

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 JULY 2021
HANKELOW METHODIST CHURCH**

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chair
Councillor I Jones
Councillor C Fitzsimons
Councillor C Cope

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Durrant, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan
Steering Group and one member of the public

Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey (part of meeting)

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

27. 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 relevant to the items on the agenda.

28. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4 MAY 2021 AND THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETINGS HELD ON 25 MAY AND 14 JUNE 2021

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the above meetings.

29. 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. No questions had been sent through to the Clerk prior to the meeting that were not already covered on the agenda.

30. CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL – UPDATE

The Parish Council noted the progress with the co-option process and agreed that this would take place at the meeting on 6 September 2021.

31. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That the following payments were approved:

Weaver Financial Services	Audit Fee	£ 60.00
HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Salary	£137.60

32. **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

The Parish Council noted that its insurance cover had been renewed in line with the three-year term arrangement entered into with Came and Co. The Parish Council ratified the decision taken by the Clerk in renewing the policy.

33. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Mr J Durrant, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, attended the meeting and provided a short update on the Plan.

The Plan had completed following the referendum on 6 May 2021, the outcome of which was a “yes” vote. There were 141 votes cast in favour of “yes” and 13 in favour of “no”, a turnout of 53%. The Plan now carries full weight but confirmation was awaited for it to be officially “made”. The declaration can be found here:

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/elections/neighbourhood-planning-referendums/6-may-2021/hankelow/declaration-of-result-hankelow-npr.pdf>.

34. **PLANNING APPLICATION: 21/3505N**

THE PARKES, MONKS LANE, AUDLEM, CHESHIRE CW3 0HP - CHANGE OF USE FROM CLASS C3 (RESIDENTIAL) TO SUI GENERIS (WEDDING VENUE) TO INCLUDE ERECTION OF A MARQUEE AND ASSOCIATED PARKING

The Parish Council considered the above planning application and heard from a representative of the applicant who attended the meeting for this item to provide further information about the application and respond to questions from the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council make the following observations to Cheshire East Council in response to this application:

1. The hours of operation for this venue are stated between 0800 hours and 0100 hours. The Parish Council was concerned about the increase in noise levels if this planning application were to be approved on this basis, particularly loud music from the development, and would seek assurance that the music will cease no later than 10.30pm, Sunday-Thursday and no later than 11pm on Friday and Saturday. The Parish Council requested that a noise assessment is carried out before final consideration of this planning application.
2. The wedding venue is capable of accommodating up to 300 guests. The Parish Council was concerned about the associated increase in traffic on Monks Lane if this planning application were to be approved and requested that a representative from Highways visit the site to review the Lane and provide an assessment on whether it can accommodate the proposed increased volume of traffic.
3. The Parish Council was concerned about light pollution, and asked that outside lighting should be kept to the minimum required for safety and

security. It should be well located and directed downwards and designed to minimise the impact on the environment and on wildlife.

35. **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS**

The Parish Council considered the information that had been received in relation to the above celebrations and concluded that it would wish to take part in the lighting of the Beacons.

RESOLVED: That the Amenities Committee be asked to make the appropriate arrangements.

36. **SHARED INFORMATION**

Councillors Cope and Foster had recently attended a highways seminar and reported on the content and discussions that had taken place.

37. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 6 September 2021.

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Chair

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and closed at 8.35pm