

# HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2009.

THOSE PRESENT:- Bron Kerrigan, The Chairman, Cllrs. Cope, Hulme and Foster and 7 Parishioners.

1. PRESENTATION. The Chairman introduced Bron Kerrigan, who is not employed by Cheshire East Council but by Cheshire Community Action, a completely separate and distinct charity and company limited by guarantee. Bron Kerrigan's post is however, part funded by Cheshire East and Cheshire West Councils to facilitate Parish Planning in their respective areas on their behalf and to hold and manage their funding projects. The Chairman explained that Bron Kerrigan had been invited to talk to the Parish Council concerning the possibility of setting up a Parish Plan in Hankelow.

Tom Hassall requested that before Bron Kerrigan gave her address he might mention the Bell which was formerly in place on the School in Hankelow as he now had authority to bring the Bell back to Hankelow, It was agreed that residents should be consulted as to the installation of the bell in the village.

Bron Kerrigan addressed the Parish Council on the setting up of a Parish Plan in the village, for which funding was available. Bron Kerrigan would be available to oversee the production of a Brochure which would contain the Plan and it was the Hankelow Community who would decide what they would like to see in the plan for the future of Hankelow. Bron Kerrigan suggested that initially, a small group of volunteers set up a steering Committee to arrange a Public Open Event with Refreshments, for which the sum of £250. 00. would be available from the Fund. However, if it was decided not to continue with the production of a Village Plan the £250. 00 would not have to be repaid. Local residents would be invited to the Event to learn more about the Plan and to vote on whether they would like to see a Plan implemented. It was suggested that the Group contains two representatives from the Parish Council and that a Committee be formed. The Committee would not be dominated by the Parish Council. Bron Kerrigan said that she would speak at the first meeting of the Group and she had a whole tool kit at her disposal with a selection of plans etc. Currently 46 villages have completed their plan with 4 more about to launch and 25 in the course of preparation. Bron Kerrigan confirmed that adopting a Village Plan would be an important influential step for Hankelow as the document would feed into the local Authority and would strengthen Hankelow's hand in the future. The Chairman thanked Bron Kerrigan for her very comprehensive presentation.

2. A.O.B. It was agreed that the subject of the Bell should be discussed

by Hankelow Methodist Church Council . It was agreed that the Bell was part of the history of the village and its restoration and placement could be part of a possible Village Plan.

It was agreed that the first stage of setting up a possible Village Plan should be implemented with the formation of a steering group. John Whitehead, Charlie Foster, Ian Jones, Colin Ainley, Gin Foster and Val Morrey volunteered to form the Group.

CHAIRMAN.