

**MINUTES OF HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
3 JANUARY 2023
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 three members of the public in attendance.

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

48. DECLARATIONS 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.

49. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2022

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2022 be approved as a correct record.

50. 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 two questions from members of the public related to the easement associated with the surface water drainage from The White Lion Community Pub Ltd.

51. BUDGET 2023/24

In considering the approval of its budget, the Parish Council reviewed the Clerk's budget report, budget proposals for 2023-24 and ledger detailing receipts and payments for the period 1 April 2022 to 3 December 2022.

AGREED:

- 1) To increase the general grants to £250
- 2) That the Clerk request to Cheshire East a precept of £3,100.

- 3) Councillor Foster to send a thank-you note regarding nettle cutting.
Councillor Jones to provide contact details.

52. **AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

52.1 **Authorisation of Payments**

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

£ 177.20	HMRC – Tax on Clerk’s Salary
£ 90.00	CHALC - Introduction to Planning Course

53. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

53.1 The Parish Council had been invited to comment on the following planning applications:

Application No: 22/4685N

Proposal: Below ground drainage works to connect new surface water drainage pipe from land at Hankelow View to nearby watercourse.

Location: Hankelow View, AUDLEM ROAD, HANKELLOW

RESOLVED: That Cheshire East be advised as follows:

- The Parish Council is generally supportive of any works that will help to alleviate the current drainage problem at this location.
- The Parish Council request that Cheshire East Council make arrangements for the Environment Agency and the Cheshire East flood risk officers to consider whether what is being proposed is a viable solution.
- The Parish Council requests that a programme of regular maintenance and cleaning of the soakaways be put in place and carried out.

Application No: 22/4803N

Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use of marginal unproductive agricultural land for a temporary static caravan for a period of five years for occupation by an agricultural employee (resubmission of 22/1212N). Location: Land Off, LONGHILL LANE, HANKELLOW, CW3 0JQ

RESOLVED: That Cheshire East be advised as follows:

- That the Parish Council was concerned that this retrospective planning application could be an opportunity for future housing development on this site.

54. **WHITE LION COMMUNITY PUB LTD – DRAIN**

Councillors Cope and Jones gave an update on the current position with The White Lion drainage.

AGREED:

- (a) that a meeting with Phil Smith be arranged to see whether the Parish Council can agree the way forward with the easement.
- (b) There was some discussion over the ownership of the Green and Councillor Cope agreed to make arrangements to establish and confirm ownership through Land Registry records.
- (c) A further update on this matter was to be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

55. GRANT APPLICATION

The Parish Council considered the grant application that had been made in respect of the peace garden project. There had been some discussion over the eligibility for the grant but, following further advice from CHALC, it was confirmed that the grant award was acceptable. On this basis, the Parish Council approved the grant application.

AGREED: That the Clerk contact ADCA to confirm that a grant of £250 had been awarded by the Parish Council as a contribution towards this project.

56. SHARED INFORMATION

Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey gave an update on items of shared interest.

Following discussion under this item, it was AGREED that the Clerk contact Cheshire East highways maintenance to report concerns over the blocked gully causing downhill water outside New Bridge Farm, with the consequent flooding creating particularly hazardous conditions during cold weather.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm

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