

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 2 MARCH 2020**

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chair
Councillor I Jones
Councillor A Lee
Councillor D Smith
Councillor C Fitzsimons

IN ATTENDANCE: Five members of the public plus Mr J Durrant, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

67 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Rachel Bailey.

68 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

69 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2020 AND 14 JANUARY 2020**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2020 and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting on 14 January 2020 be approved as a correct record.

70 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Order No 1, members of the public were able to ask a question or to make a statement. A member of the public expressed concern about the quality of the road markings (white lining) which had recently been undertaken in Hankelow, in particular some of the dangers that this causing pulling out of Longhill Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to Cheshire East Highways expressing concern about the quality of the road markings that had been undertaken asking for a better quality provision to be undertaken.

71 **HANKELow NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Mr J Durrant, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, gave an update on the progress with the Plan following the last Parish Council meeting. After approval by the Parish Council at their meeting on January 6th, the Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Cheshire East on January 7th for the Regulation 16 consultation, which duly began on January 13th. During the

consultation period, Cheshire East received a complaint from Mr. D. Thelwell on the basis that the Site Options and Assessment report provided by AECOM which was part of our evidence base did not correctly represent his submissions to the Hankelow Call for Sites in 2017.

Cheshire East recommended the temporary withdrawal of the plan temporarily and to ask AECOM to revise their report. The plan was withdrawn in early February and a new application for Technical Support was made to allow AECOM to do the necessary work. This application has now been approved and AECOM had advised that they will start work on the revised report very shortly.

72 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Parish Council noted the receipts and payments statement which showed the financial position as at 5 February 2020.

73 **EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AND TREE MAINTENANCE WORK**

73.1 **Purchase of Litter Bin**

The Parish Council considered the purchase of an additional litter bin. It was agreed that the bin would be located on the lay-by (on Longhill Lane between the junction with Monks Lane and Santosha Kennels) but it was considered important to check whether Cheshire East would empty the bin before a decision was taken to purchase another bin. It was agreed that Councillor Smith would report back with his recommendations on the size of the bin to be purchased and that Clerk would contact Cheshire East to check that they would empty the bin, if purchased. It was agreed that this item would be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

73.2 **Purchase of Horse Troughs**

Following consideration, it was agreed not to purchase two additional horse troughs.

73.3 **Woodlands Trust – Planting of Trees**

The Parish Council gave consideration to the planting of trees around the Parish and noted that the Woodlands Trust provided saplings and made recommendations on the most appropriate place for them to be planted. It was agreed that Councillor Lee complete the application to the Woodlands Trust on behalf of the Parish Council.

73.4 **Quotation for Tree Maintenance Work**

The Parish Council considered the quotation received from Kirk Shenton for tree maintenance work carried out on the Green. It was noted that since this estimate had been supplied the work had actually been carried out by Mr Shenton. Some discussion took place on the role of Mr Shenton as the Parish's

tree warden and it was agreed to write to Mr Shenton to acknowledge his tree warden responsibilities but ask that in future he provide some time for the Parish Council to consider any quotation from him at their next Parish Council meeting before any tree work was undertaken in future.

74. SHARED INFORMATION

74.1 Flooding

It was noted that Borough Councillor Bailey and the Chairs of Hankelow and Audlem Parish Councils were to meet to discuss the flooding on the roads around Hankelow.

74.2 Clean Streets Grant Monies

Councillor Bailey confirmed that she had transferred the Audlem Ward clean streets grant monies to Audlem Parish Council on a temporary basis. The allocation of the grant has been calculated based on the population of each Parish Council and it was noted that the amount for Hankelow was £57.39. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Audlem Parish Council to request the payment for Hankelow.

75. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 4 May 2020

.....Chair

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and closed at 8.20pm