

# HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 AT HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL

**Present:** Cllr Chris Cope, Cllr Ian Jones, Cllr Gin Foster, Cllr Tom Muxlow, Cllr Ian Parker, Cllr Bellinger

**In attendance**

Abbi Miller (Clerk), 1 member of the public

### 25/69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

### 25/70 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllrs Jones, Foster and Parker have all signed a dispensation for being shareholders in the White Lion Pub Ltd. There were no other declarations of interest.

### 25/71 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Muxlow and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and the extraordinary meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 be approved as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chair.

### 25/72 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, section 1d, members of the public were able to ask a question of the Parish Council or make a statement.

There were no questions raised by members of the public

### 25/73 MATTERS ARISING

25/59 –

Hedge cutting on Longhill Lane: A member of the public had spoken Mr Thelwell, who informed him that the hedges in question belonged to another farm. As hedges cannot be cut from 1 March until 31 August, the Parish Council resolved to discuss this again at the September meeting.

25/64 –

Cllr Cope has corresponded with Mr Tonks regarding a memorial tree for his mother on the green. Mr Tonks informed Cllr Cope that he would like to plant a silver birch once the old tree had been removed. **RESOLVED.**

### 25/74 FINANCE MATTERS

The following payments were authorised:

- £100.00 Cllr Chris Cope – Chair's Allowance
- £119.99 Cllr Ian Jones – Speed Watch Camera Batteries

### 25/75 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no new planning applications with decisions made since the last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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## 25/75.1 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no new planning applications.

## 25/76 WHITE LION DRAINAGE ISSUES

Cllr Cope provided the following update:

- Cllr Cope has sent all relevant documents to Thornton Solicitors, but had not had a response for a while.
- Mr Cramer had been in agreement with the draft wording.
- Cllr Cope will chase again in two weeks.
- Cllr Cope will keep Mr Cramer apprised of all updates.
- Cllr Cope will circulate draft agreement to all Councillors once received back from the Solicitors.

## 25/77 REPAIR/UPGRADE OF DRAIN IN THE PARISH

Works are scheduled to commence this month.

## 25/78 VILLAGE GREEN SUB-COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Village Green Sub-Committee updated the Parish Council on the following:

- There had been some damage to the grass on the Village Green due to parking.

Tree Policy Amendment Suggestions provided by the Parish Councillors:

- Applicants need to agree the breed of tree with the Parish Council and the final decision will be at the discretion of the Parish Council.
- The planting of Memorial Trees will not be granted as standard, and only when a tree needs replacing.
- Change the title of the policy from 'Tree Policy' to 'Memorials on the Green Policy' and to include benches.
- Benches will only be granted when one needs replacing (it has become irreparable).
- Consider charging an upfront cost for maintenance, to go into Parish Council budget line.

**ACTION:** Cllr Cope to update the current draft policy and present at the next meeting.

## 25/79 UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Rachel Bailey was not in attendance.

## 25/80 (ALL) MEMBERS REPORTS TO RAISE TO COUNCIL (FORMERLY AOB)

Cllr Bellinger has been approached by Mr Derek Smith regarding the resurfacing of the unadopted road, and if the Parish Council would be willing to contribute to the cost of some gravel as it is Parish Council land.

**ACTION:** Parish Clerk to add to the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.

## 25/81 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Hankelow Chapel, 11 Old School Lane, Hankelow, CW3 0JN

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The meeting closed at 20:25 pm.

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