

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Foster Chair  
Councillor I Jones  
Councillor A Lee  
Councillor D Smith  
Councillor C Fitzsimons

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Three members of the public plus Mr J Durrant,  
Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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52 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Rachel Bailey.

53 **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 business and in respect of disclosable interests to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

Councillors G Foster, A Lee, I Jones and D Smith each declared an interest in the proceedings in relation to any discussion surrounding The White Lion Community Pub Limited on the basis that they were shareholders in the company.

54 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2019**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

55 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Order No 1, members of the public were able to ask a question or to make a statement.

The owner of The Grey House, Audlem, made comments about the planning application that he had submitted to Cheshire East in relation to work to be carried out at the property. Members noted that a planning application had been received too late for inclusion on the agenda and it was agreed that an Extra-Ordinary meeting would be held on 14 January 2020 in order to submit any comments that the Parish Council wished to make on this planning application.

## 56 HANKELOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council approved the submission version of the Hankelow Neighbourhood Plan and extended their thanks to the Chair of the Hankelow Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, John Durrant, and the group members for their work on the submission.

The Parish Council also formally considered two items on the consultation statement as forwarded by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group as follows:

- 56.1 Response No 16 – concerns expressed by a resident about the footpath from Hankelow to Audlem and responsibility for the footpath at the two boundaries. Whilst the Parish Council agreed that this was a representation that they supported from the resident, they determined that the maintenance of the footpath was not within the Hankelow boundary. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would write to Audlem Parish Council advising on the comment made from the resident and that the matter had been referred to Cheshire East Highways for a response.
- 56.2 The Parish Council noted and considered the response from the landowner D and J.T. which referred to paragraph No 78, Site Development options. The Parish Council had some initial observations regarding the statement made and it was agreed to finalise the response at the Extra-Ordinary Meeting on 14 January 2020.

## 57 BUDGET 2020-21

The Parish Council considered the Clerk's budget report, budget monitoring proposals and the ledger payments up to the end of November 2019. Taking account of future anticipated spend during 2020-21, it was AGREED:

1. That the Clerk be asked to request a precept payment of £4,900 to Cheshire East.
2. That the Clerk's salary increase to £1,450 per annum with effect from 1 April 2020.

## 58 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 58.1 Authorisation of Payments

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved:

£137.60	HMRC payment regarding Clerk's salary
£1260.00	Cheshire Community Action
£55.09	Printing costs for Neighbourhood Plan work
£50.25	Stationery and ink for Clerk
£20.00	Nettle Cutting – Councillor D Smith
£56.38	Purchase of Christmas tree lights – reimbursement of Councillor I Jones.

**59. TREE MAINTENANCE**

The Parish Council considered the quotation received from Tim Fleet Trees Limited in relation to a report on the current condition of two horse chestnut trees on Hankelow Village Green and recommendations for felling and pruning.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr K Shenton at Hankelow Hall who the Parish Council considered may have responsibility for the trees on the Green, asking whether he wished to provide a quotation for the necessary felling and pruning work that was required.

**60. VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

The Parish Council considered a request from a resident to erect vehicle weight restriction signs to prevent access to HGV vehicles at the junction of the A529/one of the access routes to Hall Lane. It was agreed that this was a matter for Cheshire East Highways and the Clerk was asked to write to Cheshire East to ask that they consider this request.

**61. SHARED INFORMATION**

Councillor Fitzsimons updated on the play area on the Heyford Homes development and advised that when over half of the new homes had been sold on the site the play area would be unlocked and available for use by the community.

Some discussion took place about the flooding that was currently occurring and it was agreed that Councillor Derek Smith would report the gully flooding at Lodge Farm and Hankelow View.

**62. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Extra-Ordinary Meeting to be held on 14 January 2020  
2 March 2020

.....Chair

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and closed at 8.25pm