

**MINUTES OF HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7 NOVEMBER 2022
HANKELow METHODIST CHURCH**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: There were four members of the public in attendance.

36. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

37. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were asked 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 I Jones and G Foster declared an interest in any discussion on The White Lion Community Pub Limited.

38. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

39. 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.

- One member of the public circulated to the Parish Council a representation regarding a request from The White Lion Community Pub Hankelow Limited and/or beneficial owner(s) of premises for an easement relating to drainage installed on Hankelow village green.
- Another member of the public also made a similar representation about the wayleave and easement associated with the drainage on the green.

40. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

40.1 **Receipts and payments statement – position at 5 October 2022**

The receipts and payments showing the financial position at 5 October 2022 was received and noted.

40.2 **Authorisation of Payments**

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

£200.00 The Feed Store - duck food
£177.20 HMRC Tax on Clerk's Salary

40.3 **Draft Budget 2023-2024**

The Budget Monitoring Report and Draft Budget 2023-2024 was considered and noted, and a number of suggested amendments were made to the proposals which included:

- Under the budget line of 'general grants', it was agreed that the Parish Council will formally consider any such grant requests at its September future meetings. It was, however, noted that a grant request had been received from ADCA about a proposed Peace Garden Project. It was agreed that this request would be formally considered at the next meeting once further clarification had been sought over whether it was acceptable to consider the award of this grant.
- No spend was anticipated for 2022-23 under the 'Cheshire Community Action' budget line.
- That the proposed speedwatch budget spend of £500 be reduced (the budget had been increased to purchase any equipment for operating the scheme) as the operation of the scheme was not progressing.
- That the proposed budget for legal fees be increased.
- No spend was anticipated during 2023-24 under The White Lion Community Pub Ltd S137 contribution and the allocation was removed.
- No spend was anticipated under the Neighbourhood Plan budget line as there were no proposals to spend against the Neighbourhood Plan at any point in the near future.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make the amendments to the draft budget and submit a revised document to the January 2023 meeting for further consideration by the Parish Council and to enable the precept request to be made.

41. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

It was noted that there were insufficient volunteers for the proposed community speedwatch scheme and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the residents who had volunteered to be part of the scheme to advise that it was not proceeding at this time.

42. **WHITE LION – DRAINAGE ACROSS THE GREEN**

The Parish Council considered progress made since the last meeting regarding the drainage across the Green and were updated on the meeting that had taken place over this matter. It was agreed that legal advice be sought about the appropriateness of a wayleave and confirmation regarding ownership of the Green. It was agreed to report back to the next meeting.

43. **INTERNET BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Parish Council considered whether it wished to move to internet banking arrangements and it was agreed that the Clerk explore how this may be facilitated and report back to a future meeting.

44. **GO-TOO BUS SERVICE**

The Parish Council considered further information about the Go-Too bus service and its use and it was RESOLVED that the service be publicised within the Parish through leafleting and further information on the website.

45. **SHARED INFORMATION**

Parish Councillors were invited to share information or report on attendance at any recent meetings of outside bodies. This was also an opportunity for Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey to report on Cheshire East Council matters of interest.

46. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 3 January 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 8.35pm

..... Chair