

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD  
ON 9 MAY 2023  
HANKELow METHODIST CHURCH**

Presiding: Councillor G Foster (Chair of the Parish Council)

Parish Councillors Present: Councillors I Jones, C Cope, A Postlethwaite, I Parker, T Muxlow and A Bellinger.

Registered Electors: Two members of the public was in attendance.

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**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Parish Councillors were invited to make any declarations of interest. No declarations were made.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 3 May 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**3. ACCOUNTS – 2022-23**

Copies of the audited accounts were tabled at the meeting.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Councillor Gin Foster's report made specific reference to the following:

- This year has been a local election year in Hankelow. During the last year, following a Community Governance Review by Cheshire East Council, it was decided that Hankelow should have 7 councillors, rather than the 5 we had previously.
- Carol Fitzsimmons decided not to stand again – we thank her for her work on the Parish Council over the last four years.
- Following an uncontested election, we welcome Tom Muxlow, Ian Parker and Andy Bellinger to join Chris Cope, Ian Jones, Audrey Postlethwaite and myself on the Parish Council.
- This year saw the application for an agricultural storage shed on land to the South of the village. A vehicular track was created by the land-owner without the appropriate planning permissions. A number of the villagers were unhappy with the vehicle movements associated with this work, and there were several heated meetings with the land-owner. Following investigation and legal action by Cheshire East, the land-owner was required to remove the track.
- The issue of the White Lion Drainage has still not been fully resolved. There will be a report of the current situation during the Parish Council meeting.

- As always, many thanks for those who help to keep the village looking beautiful and welcoming: those who care for the green, fill the village planters, keep the village tidy by picking up litter, and many thanks to all the people who help keep the community spirit going in whatever way. We hope that people will continue to support each other and village events so that Hankelow will continue to have a real community spirit.

## **5. HANKELow AMENITIES GROUP REPORT**

Val Morrey, Chair of the Group, reported on the following:

- At the last AGM in March 2022, the Group began organising their events for the rest of the year.
- They invited the village to join them on the Green for a 'bring your own picnic' on 4 June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- The summer fete was held on 19 June and due to everyone's hard work the day was a great success. From the proceeds the Group was able to give St Luke's Hospice £1,000 and Cheshire Young Carers £1000 as well as giving other donations.
- The Group provided refreshments for the Transport Festival on 31 July and they were always well supported.
- The Group held an Autumn Supper at the White Lion on 18 October which included a quiz. The event went well and they had a lovely meal.
- Carols on the Green was organised on 12 December and they went into The White Lion straight away as it was too cold for Saxophonie to play outside. The Group served mulled wine and mince pies. A collection of £326.84 was taken for the Nantwich Food Bank.
- The Group's first event this year was a social evening with a quiz on 19 April in the community hall. Tea, coffee and cakes was served afterwards. Everyone appreciated the display of photographs which showed some of the history of the village and also events that the Amenities Group has organised over the years.
- The Group invited the village to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday, 7 May on the Green. Over 100 people of all ages attended. Everyone brought a picnic and enjoyed the celebrations.
- The Group's Summer Fete this year will be held on 18 June.
- The Group look forward to organising events in the future and ask for your continued support.

## **6. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY REGISTERED ELECTORS**

There were no matters raised by registered electors.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 7.45pm

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