

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE SCHOOLROOM,  
HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL, ON 7 MAY 2019**

Presiding: Councillor G Foster (Chair of the Parish Council)

Parish Councillors Present: Councillors A Lee, I Jones, D Smith.

Apologies: Councillor C Fitzsimons

Registered Electors: Seven members of the public

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**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 1 May 2018 be approved as a correct record.

**3. ACCOUNTS – 2018-19**

Copies of the unaudited accounts were tabled at the meeting.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Councillor Gin Foster's report made specific reference to the following:

- An election had recently taken place and consequently the Parish Council membership had changed since last year.
- Geoff Cope had decided not to stand for re-election having served 45 years as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council formally thanked Geoff for his contribution and support to the work of the Parish Council during this time.
- Two new Councillors had recently been elected and the Parish Council welcomed Councillor Derek Smith and Councillor Carol Fitzsimons.
- Carol Jones, Clerk to the Council for over six years, had resigned from the role. Carol was thanked for her services during this time and the Chair introduced the new Clerk, Paula Cottrell.
- Thanks to all the residents for their continuing help to the community of Hankelow and for supporting community life through the various activities that they have engaged in and the work that they have undertaken over the last 12 months.

- Thanks to Charlie Foster for the work that he had undertaken over the last 12 years in the maintenance of the Hankelow Online Noticeboard. It was noted that Charlie had decided not to continue to undertake this role and John Durrant had taken over responsibility for the maintenance of the website. Anyone wishing to post any future events should contact John who will make the appropriate arrangements.
- Significant progress had been made as a consequence of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the group was thanked for their contribution over the last 12 months.

## **5. REPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS**

### **Amenities Group**

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

- 17 June 2018 : The Village Fete took place and was a great success and out of the takings the following donations were made:
  - £500 each to the chosen charities, Audlem First Responders and the North West Air Ambulance.
  - £150 to Hankelow Methodist Church
  - £50 to the Firefighters Charity
  - £30 to Greenbank for the use of electricity
  - £60 to the Broad Lane School Choir
  - £60 to the Explorers
  - £25 to the Audlem Scout and Guides
  - £50 to the Team Lewis Trust
  - £40 to the Stapeley Grange RSPCA Centre
- Refreshments were once again provided at the Festival of Transport on 29 July.
- Whilst unable to participate in the RNLI weekend in September, a donation of £50 was given to the RNLI.
- The following events were organised during the year:
  - A social evening in the Methodist Church on 14 November
  - A Christmas event in the community hall on 9 December
  - Carols on the Green on 10 December
- One other donation was made to Leighton Hospital's 'One in Eleven' Appeal
- Arrangements were well underway for this year's summer fete which will be held on 30 June 2019. New helpers and new ideas were welcome. A meeting is held once a month and the date is on the website.
- Events will continue to be organised throughout the year to bring all ages together with a feeling of community spirit and ongoing support was requested.

**Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

John Durrant from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group reported on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. A copy of the report is attached.

**6. MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORS**

Brian Berry thanked all of the residents who had voted for him in the recent elections and was very pleased with the number of votes and support that he had received. Mr Berry congratulated the new Parish Councillors on their election to the Parish Council and felt that they would undertake an excellent role. He reiterated his commitment to the village and offered his support for any activities.

The meeting commenced at 7.32pm and concluded at 7.55pm

..... Chair