

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HANKELOW  
ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2013**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor G Foster	Chairman
	Councillor G Cope	Vice-Chairman
	Councillor C Ainley	Councillor I Jones
	Councillor A Lee	

Notes:

1. Prior to the start of the meeting, members of the public addressed the Parish Council.
2. Borough Councillor R A Bailey was unable to attend the meeting.

**42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any non-pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest which they had 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.

No declarations were made.

**43 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 August 2013 be approved as a correct record.

Note: owing to a printing error, the Minutes were not able to be signed by the Chairman and would be re-submitted for signature at the next meeting.

**44 MATTERS ARISING**

**44.1 Community Right to Bid – Hankelow Methodist Church**

The Parish Council had previously expressed the view that Hankelow Methodist Church should be registered as a community asset. The Clerk had made enquiries about the process and her report was tabled.

Cheshire East Council managed and administered the Community Right to Bid scheme which was a function under the Localism Act 2011. This allowed community groups time to assemble bids for assets which both they and the Borough Council considered of be of community value, by invoking a moratorium period when a listed asset was to be sold.

The right applied to privately-held assets as well as those owned by the Council. The right did not force the asset-owner to sell to any bidding community group; sales would still be controlled by market forces following a moratorium period.

The first step in the process was to identify the owners of the church and inform them of the Parish Council's proposal.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That the Clerk make enquiries about ownership of Hankelow Methodist Church; and

(b) That the owner be advised of the Parish Council's intention to commence the process of registering the church under the "Right to Bid" scheme.

**45 PLANNING**

There were no planning applications for consideration.

**46 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There were no payments for authorisation.

**47 REPORT OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no matters to report on this occasion.

**48 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey was unable to be in attendance at the meeting.

**49 WORLD RURAL WOMEN'S AWARDS DINNER – 15 OCTOBER 2013**

Parish Councils were invited to nominate a woman from the Parish Council whose achievements could be recognised under the banner of "Cheshire Rural Women's Day".

**RESOLVED:** That no nomination be made.

**50 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence received since the last meeting.

Cheshire East Council

- Developing a joint approach to Localism. Cheshire East Council and partners will soon be starting a review of local area working across Cheshire East, to develop a joint approach to localism and creating resilient communities which will give:
  - Better local accountability and involvement where communities influence how money gets spent and there is transparency in decision making.
  - Reduced demand on local services, building resilient and self-sufficient communities with a focus on early intervention and prevention.
  - A more vibrant market of local service suppliers, including community and voluntary organisations and town and parish councils.

Cheshire Association of Local Councils

- Councillor workshop – afternoon of 27 September at Cheshire Fire and Rescue HQ, Winsford. The session would cover construction of the agenda to enable delegates to become more aware that an agenda demonstrated that the Council was acting lawfully.
- Notification of national salary awards (2013/2014) for Clerks effect 1 April 2013.
- General Power of Competence training – 24 September – Congleton Town Hall.

Other

- Consultation on the proposed route for extending the HS2 network from Birmingham to Manchester and Leeds, with connections onto the West and East Coast Main Lines to serve the North of England and Scotland. Consultation closec in January 2014.

**51 SHARED INFORMATION**

Parish Councillors are invited to share information or to request the inclusion of items on the next agenda.

Note: Decisions cannot be taken under this item.

**52 NEXT MEETING**

Date: 4 November 2013

Agenda item: Safety of tree on Village Green

**53 HOUSING SURVEY**

(Note: Councillor Ainley arrived at this point in the proceedings.)

The Parish Council considered a briefing report prepared by Councillor Ainley. The report detailed the survey proposal, printing requirements, arrangements for on-line and hard copy submission of questionnaires. The report also included cost estimates for the process.

It was noted that the questionnaire was based on the recent core questionnaire used by Buerton and Audlem in December 2012 and this was to ensure a consistent approach. It was also noted that the questionnaire was owned by Cheshire East Council.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That the survey proposal outlined in the report be approved;

(b) That Cheshire East Council carry out the collection of the questionnaires (via freepost envelope or on-line return) and data input, in addition to the components in (e) below;

(c) That a working party of parish councillors, together with volunteers from the community, be established to undertake the printing, collation and distribution of the questionnaire and associated documents;

(d) That the working group provide a point of contact for any parishioners with questions or seeking further information; and

(e) That a sum of £330≈ to cover the cost of the survey as identified in the report be approved. (*It was noted that if Cheshire East Council made a financial contribution of £200 this sum would be reduced accordingly.*)

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm