

**MINUTES OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13 JAN 25
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Held on Monday 13 January 2025 at 7.30 pm in the North Aisle, Hankerton Church

Present: Parish Cllrs Dai Davies (Chairman), Denis DeSouza, Kate Nurden: M R Bromley Gardner (Clerk); and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllrs Jacqui Erskine-Crum, Malcolm Gerald. Richard Barrow absent.
2. Public Questions. None.
3. Declarations Of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Matters at Chairman's Discretion. None.
5. Planning Application. The PC considered the planning application PL/2024/10264 Plot 11 Follyfield. The decision to object was unanimous. Reasons as follows: 'Hankerton PC objects to the proposed alignment of the house to be built on Plot 11. We presume that the original alignment was designed for a good reason, maximising light for all planned houses. We understand that the change from the original (1970s) alignment is due to the requirement for 3 car spaces plus room to turn. But to the layman's eye if the walnut tree were not there, there would be sufficient room on the original alignment. Normally most people would hope that a flourishing tree should if possible be left unaffected by housing development, but in this case we note that the Association of British Insurers recommends that the safe distance (their term) for a walnut tree is 14 metres (as mentioned by the neighbour at No 10), and we note that the walnut tree in question is closer than that to both No 10 and to the new No 11, and for that reason in this case we believe the tree should be removed, thus leaving room for the required car spaces on the original alignment.'
6. Cllrs Observations and Items for Next Meeting. None.
7. Next Meetings. 3 Mar, (12 May AVM), 19 May APCM, 7 Jul, 1 Sep, 3 Nov.

The meeting closed at 7.36pm.

Chairman