

HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Councillors are summoned to a meeting of the Parish Council

DATE: MONDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2014
TIME: 7.30 PM
VENUE: SCHOOL ROOM, HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL



Signed: _____ Date of Issue: 25 August 2014

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any non-pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

Whilst the Clerk can advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the particular circumstances.

3 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2014. ...

.4 ACTION FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2014

The following actions have been implemented:

- Malcolm Lees has agreed to be the Parish Council's appointed trustee on the new Audlem Public Hall Committee.
- The Clerk has notified the insurance company that the Village Green should be added to the insurance schedule for the purposes of public liability.

To: Councillors G Foster (Chairman), C Ainley, G Cope, I Jones and A Lee

Copy: Borough Councillor R A Bailey

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Rachel Bailey to report on Cheshire East Council matters of interest.

6 FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Authorisation of Payments

£65.00 Mrs C M Jones – Reimbursement for tax paid to HMRC for the period to July 2014
£65.00 HM Revenue & Customers – tax for the period to October 2014.
£to be advised Councillor C Ainley – Purchase of '30 mph' stickers for wheelie bins

6.2 Receipts and Payments – 1 April 2014 – 31 July 2014 Budget Monitoring – 2014-2015

To receive a receipts and payments statement for the period to 31 July 2014, together with a budget monitoring statement (2014-2015) which shows the position at 31 July 2014. This is indicative only as the bank statement is to 22 July 2014. ...

6.3 Authorisation of Clerk as a Bank Signatory

The Clerk is currently not listed either as a signatory or a correspondent in respect of the Parish Council's bank account. This means that the Clerk is not entitled to speak to staff at NatWest, nor to communicate in writing. This is currently carried out by the Chairman. Bank statements are issued to 'The Chairman' but are sent to the Clerk's home address.

It is normal practice for Clerks/Responsible Financial Officers to be able to correspond directly with their parish council's bank. The Parish Council is asked to authorise the Clerk as a correspondent and a cheque signatory. Although it is not best practice for Clerks to be able to sign cheques, there are occasions when it can be helpful. The main issue is the ability to correspond/speak to staff at NatWest about the parish council's accounting arrangements.

7 LITTER-BIN – LAY-BY ADJACENT TO THE SWEDISH HOUSES (Item requested by Councillor G Foster)

The Parish Council is invited to consider the purchase of a litter-bin for installation in the lay-by adjacent to the Swedish Houses. Cheshire East Street Cleansing has not yet confirmed if emptying of a bin in this location can be included on the waste-collection round.

The cost of a litter-bin is approximately £700.00 and as Members will see from agenda item 7.2 above, there are sufficient funds available for this purchase.

8 PLANNING

8.1 Neighbourhood Plan/Village Design Statement (VDS)

(a) To report that parish councillors will be meeting with Tom Evans (Cheshire East Council Planning Officer from the Spatial Planning Team) on Monday, 22 September at 3.00 pm at Westfields, Sandbach.

The Parish Council is invited to prepare a list of questions/topics to be raised at the meeting with Tom Evans.

(b) The VDS working group to report progress.

8.2 Technical Consultation on Planning

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published a number of new proposals to make practical improvements on earlier planning reforms. For ease of reference, a copy of the consultation document is enclosed. ...

The National Association of Local Councils is inviting comments from town and parish councils to inform its own submission. Comments are required by 19 September 2014.

8.3 Planning Applications

Comments are invited on the following planning application which was forwarded to Members under separate cover. Comments are required by 17 September 2014. Members are encouraged to view the application on-line at the Cheshire East Council website (www.cheshireeast.gov.uk). Alternatively, the application could be viewed at the meeting using the Parish Council's projector and a laptop.

14/3717N Coole Hall Farm, Mill Lane, Hankelow
Installation of 100 kW solar PV system on a farm building roof.
The system comprises 400 x 250W solar PV modules.

9 CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (ChALC)

As part of its review of Area Working, ChALC has established a number of thematic boards, one of which is 'Rural Matters Board (East)'. The others are (1) Community and Environment and (2) Economic Development.

The Rural Matters Board is holding its first meeting on 30 September at Byley Village Hall, Middlewich at 7.00 pm and the Parish Council is invited to nominate two representatives to attend the meeting.

10 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE and FLOOD RESPONSE – WORKSHOP

The Parish Council is invited to participate in a table-top workshop to be held on 22 October (Westfields, Sandbach) from 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss and participate in a simulated emergency situation.

Places are limited and are offered on a 'first come, first served' basis.

11 SHARED INFORMATION

Parish Councillors are invited to share information. Members who are appointed to outside bodies can take this opportunity to report on any recent meetings.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 3 November 2014

Notes

1) Members of the Public

The Parish Council welcomes and encourages members of the public to attend its meetings. You are requested to enter and leave quietly and to remain quiet during the meeting. Mobile phones and pagers should be switched off, and no food or drink should be brought into the meeting.

Members of the public are not able to participate in meetings but are able to ask questions or make a statement, prior to the start of the meeting. In addition, if you feel there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council you may contact the Clerk, the Chairman, or any member of the Parish Council, and arrangements can be made to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting, if appropriate.

On occasions, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meetings when the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature; for example, dealing with individual people, staffing matters, contracts and financial affairs of other parties.

2) Parish Councillors

A) Notice of items

The Parish Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which has not been specifically included on the agenda, and there is case law to this effect (*Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119*).

B) Planning Grounds The grounds on which observations can be made on planning applications are as follows –

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| 1 | Development Plan in all its aspects | 8 | Appropriateness of use taking account of local area |
| 2 | Government legislation and guidance | 9 | Effect on highway safety |
| 3 | Siting | 10 | Landscape |
| 4 | Design | 11 | Listed buildings |
| 5 | External appearance | 12 | Conservation areas |
| 6 | Compatibility with street scene | 13 | Land |
| 7 | Development effect on neighbouring properties, contamination, amenities and privacy | 14 | Flooding |

Non-Relevant Matters

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| 1 | Matters controlled by other legislation | 6 | Business competition |
| 2 | Effects on private rights | 7 | Personal circumstances – health/finance |
| 3 | Provisions in covenants/deeds | 8 | Ownership |
| 4 | Effect on property values | 9 | Moral issues |
| 5 | Private opinions | | |

Note: If the Parish Council agrees, in principle, with an application, but not in all aspects, suggestions for “development conditions” can be made, in line with relevant factors.