

HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2024 AT HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL

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

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

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

In attendance: Abbi Miller (Parish Clerk & RFO)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Liz Owen

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Foster and agreed that the minutes from 9th May 2023 are approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. ACCOUNTS 2023-24

The Clerk presented a Receipts and Payment Summary and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31st March 2024. The end of financial year bank balance was £8,307.50.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair, Councillor Gin Foster, presented her annual statement outlining the Council's activities during the last year, as follows:

There have been a couple of changes to the Parish Council over the last year. Audrey Postlethwaite resigned and we welcomed Liz Owen to join Tom Muxlow, Ian Parker, Andy Bellinger, Chris Cope, Ian Jones and myself on the Parsh Council.

Also the Clerk, Paula Cottrell, resigned due to pressure at work, and we welcome Abbi Miller as our Clerk.

Following the removal of the large Christmas tree from the Green and comments from various residents, the Parish Council set up a sub-committee which will be responsible for decisions concerning the Green.

The noticeboard has been refurbished, and looks much better, you can now read the notices! Also, a new copy of the village map has been produced, and is now on display.

As always, many thanks to 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.

6. HANKELow AMENITIES GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

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

The Summer Fete, last year, was held on June 19th and was a great success. The village and people from the surrounding area came together for an enjoyable afternoon. The Crewe Concert Band entertained us, as well as the Stapeley Broad Lane School Choir. The children's sports and Fun Dog Show are always popular. From our proceeds, we were able to give Blood Bikes £1000 and Riding for the Disabled £1000, as well as other donations.

We provided refreshments for the Transport Festival on July 30th and were very well supported.

We held an Autumn Supper at the White Lion on October 18th. The evening included a two-course meal and quiz.

Carol singing, accompanied by Saxophonie, was held on December 11th in the White Lion, who provided us with mulled wine and mince pies. We added to the collection taken on the night from our funds, and were able to give £250 to Macmillian Cancer Support and £250 to the Nantwich Food Bank.

The village were invited to join a Spring Picnic on May 5th on the Village Green.

Our Summer Fete this year will be held on June 16th. The Chester Blue Coat Band and Stapeley School Choir will be performing. There will also be an appearance by the Hopes and Beams Gymnastics Team. This year we are supporting the Wingate Centre and The Brain Tumour Charity.

We look forward to organising events in the future and ask for your continued support.

7. WARM SPACES HUB ANNUAL REPORT

This is a meeting place on Friday 2-4pm originally set up in 2022 and run by Val Morrey, as somewhere for anyone to 'drop in' and have tea, cake and an opportunity to meet other people during the winter.

From September 2023, it became a joint venture with Hatherton & Walgherton Parish Council, Hankelow Parish Council, ADCA and Val, and it has now been extended to run all year. The number of attendees varies from 3 to 15+.

8. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY REGISTERED ELECTORS

There were no matters raised by registered electors.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 7.44pm

..... Chair