**MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE SCHOOLROOM
HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL, ON 2 MAY 2017**

Present: Councillor G Foster   In the Chair

          Councillors C Ainley, G Cope, I Jones and A Lee

          Four 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 MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 3 May 2016 be approved as a correct record.

3   ACCOUNTS – 2016-2017 (UNAUDITED)

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

The Clerk was asked to enquire of the Internal Auditor if the village green should be added to the list of fixed assets.

4   REPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Amenities Group

In the absence of Val Morrey, Chairman of the Amenities Group, the Parish Council Chairmen read her report to the meeting:

- 19 June 2016: The Summer Fayre was a success and the following donations were made –
  - £200 to Crewe Concert Band
  - £225 to the Royal Vale Falconry Display
  - £500 divided between St Luke's Hopsice and Bloodwise.
  - £100 to Hankelow Methodist Church
  - £50 each to the Fire-fighter's Charity and Musicland.
  - £30 to the RSPCA
  - £30 to Greenbank for use of electricity.

  Out of the fund raised, it was also possible to purchase a new gas urn, which was a great help in the refreshment marquee.

- Audlem Transport Festival. Refreshments were provided by the Amenities Group.

- The annual coach trip was on 4 September 2016 when 33 people attended the visit to Norton Priory.

- 27 October 2016: 70 people attended an Autumn Supper at Brookfield Golf Club.

- 'Carols on the Green' was well-supported and a donation of £150 was given to the NSPCC.

- Looking forward, the Summer Fete in 2017 would be held on 18 June when the Crewe Concert Band will provide the entertainment and the Vale Royal Falconry will once again be in attendance. The usual stalls would be arranged and fund-raising

would be for the British Heart Foundation in memory of Roy Hill who sadly died earlier in the year.

- 16 July 207: A walk and guided tour of Hankelow Hall had been arranged, and a visit to ness Gardens on 3 September 2017.

The Great Get-Together

A 'Great Get Together' event was being held to mark the murder of Jo Cox on 16 June 2016. Application for a grant, and also a liquor license had been made.

The White Lion Action Group

Members of the Parish Council reported that a business group had been set up, to develop a business plan, and a website had been created.

There was brief reference to the survey report which had now been received by the Parish Council, following which it was agreed that the Action Group could release the document.

5   CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Gin Foster reported on the Parish Council's activities in the previous year and made specific reference to the following:

- She thanked the whole community for its support.

- There was concern about the safety of all road users and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would address this as part of its deliberations as the Neighbourhood Plan process continued.

- The main issue for the parish was the situation regarding The White Lion and this would feature as a regular item on forthcoming agendas.

6   MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY LOCAL ELECTORS

Issues raised by residents were as follows:

- Speeding traffic on Longhill Lane was a concern. Councillor Ainley reported that he was preparing a petition for submission to Cheshire East Council.

  Councillor Ainley undertook to place the SDU (speed display unit) on Longhill Lane, switch off the display so that the speed would be recorded and could be used as evidence.

- Comment was made that two local residents who regularly carried out grounds tidying work, were no longer able to continue, unless there were others who could help.

  It was AGREED that an item be placed on the next Parish Council agenda to consider purchasing a strimmer.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 8.10 pm