

**MINUTES OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10 DEC 25
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Held on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 6 pm in the North Aisle, Hankerton Church

Present: Parish Cllrs Jacqui Erskine-Crum (Chair), Jonathan Allmark, Dai Davies, Malcolm Gerald and Kate Nurden: M R Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllrs Richard Barrow and Denis DeSouza.
2. Public Questions. None. The Chair said that any points or questions concerning Gem Festival should be made in Item 6.
3. Declarations Of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Matters at Chair's Discretion. None.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 6 Nov 25 had been circulated in advance. They were approved and signed.
 - The community benefit letter had not yet been sent. **Action: Dai Davies, Clerk**
6. Gem Festival Licence Application. The Clerk briefed the meeting on the process of licence applications in Wilts Council, the key points of the Gem Festival licence application, some clarifications after the confusion caused by having 2 festivals on the same weekend in Charlton Park in June of the current year, and some ways in which Gem Festival hoped to lessen their impact next year. This was followed by discussion, including some concern expressed about music continuing after midnight, after which the PC decision was to object to the application because of the noise nuisance that resulted from this type of festival for young people, but to withdraw this objection if the application were amended to a one-year application with a 1am music end-time. **Action: Clerk**
7. Cllrs Observations and Items for Next Meeting. Nil.
8. Next Meetings. 12 Jan, 2 Mar, 11 May AVM, 18 May, 6 Jul, 7 Sep, 2 Nov.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.