

MINUTES OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 MAR 23

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Held on Monday 6 March 2023 at 7.30 pm in the North Aisle, Hankerton Church

Present: Parish Cllrs Robin Tjolle (Chairman), Richard Barrow, Dai Davies, Kate Nurden; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllrs Jacqui Erskine-Crum, Piers Johansen, Jas Moorley. The Chairman announced that Piers Johansen and Jas Moorley had both resigned as Cllrs, and thanked them both for their work for the PC.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. A resident asked whether Kate Nurden had been to look at the Upper Stonehill National Grid site. She replied that she had not.
3. Declarations Of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Matters at Chairman's Discretion. None.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the 9 Jan 23 meeting had been circulated in advance. The minutes were approved and signed. Some Cllr profiles were still outstanding.
6. Finance. The account was heading for an end-of-year balance of about £3160, once the payments below had been made – the change from the January forecast being due to the earlier arrival of the flagpole expenditure. The following payments were authorised:
 - £218.34, Hampshire Flag Company for flagpole – payment to be made to Dai Davies who had already paid the Flag Company and received the flagpole.
 - £1254.24, Clerk, for annual salary.
 - £313.56, HMRC, for Clerk's PAYE.
 - £18.72, Clerk, for annual expenses.

The Clerk also mentioned the possible need to advertise for a new Internal Auditor due to illness of the Internal Auditor of recent years; Philip Carter had agreed to be a backstop if needed.

7. Upper Stonehill Substation Enlargement. After debate the PC decision was for no objection.
8. Footpaths. In the absence of Piers Johansen the discussion was limited. The decision was that no attempt to replace Piers as Footpaths Cllr would be made until at least May, and that meanwhile the Clerk would make contact with the farmers and landowners to try to iron out any problems. Additionally the Clerk would follow up his initial contact with Highways and Rights of Way over the muddy state of the north-eastern end of HANK29 footpath. **Action: Clerk**
9. Coronation. There was to be a Bring-Your-Own event in the churchyard, possibly with marquees and bunting etc. Possibly with Coronation mugs for children, though how to work out how many children there were in the parish, and who they were, was not

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identified. The North Aisle Committee were happy to coordinate the event. The PC would commit up to £650 to support the event.

10. Churchyard Grass Cutting. The PC acknowledged that it was the PCC's decision how to cut the grass and generally maintain the churchyard, and Philip Carter of the PCC made it clear that they did not favour relying on volunteers. The idea of finding volunteers was therefore dropped.

11. Flagpole. Dai Davies reported that he now had the flagpole (and had paid the bill), and that erection of the pole was in hand. The work would be done by AC Nurden who had the required accreditation. **Action: Dai Davies**

12. Litterpick Arrangements. Robin Tjolle said his selected date was 1 Apr. The Clerk would arrange the equipment. **Action: Robin Tjolle, Clerk**

13. Best Kept Village Competition. The PC agreed to enter the BKV competition. Judging would be on a day in the period mid-May to mid-Jun. Robin Tjolle offered to complete the entry paperwork again. **Action: Robin Tjolle, Clerk**

14. Coronation Tree. Richard Barrow confirmed that he would plant the tree in the next 3 weeks. **Action: Richard Barrow**

15. Planning.

- **Considered by the PC since the last meeting:**
 - Cloatley Grange
 - Little Acre, Chapel Lane
- **Not yet decided:** Five Lanes Solar Farm, Land at Purlieus Farm – variation of conditions, Rookery Farm – new barn for stabling and storage
- **Current Planning Applications,**
 - Minety Substation Expansion (Item 7).
 - Arrived too late for the agenda – Old Post Office, additional new dwelling in garden – to request delayed response and to be discussed at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

16. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting. .

- PC to check planning permission being correctly carried out (raised by Dai Davies).

17. Next Meetings. (15 May AVM), 22 May APCM, 3 Jul, 4 Sep, 6 Nov.

18. Wilts Cllr Report. Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall gave a brief report:

- Recycling – Wilts Council trying to re-cycle more. But must reduce the amount of contamination ie the wrong materials included with the kerbside recycling.
- Cost of living – will send a Malmesbury list of warm spaces.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

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