

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
7 MARCH 2022  
HANKELow METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Foster (Chair)  
Councillor C Cope (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor A Postlethwaite  
Councillor I Jones  
Councillor C Fitzsimons

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Two members of the public were in attendance.

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**74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**75. DECLARATION 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.

Councillors G Foster and I Jones declared an interest in any discussions on the agenda in relation to the White Lion Community Pub Limited.

**76. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Order No 1,

**77. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4 JANUARY, 25 JANUARY AND 1 FEBRUARY 2022**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 4 January, 25 January, 1 February 2022 were approved as a correct record.

**78. 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. There were no questions from members of the public but a statement was made to advise that to mark the Jubilee celebrations, the Amenities Committee was planning a 'Picnic on the Green' on Saturday, 4 June 2022.

**79. WHITE LION COMMUNITY PUB – DRAIN AND CHARGING POINTS**

**79.1 Car Parking – EV Charging Points**

Having considered this matter at the last meeting, the Parish Council agreed that they did not wish to pursue the option of charging points at this time outside of the pub. It was agreed to review progress and consider the matter further in 12 months' time.

## 79.2 Drainage

In relation to the drainage, Councillor Jones confirmed that he had the contact name for a solicitor with whom a discussion could take place about making arrangements for a legal agreement between the Parish Council and the White Lion Pub about the drainage arrangements. It was agreed that Councillor Cope would also attend the meeting and Councillor Foster, if available, and that the discussion would explore the following:

1. putting in place arrangements for a peppercorn rent but, should the pub cease to be a community pub at some point in the future, the Parish Council would reserve the right to alter the agreed arrangements.
2. Permissible arrangements for the construction of the drain over land owned by the Parish Council.
3. Rental and liability arrangements for future maintenance of the drain

## 80. **REPAIRS TO THE WOODEN SEAT WITHIN BUS SHELTER**

It was agreed that the repair to the wooden seat within the bus shelter would not be progressed through the insurance and repair arrangements would be separately made. It was noted that the repair should be completed within the next four weeks.

## 81. **PROPOSAL FOR DECLARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY – POLICY STATEMENT**

The Parish Council considered the Policy Statement that had been put forward for adoption and noted that some of the content of the Policy Statement had been included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council supported the sentiment of the Policy Statement and confirmed that it would commit to the activities listed within 1-3. However, it was noted that the activities listed under 4 and 5 were not within the governance of the Parish Council and consequently within its remit and responsibility. It was therefore agreed that whilst it could adopt some of the activities it was unable to adopt them all.

## 82. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### 82.1 Authorisation of Payments

The Parish Council approved the following payment:

Parish Council's Website	H J Foster	£191.88
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## 83. **SHARED INFORMATION**

### 83.1 Highways Budget and Top Up

The Parish Council noted the correspondence that had been received from Dodcott-cum-Wilkesey Parish Council regarding the above. The Chair reported that she had attended a meeting with Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey who it was understood was to prepare a generic response to Cheshire East Council based upon the feedback from local Parishes which included Audlem and Burleydam. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Councillor Bailey asking about progress with this issue and that in the meantime a response would be forwarded to Dodcott-cum-Wilkesey to confirm that Councillor Bailey was taking up this matter on behalf of local Parish Councils.

84. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

84.1 **Clerk's Salary**

The Parish Council considered and agreed the Clerk's salary for 2022/23 be £1,772.00 per annum with effect from 1 April 2022.

85. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 3 May 2022, which is the date for both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.