

# HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Councillors are summoned to a  
**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**DATE:** TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2015  
**TIME:** 7.30 pm  
**VENUE:** SCHOOL ROOM, HANKELow METHODIST  
CHURCH, HANKELow

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Signed

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To: Members of the Parish Council  
(G Foster (Chairman), G Cope (Vice-Chairman), C Ainley, I Jones and A Lee)

cc: Cheshire East Ward Councillor Rachel Bailey

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING**

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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 residents feel that there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council they 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.

# 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 6 January 2015. ...

## 4 CLERK'S INFORMATION REPORT

To receive the Clerk's report for information. ...

## 5 ELECTIONS AND DATE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

All councillors retire together at midnight on Monday, 11 May 2015. The annual meeting of the Parish Council must take place on the fourth day after the date of the elections (11 May 2015) or within fourteen days thereafter (by Monday, 26 May).

The Parish Council's Annual Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 5 May, which is prior to the elections. Members are recommended to change the date to Tuesday, 12 May 2015.

Although it is traditional for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the same evening as the Annual Council meeting, there is no legal reason why this could not be held on 5 May, as arranged.

## 6 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPOs)

At the previous meeting, Members requested a site visit with Cheshire East Council's Arboricultural Officer. The Officer was unable to attend a site visit with Members, but has subsequently made TPOs on the following trees, a plan of which is attached. ...

The Order was issued to Members on 10 February 2015, together with a guidance note on TPOs.

### Trees specified individually

Map Ref	Description	Situation
T1	Scots Pine	Standing to the south of the access road leading to Manor Farmhouse. Grid Ref. 366,899 – 345,539
T2	Scots Pine	Standing to the south of the access road leading to Manor Farmhouse. Grid Ref. 366,888 – 345, 535
T3	Lime	Standing to the south of the access road leading to Manor Farmhouse. Grid Ref. 366,871 – 345,529

**Trees specified individually**

Map Ref	Description	Situation
T4	Sycamore	Standing on the boundary between the Green Farm and Manor Farm paddock. Grid Ref. 366,884 - 345,461

**Trees specified by reference to an area**

Map Ref	Description	Situation
G1	10 Lime 1 Scots Pine	Standing in a linear group adjacent to Hall Lane. Grid Ref. 366,905 - 345,541

**7 MOLES – VILLAGE GREEN**

The Parish Council is invited to consider if any action should be taken to kill the moles which are 'occupying' The Green at present. If the Parish Council approves the action, the company engaged to carry out the work needs to be reputable to ensure that the moles are killed humanely. The British Pest Control Association lists registered companies and the Clerk can seek quotations if required.

It should be noted that moles are not a 'pest' in that they are a risk to public health, but Members might take the view that they are a pest by virtue of their inconvenient location.

**8 LITTER-PICKING EQUIPMENT**

The Parish Council is invited to consider purchasing litter-picking equipment from Cheshire East Council. The Clerk has made enquiries and will be able to report to the meeting.

The reason for the request is that litter-picking is not a service offered by the Borough Council but could be something with the Parish Council delivers to its residents.

**9 ADOPTION OF TRIANGLE AT HALL LANE**

Following receipt of letters from two residents, the Chairman invites the Parish Council to consider if Cheshire East Council should be asked to adopt the road around the triangle on Hall Lane.

**10 PERMISSIVE PATH – HANKELow-AUDLEM**

No further response has been received from Morris Care; however, the Chairman reports that there is a notice at the end of Corbrook Court, which she will bring to the meeting for discussion.

**11 NOTICE-BOARD**

To consider either repairing or replacing the notice-board.

**12 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**12.1 Receipts and Payments – 1 April – 31 December 2014**

The bank has not yet issued bank statements for the period to 31 December 2014. If these become available, the Clerk will be able to submit a statement to the meeting.

## **12.2 Revision to Bank Mandate**

At the Parish Council meeting held on 6 January 2015, the Council agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to £1,490 with effect from 1 April 2015. Members are asked to approve the following revision to the bank mandate, in respect of the Clerk's monthly net salary which is paid by standing order:

From: £86.75 per month  
To: £99.33 per month

The revision will take effect on 1 April 2015.

## **13 PLANNING**

There are no planning applications for consultation at the time of publication of the agenda.

## **14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

### **14.1 Minutes of Meetings**

To receive the Minutes of the Steering Group meeting held on 15 January 2015.

### **14.2 Progress**

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to report on progress and the names of the non-parish councillors appointed to the Group.

## **15 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Rachel Bailey to report on Cheshire East Council matters of interest, including the outcome of the budget meeting held on 26 February 2015.

## **16 SHARED INFORMATION/REPORT OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Parish Councillors are invited to share information. Members who are appointed to outside bodies can take this opportunity to report on any recent meetings.

## **17 CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION – COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS**

To report on arrangements in respect of the Community Pride Awards 2015.

## **18 STANDING ORDERS (for the regulation of proceedings of the Parish Council)**

Enclosed is a copy of draft Standing Orders for consideration and adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Council. This document is submitted now to give Members sufficient time to review the contents prior to the next Council meeting. ...

## **19 PARKING OF HORSE-BOXES ON VILLAGE-GREEN**

The North Staffordshire Bridleways Association has written seeking permission to use the village green for the parking of approximately 12-20 horse-boxes when the group visits the area on 10 January 2016. ...

A copy of the letter from Mr Ridley, who is a Committee Member, is enclosed.

## **20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This is dependent on the outcome of item 5 above.