

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT HANKELOW METHODIST CHURCH, HANKELOW ON 4 JULY 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor G Foster Chairman
Councillor G Cope
Councillor A Lee

APOLOGIES: Councillors C Ainley and I Jones

15 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 interest, and in respect of disclosable interests to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

16 MINUTES – ANNUAL MEETING - 3 MAY 2016

16.1 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 3 May 2016 be approved as a correct record.

16.2 Matter Arising – Audlem Public Hall Annexe Committee (APHAx)

Councillor Foster had been unable to make enquiries in respect of the liability of trustees appointed to this organisation which was a Charitable Incorporated Organisation(CIO) and would report to the July meeting.

The Clerk had received a letter dated 27 June 2016, from the APHAx Committee. The letter confirmed that APHAx had been successful in securing a grant from the Big Lottery Fund to build the annexe. The Parish Council's offer of £1,000 towards the cost of the project would not be required until later in the financial year.

17 MINUTES – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 3 MAY 2016

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3 May 2016 were received and noted.

18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

18.1 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

£74.40	HMRC – Tax on Clerk's salary
£50.00	A Davenport – audit of the accounts 2015-2016
£60.00	Hankelow Methodist Church – payment for two meetings during 2015-2016 i.e. 7 July and 1 September 2015. All other meetings were held at Brookfield Golf Club the account for which had been settled.

18.2 Internal Auditor's Report

The Internal Auditor's report in respect of the accounts for 2015-2016 was received and noted. The only issue raised was whether The Green should be added to the schedule of fixed assets. Members consider this, but on balance **AGREED** that it should not be added.

19 PLANNING MATTERS

19.1 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consultation.

19.2 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Lee reported on Councillor Ainley's meeting with Tom Evans (CEC Spatial Planning Team) which included the following.

- Tom Evans considered that there was sufficient resident and local evidence to support a Draft Neighbourhood Plan but advised that independent wildlife and character assessment surveys should be undertaken to support the key elements of the Plan. Councillor Ainley was drawing up a draft specification to enable the Clerk to seek quotations.
- Payment for the surveys could be funded from a government grant [through Locality UK]. Funds of up to £9,000 were available.
- The settlement boundary needed to be agreed following discussion at the open evening (held on 8 April 2016). Prior to it being uploaded onto the website, a relevant map would be required.
- The White Lion should also be shown on the map and specific reference made to it as a proposed Asset of Community Value.

A more detailed update would be provided at the September meeting.

19.3 Ecological Survey (see also Minute No. 19.2 above)

The Parish Council was invited to consider commissioning an ecological survey to inform the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk advised that if a draft specification could be drawn up, she could seek quotations and make application to Cheshire East Council, or other sources, for a grant to fund this. In the meantime, she agreed to forward to Members, the survey carried out by Cheshire Wildlife Trust to inform Stapeley & District Parish Council's Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

20 THE WHITE LION PUBLIC HOUSE

20.1 Community Right to Bid

Councillor C Ainley had now submitted application under the 'Community Right to Bid' scheme. A copy of the application form was submitted for information.

Members agreed that a letter be sent to the owner of The White Lion to enquire into his plans for the building/business.

20.2 Listed Building Status

The Parish Council considered the report of Councillor A Lee which invited Members to consider applying for listed building status for The White Lion.

RESOLVED: (a) That application be made for listed building status of The White Lion public house, on the basis of its value as a significant feature of the village;

(b) That the application be limited to the double-storey part of the building and the lion; and

(c) That in view of the extensive research carried out by Councillor Lee, he be authorised to make application on behalf of the Parish Council.

21 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Rachel Bailey was not in attendance.

22 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

It was reported that David Keane, the new Police and Crime Commissioner, was hosting a meeting on 11 July 2016, at the Crewe Lifestyle Centre (adjacent to the Police Station) between 5.00 and 8.00 pm and parish councillors were able to attend.

There were no Members available to attend the meeting.

23 SHARED INFORMATION/REPORT OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no shared items.

24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5 September 2016

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm and concluded at 8.10 pm