

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, HANKELOW
ON 3 MARCH 2015**

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chairman

Councillor G Cope
Councillor A Lee
Councillor I Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Ainley

76 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.

77 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 January 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following correction:

Minute No. 75: Clerk's Salary – 2015-2016 Budget

Second paragraph. Delete 'Spinal Column Point 29'
Insert 'Spinal Column Point 19'

78 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Bailey reported on the following Cheshire East Council matters including the following:

- At Budget Council on 26 February, Council Tax had been frozen for a further year and Councillor M E Jones, Leader of the Council, had committed to a similar freeze in 2016-2017.
- The Highways minor budget would remain the same for the next financial year.

(Note: Councillor R A Bailey withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

79 CLERK'S INFORMATION REPORT

The Clerk's report was received for information and included information in respect of the following:

- Cheshire Association of Local Councils – next meeting
- Election briefings for candidates
- White Lining – Longhill Road – Measurements taken by Mr C Foster and Councillor C Ainley had now been provided to Cheshire East Highways.

80 ELECTIONS AND DATE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

All councillors retired together at midnight on Monday, 11 May 2015. The annual meeting of the Parish Council must take place on the fourth day after the date of the elections (11 May 2015) or within fourteen days thereafter (by Monday, 26 May).

The Parish Council's Annual Council Meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 5 May, which was prior to the elections. Members were recommended to change the date to Tuesday, 12 May 2015.

Although it was traditional for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the same evening as the Annual Council meeting, there was no legal reason why this could not be held on 5 May, as arranged.

RESOLVED: (a) That the Annual Council Meeting be held on Tuesday 12 May 2015; and
(b) That the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the same evening.

81 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPOs)

At the previous meeting, Members requested a site visit with Cheshire East Council's Arboricultural Officer. The Officer had been unable to attend a site visit with Members, but had subsequently made TPOs on the following trees:

The Order had been issued to Members on 10 February 2015, together with a guidance note on TPOs.

Trees specified individually

Map Ref	Description	Situation
T1	Scots Pine	Standing to the south of the access road leading to Manor Farmhouse. Grid Ref. 366,899 – 345,539
T2	Scots Pine	Standing to the south of the access road leading to Manor Farmhouse. Grid Ref. 366,888 – 345, 535
T3	Lime	Standing to the south of the access road leading to Manor Farmhouse. Grid Ref. 366,871 – 345,529

Trees specified individually

Map Ref	Description	Situation
T4	Sycamore	Standing on the boundary between the Green Farm and Manor Farm paddock. Grid Ref. 366,884 - 345,461

Trees specified by reference to an area

Map Ref	Description	Situation
G1	10 Lime 1 Scots Pine	Standing in a linear group adjacent to Hall Lane. Grid Ref. 366,905 - 345,541

82 MOLES – VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council was invited to consider if any action should be taken to kill the moles which were 'occupying' The Green at present. If the Parish Council approved the action, the company engaged to carry out the work should be registered with the British Pest Control Association to ensure that the moles were killed humanely.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to select a pest control company which was registered with the British Pest Control Association; and

(b) That the selected company be asked to kill the moles on the village green, in a humane manner.

83 LITTER-PICKING EQUIPMENT

The Parish Council was invited to consider purchasing litter-picking equipment from Cheshire East Council. The Clerk had made enquiries and had now acquired litter-picking equipment at no cost to the Council.

84 ADOPTION OF TRIANGLE AT HALL LANE

Following receipt of letters from two residents, the Chairman invited the Parish Council to consider if Cheshire East Council should be asked to adopt the triangle which was at the apex of Hall Lane between Manor Farm Barns, the Dairy House and Ball Farm.

Owing to development in that vicinity, there were additional cars travelling daily through the triangle and the road was becoming more worn with pot-holes increasing in size.

RESOLVED: That Cheshire East Council be asked to consider adopting the triangle, as described.

85 PERMISSIVE PATH – HANKELow-AUDLEM

No further response had been received from Morris Care; however, the Chairman reported that a notice had been displayed at the gate of Corbrook Court and she presented a photograph of the notice which stated:

‘This is not a public right of way but a route along which the landowner permits people to walk at their own risk.

The permission (which may be a written agreement or just verbal) may be withdrawn by the landowner at any time.’

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Morris of Morris Care seeking clarification as it had been understood that the Parish Council would receive formal notification of the reinstatement of the permissive path.

86 NOTICE-BOARD

The Parish Council was invited to consider replacing the notice-board.

Councillor I Jones undertook to carry out repairs/re-painting, following which he would be reimbursed for the expenditure for materials.

87 FINANCIAL MATTERS

87.1 Receipts and Payments – 1 April – 31 December 2014

There were no bank statements available at this time.

87.2 Revision to Bank Mandate

At the Parish Council meeting held on 6 January 2015, the Council agreed to increase the Clerk’s salary to £1,490 with effect from 1 April 2015. Members were asked to approve the following revision to the bank mandate, in respect of the Clerk’s monthly net salary which was paid by standing order:

From: £86.75 per month
To: £99.33 per month

RESOLVED: That the bank mandate in respect of Mrs C M Jones, be revised from £86.75 per month to £99.33 per month, with effect from 1 April 2015, payable on the 28th of each month.

88 PLANNING

There were no planning applications for consultation

89 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

89.1 Minutes of Meetings

The Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Group held on 15 January 2015 were not available.

89.2 Progress

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group reported that a meeting was to be held on 12 March, at which time Tom Evans (Cheshire East Spatial Planning Team) would be in attendance. The design of a questionnaire would be discussed, responses to which would inform the visions and aims of the Neighbourhood Plan.

A dedicated website was currently being designed.

90 SHARED INFORMATION/REPORT OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Parish Councillors were invited to share information or report on meetings of outside bodies.

The Chairman reported that she had been elected Vice-Chairman of Audlem Burial Board and had attended its recent meeting.

91 CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION – COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS

The Parish Council was invited to consider entering the Community Pride Awards 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council enter the Community Pride Awards 2015.

92 STANDING ORDERS (for the regulation of proceedings of the Parish Council)

The Clerk submitted a copy of draft Standing Orders for consideration and adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Council. This document was submitted early to give Members sufficient time to review the contents prior to the next Council meeting.

93 PARKING OF HORSE-BOXES ON VILLAGE-GREEN

The North Staffordshire Bridleways Association had written seeking permission to use the village green for the parking of approximately 12-20 horse-boxes when the group visited the area on 10 January 2016.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted for the North Staffordshire Bridleways Association to park its horse-boxes on the village green during its event on 10 January 2016.

94 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

.....Chairman