

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HANKELOW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT HANKELOW METHODIST CHURCH, HANKELOW ON 7 NOVEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Foster Chairman  
Councillor C Ainley  
Councillor G Cope  
Councillor I Jones  
Councillor A Lee

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**41 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.

**42 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2016 and the extraordinary meeting held on 21 October 2016 be approved as correct records.

In presenting the Minutes, the Clerk reported that the copy sent to Members for the meeting held on 21 October 2016 had incorrectly stated '5 September 2016', but these had been corrected for the official Minutes book.

**43 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**43.1 Receipts and Payments Statement/Budget Monitoring**

**RESOLVED:** That the receipts and payments statement and budget monitoring report showing the half-year position be received.

**43.2 Authorisation of Payments**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved:

£65.00	HM Revenue & Customs – tax on Clerk's salary
£180.00	Hankelow Methodist Church – hire of room for Parish Council meetings (3 May, 4 July, 15 and 17 August, 5 September and 7 November – £30 on each occasion)

(Note: the invoice presented showed a total sum of £240.00 owing but this included charges for meetings of the village group set up to take forward the establishment of The White Lion as a community pub. The group had been informed that there would be no charge for the hire of the Chapel for these meetings.)

**43.3 Internal Audit**

The Parish Council considered two quotations for the provision of the internal audit service for 2016-2017.

**RESOLVED:** That the quotation submitted by Weaver Chartered Accounts and Business Advisers be accepted, in the sum of £50.00 plus VAT for the provision of the internal audit service in 2016-2017, being the lowest quotation.

#### **44 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 24 October 2016 were submitted. The next meeting was to be held on 21 November 2016.

#### **45 PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **45.1 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications for consultation.

##### **45.2 Southern Planning Committee**

The Parish Council was asked to nominate councillors who could attend the meeting of the Cheshire East Council Southern Planning Committee when the planning application for The White Lion (16/3664N) was due to be determined.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That authority be granted to all parish councillors to represent the Parish Council at the Southern Planning Committee when planning application No. 16/3664N was to be determined; and

(b) That, dependent on availability, only one parish councillor shall attend the meeting (Parish Councillors to decide amongst themselves which Member should represent the Council).

#### **46 THE WHITE LION PUBLIC HOUSE – ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

It had been expected that there would be a report from the independent group established to take forward the establishment of The White Lion as a community pub. The Group had not met recently; it could not make progress until Cheshire East Council had determined the planning application (16/3664N).

It was reported that a business plan had now been drawn up and the Group had contacted the applicant to seek permission to tidy-up the site, but no response had been received.

#### **47 COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION – AWARDS EVENING – 13 OCTOBER 2016**

It was reported that at the recent Community Pride Awards Evening, the Parish Council had received an award in the category of '*villages with a population of under 400*'.

#### **48 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Rachel Bailey was not in attendance.

#### **49 LONGHILL LANE – ROAD SAFETY**

A resident of Longhill Lane who had addressed Members prior to the start of this evening's meeting, had issued an e-mail to local councils in the vicinity of Hankelow inviting them to discuss concerns which had been expressed following an Audlem On-line article about road safety on Longhill Lane. The resident was seeking the support of Hankelow, Audlem and Buerton Parish Councils to request that the lane be assessed by Cheshire East Highways with a view to introducing a speed limit and/or traffic-calming measures.

It was understood that the lane was increasingly being used as a 'rat-run' by motorists who lived outside Audlem and were avoiding the centre of Audlem itself on journeys in the Nantwich direction.

PCSO N Jarvis had been involved in the discussions and had walked the route with the group of residents. He had advised that as Longhill Lane was de-restricted, he could not carry out enforcement. If a 30 mph limit were to be imposed on the lane, enforcement could be carried out, with Police Officers attending as and when required.

Reference was made to 'quiet lanes' in rural areas. Councillor Ainley undertook to carry out some research and to prepare a short briefing paper outlining a rationale for trying to improve safety on Longhill Lane. In due course, this could be shared with both Audlem and Buerton Parish Councils, which had also been contacted by the residents' group.

The matter would be discussed again at the next meeting with a view to making contact with Cheshire East Highways to seek an assessment of the lane, if appropriate.

**50 SHARED INFORMATION/REPORT OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Foster reported that she had attended a recent meeting of Audlem Burial Board, at which time she had been elected Chairman.

**51 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 3 January 2017**

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 8.00 pm and 8.35 pm