

MINUTES OF HANKERTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1 JUL 24

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL Held on Monday 1 July 2024 at 7.30 pm in the North Aisle, Hankerton Church

Present: Parish Cllrs Dai Davies (Chairman), Richard Barrow, Denis DeSouza, Kate Nurden; M R Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall (late in the meeting); and 10 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllrs Jacqui Erskine-Crum, David Bosley, Malcolm Gerald.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. Members of the public:
 - Expressed gratitude to whomever had repaired and renovated the Eastcourt junction signpost.
 - Said that now that water levels were very low the Highways CCTV-investigation of the culvert under the lane by The Holt should be chased by the PC.
 - Hoped, for the same reason, that the Hillwell-Follyfield footpath gravelling would happen soon. (Response – Durnford Landscapes had recently confirmed that this ‘is on our schedule and will be carried out shortly’.
 - Expressed support for Condition 21 of the PL/2024/05563 planning permission (with reference to Item 7).
3. Declarations Of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Matters at Chairman’s Discretion. None.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting (held on 20 May 24) had been circulated in advance. They were approved and signed.
6. Finance. There was £167 in the current account, £6428 in the deposit account. The following payments were authorised:
 - 2024/7, £56, to the Clerk for 50% of his SLCC membership in 2024.
 - 2024/8, £420, to Durnford Landscapes, for verge cutting.
7. Planning Application – PL/2024/05563 – Minety Solar Farm. The PC decided on no objection, but emphasized that if later the sound limits were exceeded they would expect Wilts Council Planning Enforcement to require sound limiters to be retro-fitted.
Action: Clerk
8. Lost Bridlepath. The last meeting’s required action, to talk to the landowner, had been carried out (by the Chair, by email) and the email exchange had been copied to all Cllrs. Whether it was a good idea to pursue the course was not decided. The PC asked that Charlton PC be consulted as to their view, since the path was in Charlton Parish.
Action: Clerk
9. Anti-Speeding. The PC considered the proposal put forward by the Chair (on behalf of the small group of 3 Cllrs who had decided on the proposal) for 3 signs to attempt to dissuade drivers from speeding. The decision on wording was: 1st line – ‘Check Your Speed’ in red; 2nd line – ‘Children and Horses’. The Clerk would now put this to LHFIG. Potential costs ranged from c£200-c£650, depending on whether LHFIG agreed to contribute.
Action: Clerk

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10. Defib Kiosk Repainting. The kiosk had last been painted by BT in 2011. It appeared to need attention again now. The PC had the correct paint, free from the Community Heartbeat Trust in 2020 when they provided our defib; it might or might not now be too old. Charlton had recently had their defib kiosk repainted professionally at a cost of £1225 + VAT. The PC decided to seek community action for self-help repainting.
Action: ?
11. Footpaths 24 and 26 Diversion. The PC had no objection. It was noted that the new route, if approved, would need proper signing.
12. Risk Review. The Risk Register was reviewed. The Clerk highlighted Serials 1.1 (deliberate under-insuring of the bus shelter) and 9.1 (PC website not meeting the legal Accessibility requirements) – not for decisions now but just to explain the background; if Cllrs felt uneasy about anything they could ask for future agenda items. The PC agreed the Risk Register as it stood.
Action: Clerk
13. Amenity Area Grass-cutting. Quotes had been received as follows (both with VAT to be added, and both per cut): 1) £210 cut only, with additional £110 if cut grass to be removed; 2) £100 including cut grass removed and strimming around fences. The PC noted Durnford Landscapes' latter quote. Cllr Dai Davies had cut the grass recently so no action was needed. One or 2 more cuts would be needed this year. Cllrs should note progress through this year in order to inform their decision at the end of the year on requirements for next year.
Action: All Cllrs
14. Best Kept Village. Hankerton had finished first (of 2 entries) in the North Wilts Small Villages section. Judging for the County round would take place 1-31 July.
- 15/16. Bus Shelter Roof and Water Butt at Bus Shelter. The PC agreed to ask the Chair's builder, Murray Boxall, to carry out his proposed glueing of some loose roof tiles and the fitting of the water-butt at the bus shelter.
Action: Chair, Kate Nurden
17. Verge Cutting. Cllrs should note the verge cutting to inform a decision later in the year as to what they wanted in terms of cuts and costs for next year. **Action: All Cllrs**
18. Plaque for Coronation Tree. The Clerk withdrew the item, as the decision at the last meeting could stand.
19. Planning. Report on Planning Applications:
- Decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting:
 - Yew Tree Farm, as amended – permitted.
 - Not yet decided by Wilts Council:
 - Minety Sub-station expansion,
20. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting.
- Kate Nurden said she hoped to arrange for a visitor to attend the next village coffee morning to talk to people about caring for those with dementia.
 - The defib rota was down to 7 people. Any other volunteers would be welcomed.
24. Next Meetings. 2 Sep, 4 Nov.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Chairman