

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE SCHOOLROOM
HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL, ON 3 MAY 2016**

Present: Councillor G Foster In the Chair
Councillors C Ainley, G Cope, I Jones and A Lee
Six members of the public

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 12 May 2015 be approved as a correct record.

3 ACCOUNTS – 2015-2016 (UNAUDITED)

Copies of the unaudited accounts were available at the meeting and members of the public were invited to raise issues, or ask questions.

No comments were made.

4 REPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Amenities Group

Val Morrey, Chairman of the Amenities Group reported on the following:

- 17 May 2015: A walk and guided tour around Hankelow Hall was arranged by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Shenton. Approximately 65 people attended and guests were interested to see the progress made by the Shentons.
- Funds were raised at the Audlem Carnival to enable final arrangements for the Summer Fete on 21 June 2015.

The event was successful and £1,500 was donated to Hankelow Methodist Church towards the refurbishment. In addition, donations were made to (i) Audlem Scouts; (ii) Cheshire Academy Gymnasts; (iii) Audlem Fire Service; (iv) Wybunbury Delves School; and (v) Hope House.

- The Summer Fete in 2016 was scheduled for Sunday, 19 June 2016. Charities to be supported were (i) Bloodwise South Cheshire; and (ii) St Luke's Hospice.

In addition, to the usual stalls, the main events would be –

- Crewe Concert Band
 - Vale Royal Falconry
 - Musicland
 - Scottish Dancers
 - Tug-o-War
 - Sports for All Ages.
- Transport Festival – 26 July 2016. Early morning refreshments were planned for the next event.
 - December 2015: Carols on the Green was well-attended and enable a donation of £150 to be made to Crewe Christian Concern.

- The report closed with a plea for more helpers and ideas. Meetings were held once a month and the date was advertised on the village website.

Audlem Public Hall Annexe Committee

As the Parish Council's representative on this Committee, Malcolm Lees reported on recent activities. Late in 2014, the Committee had now formed itself into a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). The next meeting was 20 May 2016.

There were no specific matters to report at this time.

Neighbourhood Plan

Nigel Cassidy, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group reported on progress on preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

A questionnaire had been issued and 35 comments sheets had been returned. Comments included the following:

- Development had reached saturation level.
- The types of houses to be built should respect the character of the village.
- Transport, roads and pedestrian access should be taken into account.
- Concern that the number of people and dwellings could have an adverse impact on village life.

Stakeholders had expressed a willingness to assist in drafting the Plan.

Comments would be analysed, following which a decision would be taken in respect of the precise residential boundary and the draft Plan would be prepared.

5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Gin Foster reported on the Parish Council's activities in the previous year. These included:

- The village had won the Essar UK Community Pride award for the category of local authorities with fewer than 400 residents.

The Chairman expressed her thanks to everyone who had contributed by, for example, mowing, planting bulbs and flowers and litter-picking.

- At the Hankelow Amenities Autumn Supper, a presentation was made to Tom Hassall in recognition of his WWII service and his recent award of the Legion d'Honneur by the French Government.
- Efforts had been made to solve the problems of flood around the village green and this appeared to have improved matters.
- Following meetings with Morris Care, a permissive path had been opened to allow people to walk to Audley round the back of Corbrook Court instead of using the main road where there were no footways.

6 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY LOCAL ELECTORS

Issues raised by residents were as follows:

- An enquiry about the drainage on the village green. This had previously been raised in both 2014 and 2015 at which time it had been reported that Cheshire East Highways was considering the matter and subject to funds being available, would consider this for inclusion in its major schemes programme.

The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Cheshire East Highways.

- The patient list at Audlem Medical Practice was full and could not therefore accept additional patients when new housing was built in the village. This was considered to be important in terms of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and a reasonable argument to resist further development.

The Clerk was asked to write to Audlem Medical Practice about this matter.

Suggestions were invited for consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 8.15 pm