

**MINUTES OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
4 JANUARY 2022  
HANKELOW METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Foster                      Chair  
                  Councillor C Cope                      Vice-Chair  
                  Councillor A Postlethwaite  
                  Councillor I Jones  
                  Councillor C Fitzsimons

**IN ATTENDANCE:**                      Three members of the public were in attendance

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**56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cheshire East Councillor Rachel Bailey.

**57. 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 and I Jones declared an interest in any discussions on the agenda in relation to The White Lion Community Pub Limited.

**58. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2021**

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2021.

**59. 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. There were no questions raised.

**60. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**60.1 Budget 2022-23**

In considering the approval of its budget, the Parish Council considered the Clerk's budget report, budget proposals for 2022-23 and ledger detailing receipts and payments for the period 1 April 2021 to 3 December 2021.

**AGREED:** That the Clerk would request to Cheshire East a precept of £3,400.

**60.2 Authorisation of Payments**

The Parish Council approved the following payment:

£137.60 – HMRC, tax on Clerk's salary.

**61. INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES - HANKELOW**

It had been brought to the Parish Council's attention that industrial activities were taking place within Hankelow and the Parish Council considered whether to notify CEC Planning or the Environment Agency about this activity within the Parish.

**AGREED:** To write to David Malcom at Cheshire East Council and the Environment Agency, as follows:

Parishioners have approached the Parish Council raising concerns about the increased scale of the activity with a subsequent increase in the volume of industrial vehicles accessing

and leaving the site, causing disruption on the roads around the Parish. The Parish Council understands that some development work is underway to support the increased scale of the operation and use of the site, which includes the creation of a hard-standing in the middle of the field and a road being constructed to help support access to and from the site. The Parish Council believes that this work may exacerbate the flooding that already takes place on the A528 at Corbook during inclement weather and will also impact upon the environment and the conditions within the Hankelow Neighbourhood Plan.

The Environment Agency and Cheshire East were both asked to advise over the following -

1. Whether the increased level of operation is compliant with the conditions of the waste site licence operated by Elmbridge UK Ltd; and
2. Whether planning approval is required for the development work that is being carried out on the site; and
3. The Parish Council understands that a Pollution Prevention Control Permit has been granted to the company and that, in accordance with the permit conditions, Cheshire East carries out an annual compliance check. Please can you confirm that the compliance check has been carried out and, if so, advise on the findings from the check.
4. What steps, if any, have been taken to ensure that the flooding of the A528 at Corbook is not exacerbated by this operation?
5. The Parish Council would also wish to be informed of the longer term development and activity plans for the site.

62. **POLICE AND COMMISSION CRIME PLAN**

The Parish Council noted the email and supporting Plan received from CHALC.

63. **WHITE LION COMMUNITY PUB LIMITED – DRAIN**

The Parish Council expressed concern over responsibility for liability for this drain and noted a letter that had been received from the residents of Hankelow requesting that a commercial lease agreement be put in place before the waste run off is utilised.

**AGREED:** That Councillor Jones make contact Sarah Parker to see who her solicitors are in order that the Parish Council could then seek some advice in relation to this.

64. **SHARED INFORMATION**

64.1 **Caravans**

The Chair reported on a letter that she had received from Cozy Nook about residential caravans and advised that she had responded.

64.2 **Highways Top Up**

The Chair reported on a meeting that she had attended with other Parish Councils to discuss the highways top-up. It had been agreed that Cheshire East were to be advised that a non-refundable administrative charge for the top-up was unacceptable.

65. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 7 March 2022.

.....Chair

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 9pm