

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT HANKELOW METHODIST CHURCH, HANKELOW ON 7 JANUARY 2019**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor G Foster Chairman  
Councillor C Ainley  
Councillor G Cope  
Councillor I Jones

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Three members of the public, including Mr J Durrant  
Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor A Lee

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**59 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 interest, and in respect of disclosable interests to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

Councillors C Ainley, G Foster and I Jones each declared an interest in the proceedings in respect of any discussion on the White Lion Community Pub Ltd. on the basis that they were shareholders in the company.

No other declarations were made.

**60 MINUTES – 5 NOVEMBER 2018**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2018 be approved as a correct record.

**61 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.

The following issues were raised:

- Need for more warning signs about dog-fouling.

Councillor I Jones undertook to purchase appropriate signs for installing on the Village Green and be reimbursed for the expenditure at the next meeting.

**62 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Mr John Durrant, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report on progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Technical support was to be provided by AECOM in respect of the Call for Sites. When this was completed, it would be possible to finalise the Neighbourhood Plan.

**63 BUDGET – 2019-2020**

The Parish Council was asked to approve its budget for 2019-2020. The following documents were submitted for consideration.

- Clerk's Budget Report
- Ledger showing receipts and payments for the period 1 April 2018 to 20 November 2018.
- Budget Monitoring (as at 20 November 2018) and budget proposals for 2019-2020.

It was agreed that Line 10 (Speed Watch Maintenance) be reduced to £100; and that a sum of £200 be allocated for the new Clerk's training costs.

The calculation of the expected balance on 1 April 2019 was noted:	£
Balance at bank on 20 November 2018	10,170.00
LESS Spend 21 November 2018 to 31 March 2019	-1,924.00
LESS Balance of Groundwork UK funding (after 21 November 2018)	<u>-2,985.00</u>
Expected balance on 1 April 2019	<b><u>5,261.00</u></b>

Precept Requirement:

Budget for 2019-2020	7,705.00
LESS Expected balance on 1 April 2019	<u>-5,261.00</u>
Precept requirement (rounded)	<b><u>2,500.00</u></b>

**RESOLVED:** (a) That a budget of £7,705.00 be approved;

(b) That the Clerk's salary be approved at £1,500 per annum with effect from 1 April 2019, in accordance with the NALC guidance on salaries; and

(c) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of £2,500.00 from Cheshire East Council.

#### 64 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved –

£20.00	G Cope – reimbursement for nettle-cutting
£1,280.00	Cheshire Community Action – Neighbourhood Plan support
£50.00	Barn Owl Trust <sup>1</sup>

#### 65 REQUEST FROM SANTOSHA KENNELS

This item had been deferred from the previous meeting.

Santosha Kennels had asked the Parish Council to consider the installation of an information sign opposite to Longhill Lane on the Village Green, to direct people to the location of the kennels. Members had suggested an alternative location of the grass verge near to the bus stop.

Having reconsidered this item, the Parish Council agreed that the proprietor of Santosha Kennels should be asked to make application to Cheshire East Council for permission.

#### 66 PLANNING APPLICATION

The Parish Council was invited to comment on the following planning application.

18/6285N	Longhill Lane, Hankelow, CW3 0JQ Proposed new dwelling – The Little House
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**RESOLVED:** That planning application No. 18//6285N be supported on the basis that the proposal is on a brownfield site and is eco-friendly.

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<sup>1</sup> This payment was approved later in the meeting but has been included here for convenience.

**67 CORRESPONDENCE**

A resident sent an e-mail to the Clerk complaining about the way in which Planning Application No. 18/4858N (Land off Audlem Road, Hankelow) had been dealt with on the Cheshire East Council website. His complaint was that he had objected to the application, but his objections were not showing.

The Clerk responded to the effect that he could make his complaint direct to Planning at Cheshire East Council.

**68 SHARED INFORMATION**

Parish Councillors were invited to share information or report on attendance at any recent meetings of outside bodies. Decisions cannot be taken under this item.

There were no items.

**69 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items owing to the confidential nature of the business to transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

**70 APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CLERK**  
(Reason for exclusion: Deals with employment matters)

The Parish Council considered applications from candidates for the post of Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** That candidates identified at the meeting be interviewed; and

(b) That the Chairman be authorised to conduct the interviews.

**71 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**4 March 2019**

.....Chairman