

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE SCHOOLROOM
HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL, ON 12 MAY 2015**

Present: Councillor G Foster In the Chair
Councillors C Ainley, G Cope, I Jones and A Lee
Members of the public

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillors were invited to make any declarations of interest. No declarations were made.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the following parish meetings be approved as correct records:

- 12 May 2014 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- 7 July 2014

3 ACCOUNTS – 2014-2015 (UNAUDITED)

Copies of the unaudited accounts were available at the meeting and members of the public were invited to raise issues, or ask questions.

No comments were made.

4 REPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Amenities Group

Val Morrey of the Amenities Group, was unable to attend but had provided a written report which was read out at the meeting and covered the following:

- The Summer Fete on 22 June 2015 had been very successful and the Group was able to make a donation of £1,500 to Macmillan Cancer Support.
- Other donations made included –

○ Crewe Concert Band	£200
○ Nantwich Free runners	£150
○ Scouts, Musicland and Firefighters Charity	£50 each
○ Residents of Greenbank	£30
for use of the home-owner's electricity	
○ Hankelow Methodist Church	£150
- The Group provided refreshments at the Transport of Festival held on the village green on 27 July 2014.
- The Autumn Supper was held at Brookfield Golf Club on 15 October 2014. The retiring postman, Malcolm 'Chalky' White, had been unable to attend for his presentation and this would be arranged for a future date.
- Carol Singing on the village green: 60 people attended and the collection, chosen by Chalky White, made £100 for the Liver Unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.
- On 26 April 2015, 35 people attended a visit to Wollerton Hall Gardens.
- The fete for 2015 was scheduled for Sunday, 21 June. The main events would be the Crewe Concert Band, Cheshire Academy Gymnasts, the Biddulph Ukelele Band Wybunbury School Choir, Tug-of-War and sports for all ages. There would also be the usual stalls and refreshments and this year fund-raising

would be aimed at the refurbishment of the Community Hall, but other charities would benefit.

To help fund the fete refreshments would be provided in the Public Hall at the Audlem Carnival to be held on 25 May.

- The report closed with a plea for more helpers and ideas. Meetings were held once a month and the date was advertised on the village website.

Audlem Public Hall Annexe Committee

As the Parish Council's representative on this Committee, Malcolm Lees reported on recent activities and the proposal for it to be re-registered as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Gin Foster reported on the Parish Council's activities in the previous year. These included:

- The village had won a Community Pride award for the category of local authorities under 400 population.
- The Methodist Chapel had been added as an asset under the 'Community Right to Bid' scheme, with Cheshire East Council. This would mean that if there was a proposal for the Circuit to try to sell the Chapel, the Parish Council would be given the opportunity to raise funds to purchase it.
- Litter-picking equipment was available from the Chairman if anyone wished to carry out their own litter-pick of the area.
- Cheshire East Council had been asked about protecting the trees along Hall Lane and these were now subject to Tree Preservation Orders.
- The Chairman also reported on the number of houses and population changes.
- The Parish Council was aiming for May 2016 for completion of the questionnaires to be issued to residents to inform the Neighbourhood Plan. There would also be a stand at the Fete.

6 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY LOCAL ELECTORS

The only issue raised by residents was an enquiry about the drainage on the village green. This had previously been raised in 2014. Cheshire East Council was considering the matter and subject to funds being available, would consider this for inclusion in its major schemes programme. As there had been no contact from Cheshire East Council, it was unlikely that this would feature in its programme for the forthcoming year.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 7.45 pm