinet which cost £395.00 and the Council was asked to consider purchasing it.

Members were also invited to consider employing a certified electrician to fit the defibrillator to the wall of the church. It was acknowledged that the church would have its own electrician who would be able to install the defibrillator. The cost would be met by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries of The Defib Shop to establish if the cabinet identified as appropriate, could be purchased and the Parish Council invoiced after delivery.

124 TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

It was reported that the Clerk to Buerton Parish Council had written to neighbouring councils in respect of joining together in a recruitment drive to train more first responders.

This suggestion had been prompted by an incident which occurred on 20 November 2017 when a resident showed signs of either a stroke or heart attack and it was over two hours before an ambulance arrived, following the 999 call. There was a first responder on call, but he/she was not paged by Ambulance Control; however, the patient was assisted by a medically-trained person related to one of the parish councillors.

Members noted the information.

125 CONSULTATION – CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL (CEC) HOUSING STRATEGY 2018-2023

Cheshire East Council was consulting on its new housing strategy, setting out the Authority's vision and priorities for housing until 2023. The Parish Council was invited to contribute towards the development and shaping of the strategy. The consultation began on 27 November 2017 and concluded on Monday, 8 January 2018.

Driven by the Cheshire East Local Plan, the Housing Strategy was intended to contribute significantly to achieving the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED: That the CEC Housing Strategy 2018-2023 be supported and CEC be advised that the Parish Council would expect environmental standards to be adopted and applied, including to existing housing stock.

126 CONSULTATION – CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Cheshire Fire Authority had launched its annual consultation on its Integrated Risk Management Plan. The consultation closed on 2 January 2018.

RESOLVED: That no observations be made on the Cheshire Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Strategy.

127 CONSULTATION – PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION 2018-2021

The Borough Council had started consultation on its proposals to balance the Council's medium-term finances and would be engaging more widely with the community, in due course.

The document set out detailed options to balance the 2018-2019 financial year, despite reductions in government grants and increasing demand for key services.

Comments were invited by 12 January 2018 but interested parties' comments could also be accepted up to 22 February 2018, which was the date of full Council.

RESOLVED: That no observations be made on the Cheshire East Council's Pre-Budget Consultation 2018-2021.

128 SHARED INFORMATION

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

There were no shared items.

129 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5 March 2017 (Monday)

130 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items owing to the confidential nature of the business to transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

131 QUOTATIONS FOR PRINTING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council considered quotations for printing the Regulation 14 copy of the Neighbourhood Plan. Each quotation was on the basis that the document would be 'print-ready'.

RESOLVED: That the quotation submitted by 'Joe the Printer' be accepted in the sum of £350.00 for the following:

- 150 wire-bound A4 booklets, printed in colour throughout.
- Printed on 250 gsm cover and 115 gsm silk inserts from print-ready artwork supplied by the Parish Council.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 8.45 pm