

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2020**

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chair
Councillor D Smith
Councillor C Fitzsimons
Councillor C Cope (Co-opted at the meeting)

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public plus Mr J Durrant, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey.

103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

104. 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, 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

There were no other declarations of interest.

105. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2020 were approved as a correct record.

106. 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. No questions had been sent through to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

107. CASUAL VACANCY – CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council had a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and the notice of vacancy was advertised on the notice board on 13 July 2020. No requests to fill the vacancy by election were made at that time. The Parish Council considered the expression of interest that it had received and took the decision to co-opt the applicant, Christopher Cope, to become a new Parish Councillor. Councillor Cope completed the relevant co-option paperwork at the meeting.

108. HANKELOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, John Durrant, provided an update on progress with implementation. At the last Parish Council meeting, it was reported that the Neighbourhood Plan had been amended to include references to the revised AECOM Site Options and Assessment report, and was ready for resubmission to Cheshire East. This was done during September and the Regulation 16 started on the 30th. Local respondents were informed in relation to the previous (Regulation 14) consultation. The consultation was due to close at 7pm on 11th November and, to date, no comments had been made.

When the consultation closes, the next step is for Cheshire East to appoint an external examiner. It is essential that the Qualifying Body (ie. the Parish Council) agreed to the final appointment, so Tom Evans had sent the profile of their candidate, Patrick Whitehead. His appointment had been unanimously approved by the Steering Group and Parish Council members and the approval was noted by the Parish Council at the meeting. The Parish Council is also required to appoint an individual point of contact for the examiner and it was agreed that this would be John Durrant. The examiner will check the Plan, and will take into account any responses to the Regulation 16 consultation. He may have questions, hence the requirement for a contact person. Ultimately, he will decide if the plan is compliant with the requirements, or can be made compliant with some modifications and whether the Plan can then proceed to the referendum stage.

It was noted that the consultation on the latest version of the Cheshire East SADPD was also running at the moment, ending on 7 December at 5pm. Some feedback was provided to the previous consultation last year and it was confirmed that Hankelow had now been classified as an “infill village” in this version – previously it was just “open countryside”.

109. FINANCIAL MATTERS

109.1 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payment be approved -

£137.60 HMRC payment regarding Clerk's salary.

109.2 Draft Budget 2021-22

The Parish Council gave initial consideration to the draft budget report which had been produced which made some recommendations over the budget spend for 2020-21. A number of observations and suggestions were made in relation to existing and proposed spend. The Clerk to take these considerations into account in preparing and presenting the budget for formal approval by the Parish Council at its meeting on 4 January 2021.

109.3 Receipts and Payments Statement

The Parish Council noted the receipts and payments statement as at 5 October 2020.

110. **WILDLIFE AND CLIMATE RESPONSE**

The Parish Council noted and considered the requested received from a parishioner to consider making an ecology and wildlife climate response.

RESOLVED: That the Chair would look further into this and report back at the next meeting.

111. **SPEED LIMIT**

The Parish Council considered a letter that had been sent to Audlem Parish Council asking for support in a lower speed limit being applied on the road between Audlem and Hankelow.

RESOLVED: After some discussion, and noting that the road was within Audlem and that this matter was being considered by Audlem PC the following week, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not provide feedback.

112. **SHARED INFORMATION**

Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey reported updated on Cheshire East matters of interest which included progress with planning applications, well-managed highways and housing allocations consultations and the reinstatement of the Saturday bus service.

113. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 4 January 2021 at 7.30pm.

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Chair

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and closed at 8.45pm