

# HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Councillors are summoned to a meeting of the Parish Council

**DATE:** TUESDAY, 7 JANUARY 2014

**TIME:** 7.30 PM

**VENUE:** SCHOOL ROOM, HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Issue: 30 December 2013

**Note:** Prior to the start of the meeting, members of the public will be able to address the Parish Council.

## A G E N D A

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members to declare any non-pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest which they have 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.

Whilst the Clerk can advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the particular circumstances.

**3 MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 November 2013.

**4 MATTERS ARISING (not detailed elsewhere on the agenda)**

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

To: Councillors G Foster (Chairman), C Ainley, G Cope, I Jones and A Lee

Copy: Borough Councillor R A Bailey

**5 “FOR SALE” AND “SOLD” NOTICES – VILLAGE GREEN**

Members are invited to agree a policy in respect of estate agents advertising on the village green.

**6 PLANNING MATTERS**

**6.1 Report of Working Group – Village Design Statement**

At the previous meeting, a working group of Members and residents was established to give consideration to the format of a village design statement which could be used as an informal planning document for the parish.

The working group is invited to report on progress.

**6.2 Response to David Thelwell (local land-owner)**

At the extra-ordinary meeting held on 12 August, the Parish Council considered the following which had been requested by Mr Thelwell.

- 1) The prospect of infra-structure for the village e.g. road improvements/footpaths
- 2) Community space e.g. a multi-use village hall
- 3) Leisure e.g. bowling green
- 4) Commercial e.g. shop, outdoor centre.

The Parish Council was of the view that until the housing needs survey had been completed, it would be premature to comment on these proposals.

The housing survey results were presented to the November 2013 meeting, and the Parish Council is now invited to consider responding to Mr Thelwell.

**6.3 Planning Applications**

There are no planning applications for consultation.

**7 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**7.1 Budget Proposals 2014-2015**

The Parish Council is invited to agree a budget for 2014-2015. The Clerk’s report, together with detailed budget proposals, is enclosed.

**7.2 Authorisation of Payment**

The Parish Council is asked to authorise reimbursement of £20.00 to Councillor Geoff Cope for the cost of cutting nettles on the highway verges.

**8 COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID**

To report in respect of the registration of Hankelow Church under the Community Right to Bid scheme.

Members will recall that the Clerk had written to the Rev. M Lambourn of the South Cheshire Circuit setting out the Parish Council’s proposal. At the time of the last meeting, Mr Lambourn was out of the country and had not responded to the letter. Two follow-up letters have been sent, and at the time of issue of the agenda, a response is awaited.

**9 SAFETY OF WILLOW TREE ON VILLAGE GREEN**

To consider action to be taken in respect of the Willow tree on the village green. This is not subject to a Tree Preservation Order and the Parish Council is, therefore, able to cut back/fell the tree to ensure safety for users of the green.

**10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

**10.1** At the previous meeting, Members requested that the following be placed on the agenda for consideration:

- White roadside markings (Longhill Lane) to create visual footpath
- 30 mph stickers for wheelie bins to remind motorists of speed limit.

**10.2 Maintenance of wide verges**

**11 SPEED WATCH**

To update the Parish Council on recent speed watch activity.

**12 MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members appointed to outside bodies to report on recent activities.

**13 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Borough Councillor Rachel Bailey to report on Cheshire East Council matters of interest and to update the Parish Council in respect of any outstanding matters.

**14 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk to report receipt of correspondence received since the last meeting.

Cheshire East Council

Date Received

- Connect Cheshire: Roll-out of fibre-optic broadband and the installation of new roadside cabinets. 23 Dec 2013
- Nantwich LAP Partnership Newsletter 20 Dec

Cheshire Association of Local Councils

- Local Council Tax support – information from CLG 19 Dec
- Community Right to Bid information 16 Dec

Other

- The Chairman has received e-mail communications from individuals in respect of development in the parish.

**15 SHARED INFORMATION**

Parish Councillors are invited to share information or to request the inclusion of items on the next agenda.

Note: Decisions cannot be taken under this item.

**16 FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Parish Council has agreed that winter meetings be held on the first Tuesday in the month. The next meeting is **4 March 2014**.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on 5 May, at which time the Parish Council will be invited to consider its meetings for the next Municipal Year.

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**Notes**

**1) Members of the Public**

The Parish Council welcomes and encourages members of the public to attend its meetings. You are requested to enter and leave quietly and to remain quiet during the meeting. Mobile phones and pagers should be switched off, and no food or drink should be brought into the meeting.

Members of the public are not able to participate in meetings but are able to ask questions or make a statement, prior to the start of the meeting. In addition, if you feel there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council you may contact the Clerk, the Chairman, or any member of the Parish Council, and arrangements can be made to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting, if appropriate.

On occasions, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meetings when the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature; for example, dealing with individual people, staffing matters, contracts and financial affairs of other parties.

**2) Parish Councillors**

A) Notice of items

The Parish Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which has not been specifically included on the agenda, and there is case law to this effect (*Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119*).

B) Planning Grounds The grounds on which observations can be made on planning applications are as follows –

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| 1 | Development Plan in all its aspects   | 8  | Appropriateness of use taking account of local area |
| 2 | Government legislation and guidance   | 9  | Effect on highway safety                            |
| 3 | Siting  | 10 | Landscape   |
| 4 | Design  | 11 | Listed buildings                                    |
| 5 | External appearance   | 12 | Conservation areas                                  |
| 6 | Compatibility with street scene   | 13 | Land  |
| 7 | Development effect on neighbouring properties, contamination, amenities and privacy | 14 | Flooding  |

Non-Relevant Matters

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| 1 | Matters controlled by other legislation | 6 | Business competition                    |
| 2 | Effects on private rights               | 7 | Personal circumstances – health/finance |
| 3 | Provisions in covenants/deeds           | 8 | Ownership                               |
| 4 | Effect on property values               | 9 | Moral issues                            |
| 5 | Private opinions                        |   |   |

Note: If the Parish Council agrees, in principle, with an application, but not in all aspects, suggestions for “development conditions” can be made, in line with relevant factors.