

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD
ON 3 MAY 2022
HANKELow METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Parish Councillors Present: Councillors I Jones, C Fitzsimons, C Cope and A Postlethwaite

Registered Electors: One member of the public was in attendance.

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 4 May 2021 be approved as a correct record.

3. ACCOUNTS – 2021-22

Copies of the audited accounts were tabled at the meeting.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- During the last year, Derek Smith resigned from the Parish Council. This left a vacancy on the Parish Council and we welcomed Audrey Postlethwaite as a replacement.
- The Neighbourhood Plan was finally ratified on 28 July 2021 and is now officially part of the Development Plan for Cheshire East. Thank were provided to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for all their hard work in getting the plan adopted.
- The White Lion was finally roaring again, and is no longer a village eyesore. They were wished all the best, and hoped that they continue to be available to the community for many years to come.
- Thanks were given to those who helped to keep the village looking beautiful and welcoming; those who care for the green, fill the village planters, keep the village tidy by picking up litter.
- A special mention was given to James Shenton, who made sure that his team kept the green tidy during the building work at The White Lion, and who arranged for the replacement bench in the bus shelter following the vandalism that occurred last autumn.

- Finally, on a more general note, thanks were given to all the people who kept the community spirit going in whatever way. It was hoped that people will support village events now that they have restarted following the various lockdowns so that the people of Hankelow will get to know each other, and so that Hankelow will continue to have a real community spirit.

5. REPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Hankelow Amenities Group

After Covid restrictions were relaxed the Group provided refreshments for the Festival of Transport on 25 July 2021. A busy morning, lots of smiles and people really appreciated the Group being there providing tea, coffee and bacon baps.

The first Amenities meeting since Covid restrictions was on 24 November.

Carols on the Green went ahead on 13 December. Saxophonie accompanied the singing and two marquees helped to shelter the large amount of people who attended. The mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed by all. A collection was taken and £267 was donated to the Nantwich Food Bank.

At the meeting of the Group on 19 January 2022 they began organising the Summer Fete to be held on 19 June this year. Main events were Crewe concert band, Cheshire Academy Gymnasts and Stapeley Broad Lane School Choir. The charities supported this year were St Luke's Hospice and Cheshire Young Carers.

The Group held an AGM on 24 March at which they had photograph displays, a slide show and refreshments were provided. Those who were there enjoyed the evening, but the turnout was disappointing. They were hoping to attract more people to show what they do and to get more help with the fete and future events.

It was agreed that Val Morrey would carry on as Chair and Rose Smith as Treasurer. Val thanked Rose and all the group for their help.

Other events organised for this year are a picnic on the Green on Saturday, 4 June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and an Autumn Supper at The White Lion on 18 October. The Committee asked for continued support.

6. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY REGISTERED ELECTORS

There were no matters raised by registered electors.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 7.45pm

..... Chair