

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH
HELD IN HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL ON 13 MAY 2013**

PRESIDING: Councillor Gin Foster
Chairman of the Parish Council

PARISH COUNCILLORS: Colin Ainley
Geoff Cope
Ian Jones
Tony Lee

HANKELOW COFFEE CLUB Anne Draper

HANKELOW AMENITIES GROUP Val Morrey

Local residents

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Parish Council were invited to make declarations of interest. No declarations were made.

2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2012

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 May 2012 were available for inspection.

3 REPORT FROM LOCAL GROUPS

3.1 Hankelow Coffee Club

Anne Draper reported on the activities of the Hankelow Coffee Club.

The Coffee Club had been an expressed aspiration in the Parish Plan when residents had requested an opportunity to meet together informally. A coffee club had been started on 1 October 2012 and met each Monday afternoon between 2.30 pm and 4.00 pm. The Parish Council had given a grant of £100 to cover the room rental for the first 10 weeks and this allowed a small fund to be built up to cover the cost of provisions and future rental.

Between 10-12 residents attended on each occasion. After Christmas, room rental increased from £10 to £16 per week and the Amenities Group offered £30 to cover the additional cost for five weeks. By February 2013, the number attending had fallen to between 5-8 and, as a consequence, the club was closed at Easter.

Of the remaining funds, £30 was donated to Hankelow charities for 2013 and the remaining £60.81 was donated to St James's Church roof appeal.

Ms Draper expressed her thanks to the volunteers for their time and commitment in hosting the event.

The Coffee Club was considered to be a success because (a) it filled a social gap in the village for six-months when there was nowhere else to meet; and (b) it provided an opportunity to become acquainted with other villagers who had, hitherto, only been known by sight. During this time, the White Lion re-opened and now provided an attractive, informal social space for residents to meet.

Ms Draper was thanked for her report.

3.2 Hankelow Amenities Group

Val Morrey reported on behalf of the Amenities Group.

- The Diamond Jubilee Fete on 24 June 2012 was a great success and the Group was able to donate £1,000 to the NSPCC. After paying £150 to the Audley Brass Band, the following donations were also made:
 - £80 Dig it Dogs
 - £30 Musicland
 - £50 Wybunbury School
 - £100 Hankelow Methodist Church
 - £30 Greenbank residents for use of electricity
- Funding for the fete was assisted by holding a cake stall and football game at Audlem Carnival and by providing refreshments at the Festival of Transport on the village green on 29 July 2012.
- The following events had also been arranged during the year:
 - Visit to Arley Hall Gardens on 23 September 2012.
 - Hot Pot Supper at Brookfield Golf Club on 17 October 2012
 - Carol Singing on the village green with Saxophonie providing the music. A collection of £105 was made for Crewe Women's Aid
- Following the opening of the White Lion earlier in 2013, a social event entitled "Boyhood Memories" was held on 15 April when parish councillor Ian Jones gave a talk and slide presentation. Over 60 residents attended and the raffle held contributed towards the cost of refreshments.
- Dates for your Diary!
 - 23 June 2013 – Hankelow Fete featuring Audley Brass Band, Cheshire Academy gymnasts, Musicland and Forlorn Hope, Scottish dancing, Audlem School dancers and sports for all ages. The event would support the NSPCC and the LATH group which was a local group which cared for the homeless and needy. There would be a fee for the band and donations to other performers. Proceeds from the raffle would be donated to the NSPCC.
 - 27 May – Audlem Carnival
 - 28 July – Transport Festival – the Amenities Group would be organising a stall and football game.
- A photographic competition was to be organised during the year and a Hankelow Calendar for 2014 was also planned.
- The village won the Community Spirit Award 2012 and Val Morrey was honoured to receive this on behalf of the parish on 4 October 2012 at Middlewich Civic Hall.

Ms Morrey was thanked for her report.

4 ACCOUNTS – 2012-2013(unaudited)

A copy of the unaudited accounts were available at the meeting. Members of the public were able to make comments or ask questions. There were no comments or questions.

5 ANNUAL REPORT – 2012-2013

The meeting received a copy of the Parish Council's Annual Report which outlined its activities during the previous year.

6 MATTERS RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS

Local residents were invited to raise any issues considered to be of importance to the village, and if appropriate, a resolution of the meeting would be passed. The Parish Council would consider all resolutions at its next meeting.

6.1 Planning

The meeting discussed housing development in the parish and the following questions/issues were raised.

- Should a Neighbourhood Plan be prepared? If so, how long would it take to prepare, and should it be prepared in partnership with other parishes?
- What features of the village should be retained?
- How would a plan for the village influence development in the context of the Borough Council's emerging Local Plan?
- Is there a demand for housing in the village?
- What type of development would be sustainable?
- Should a housing needs assessment be carried out?
- Various planning applications had been approved, but no build had yet been commenced.

The meeting was minded to hold a special public debate in June. Prior to that, research could be undertaken to inform the debate, and the Parish Council could meet on the same evening to consider what action should be taken.

RESOLVED: (a) That an extra-ordinary Parish Meeting be held on 11 June 2013, commencing at 7.30 pm;

(b) That an extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on 11 June at 8.30 pm to consider the issues raised; and

(c) That Councillors C Ainley and A Lee, together with Mr C Foster, form a working group to consider the issues and options for presentation to the meeting in June.

6.2 Speed Watch

Councillor Ainley provided an update on the speed watch scheme.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm