MINUTES OF EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14 JUNE 2021 HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chair

Councillor C Cope Councillor I Jones Councillor C Fitzsimons

IN ATTENDANCE: There were no members of the public in attendance.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

23. **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.

There were no declarations of interest.

24. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions had been received from members of the public.

25. PLANNING APPLICATION

Application No: 21/3019N Proposal: One and a half storey rear extension for internal alterations and new vehicular access with existing access closed. Acre Hill Cottage, Audlem Road, Hankelow, Crewe CW3 0JE. Deadline for observations: 30 June 2021

The Parish Council was invited to comment on the above planning application.

RESOLVED: That Cheshire East be advised as follows:

Hankelow Parish Council considered planning application 21/3019N at its Extra-Ordinary Meeting on 14 June 2021. Overall, the Parish Council has no objections to the rear extension and new vehicular access that is being proposed but would make a number of observations:

The Parish Council is disappointed about the amount of hedge that is proposed to be reduced as hedgerows must generally be preserved and any proposed work would not normally adversely impact upon them. The modifications to the hedgerow will require adequate justification and proposals for mitigation.

The Parish Council would wish to be satisfied that the hard surfaces are located a sufficient distance from existing veteran trees to safeguard them and provide for their long term retention.

It is not clear whether Highways have had sight and had the opportunity to comment on this planning application. If not, the Parish Council would request that the application be brought to the attention of Highways so that they may make a site inspection to make observations, particularly as the proposed new driveway is near the end of the 30 mph limit and vehicles coming from Audlem direction often are still well above the limit at that point. The Parish Council would ask that Highways consider if the proposed splays are adequate. The Parish Council notes that there is no dropped kerb where the new driveway will be situated and assume that Highways will also need to approve modifications to the kerb.

The Parish Council notes that there will be a number of windows on the south side of the new extension and anticipate additional lights on the outside parking area. In these circumstances, policy NE3 - light pollution - may apply which states that "outdoor lighting sources as part of new developments should be well located, kept to the minimum required for safety and security, have a minimum impact on the environment, minimise light pollution and minimise adverse effects on wildlife. Where possible, individual short-period timer controls and/or movement sensors shall be installed for outdoor light sources to ensure they do not remain illuminated any longer than necessary and lighting should use low energy technology." It is requested that this be taken into account when determining this planning application.

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The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and closed at 8.10pm