

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 28 MARCH 2023
HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: There was one member of the public in attendance.

66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor C Fitzsimons and Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey

67 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 in relation to the agenda items under consideration.

68 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Order No 1, members of the public were asked to raise any questions. There were no questions from members of the public.

69 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council had been invited to comment on the above planning application

Application No: 23/0366N
Proposal: Installation of an array of 30 solar panels in the garden to the rear of Hankelow Manor, alongside a tennis court with fencing
Location: HANKELOW MANOR, HALL LANE, HANKELOW, CW3 0JB

It was RESOLVED that Cheshire East be advised that the Parish Council has no objection and is supportive of this planning application. The Parish Council also has no objection to the tennis court.

Application No: 23/0977N
Proposal: Planning permission for a helicopter landing pad
Location: Woolfall Manor, LONGHILL LANE, HANKELOW, CW3 0JQ

It was RESOLVED that Cheshire East be advised as follows:

The Parish Council has no objection in principle to very limited and private use but would make the following observations:

The Hankelow Neighbourhood Plan was developed to achieve a number of objectives:

- Protect and enhance the key features which define the natural rural environment of the Parish and to guard against pollution
- Protect and enhance the unspoilt local rural character of the Parish
- Support and promote safe and sustainable travel and improve the existing infrastructure
- Support and encourage the local rural economy
- Protect, enhance and encourage community facilities and provide for a new community hub
- Ensure that new housing development is sustainably located and well designed and meets the needs of the community.

As one of the above objectives is to support sustainable travel, this form of travel could not be considered environmentally sustainable.

The Parish Council also noted concerns about the impact of this planning application on local wildlife with the proximity of the local pond with a large wild bird lake and animals.

The Hankelow Neighbourhood Plan (NE4) also refers to dark skies. Dark skies are to be preferred over street lights in Hankelow. Any future lighting systems in Hankelow should complement the design of any development which in turn should be in keeping with the village character. In all cases, outdoor lighting sources should have a minimum impact on the environment and should minimise light pollution and adverse effects on wildlife. Individual short period controls and/or movement sensors should be installed for each outdoor lighting sources to ensure they do not remain illuminated any longer than necessary, and all lighting shall use low energy technology. Where applicable, lighting shall comply with BS5489-1:2013 (or its successor). On this basis, the Parish Council considered that if there is a heliport and lights they should only be on when the helicopter is landing and taking off.

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Chair

The meeting opened at 6.00pm and closed at 6.45pm