

MINUTES OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6 MARCH 2023

HANKELOW METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster (Chair)
Councillor C Cope (Vice-Chair)
Councillor I Jones
Councillor A Postlethwaite

IN ATTENDANCE: There were two members of the public in attendance.

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor C Fitzsimons and Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked 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 I Jones and G Foster declared an interest in any discussion on The White Lion Community Pub Limited.

59. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3 JANUARY 2023

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

60. 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 two questions from members of the public related to the easement associated with the surface water drainage from The White Lion Community Pub Ltd. One member of the public spoke about arrangements for celebrating the Coronation within the Parish.

61. WHITE LION COMMUNITY PUB LIMITED – DRAIN

Councillor Cope gave an update on the current position with the above agenda item.

A meeting was due to be held between representatives from The White Lion and the Parish Council but due to holiday commitments this meeting had yet to take place.

Councillor Cope advised that he had contacted the solicitor who will be able to provide legal advice over this matter and a quotation of £750 plus VAT had been received.

AGREED: The cost of the legal representation on this matter was agreed by the Parish Council and it was also agreed that Councillor Cope would make contact with the solicitor so that the legal advice could be progressed.

62. **AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL COMMITTEE**

The Parish Council noted the communication from the Chair of Audlem Public Hall Committee asking whether they wished to have representation on the Committee. Having considered the request, the Parish Council decided on this occasion that it did not wish to send a representative.

63. **CRIME DATA REPORT**

The Parish Council considered and noted the crime data as follows:

- 4/1 Fraud. Banking scam.
- 8/1 Burglary Dwelling: Hall Lane, garage broken into
- 22/1 Violence: Audlem Road.

64. **SHARED INFORMATION**

Councillor Bailey had submitted a written update related to the following items:

- Cheshire Arriva Bus Contract
- Go Too Bus service
- Councillor Bailey advised that she had voted against the CE budget, in particular because of a further £0.8m cut to the highway budget, implementation of a charge for food/green waste and bus service cuts along with the lack of detail. She believed these items, whilst agreed will now be considered by their respective committees, albeit it will likely be after the May 4th elections.
- She had raised concerns at a recent CE Children & Families Committee as to the differential in funding per pupil in this year's allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant. Locally this is up to £2K.
- She had received further correspondence from a concerned resident regarding the recent RTC at The White Lion Hankelow Junction involving a cyclist, along with a petition. By chance she had the opportunity to raise this matter in conversation with the Police and Crime Commissioner recently, but there seemed to be few easy answers.
- NaLC had promoted a link to lottery funding to support community events to celebrate the Kings Coronation in May. The Parish Council followed this up for further information.
- CE currently provide a Wellbeing Bus Service, which visits local communities.

65. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to move the date of the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting it was re-arranged to **Tuesday, 9 May 2023.**

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm

.....Chair

