

## MINUTES OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 SEP 22

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Held on Monday 5 September 2022 at 7.30 pm in the North Aisle, Hankerton Church

Present: Parish Cllrs Robin Tjolle (Chairman), Richard Barrow, Dai Davies, Jacqui Erskine-Crum, Piers Johansen, Kate Nurden: M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; and 11 members of the public.

Preliminary: 2 representatives of Conrad Energy presented their plans for a Battery energy storage site just outside the parish boundary at Ravenshurst Farm under planning application PL/2022/04524.

1. Apologies. Cllr Jas Moorley.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. A resident raised a concern about the state of footpaths this summer on arable land which are not reinstated, citing the landowners' responsibilities to maintain the footpaths; and requested that the PC write to the landowners. Another resident asked whether property owners in the village who have hedges bordering footpaths could be asked to maintain their hedges so they do not impede footpath access. The PC decided that it would be fully discussed at the next meeting.
3. Declarations Of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Matters at Chairman's Discretion. The Chairman had decided to take an additional subject which was discussed directly. At the last meeting the PC had agreed that a Climate Strategy lead could be done by a non-Cllr advisor to the PC, and Craig McCullum had offered himself to take this on. The PC accepted his offer.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the 4 Jul 22 meeting had been circulated in advance. The minutes were approved and signed. One outstanding action was highlighted – Cllr profiles, from the 5 Cllrs who had not yet actioned it.
6. Finance. The account balances stood at £714 and £5143. No payments were Needed. The £50 grant due to be returned to Wilts Council was still outstanding, at their request as they wanted to wait until we could transfer it electronically.
7. Ravenshurst Farm BESS. Cllrs expressed disappointment at the quality of the presentation given by the applicants before the meeting started. There was general opposition to the application, mainly on the grounds of public safety. The Chairman would summarize the situation for the website notices. Cllr Piers Johansen would draft a response on the lines of previous similar cases. Cllrs agreed no need for a site visit.  
**Action: Chairman, Piers Johansen**
8. Footpath Diversion Application. The application to divert footpath HANK25(/BROK18) was discussed. The PC had no objection, given that the footpath was right on the parish western boundary and it was difficult to imagine any Hankerton residents using it.
9. Solar Farm Deed of Gift. After informal feedback, supported by the Clerk, Cllrs agreed that legal advice was not needed and the Deed could be signed (with some very minor tidying-up).  
**Action: Clerk**

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10. Church Turning Circle. The Chairman thanked Cllr Dai Davies and those others involved for their work on the turning circle, which was now complete. Dai Davies stressed that it had been a community effort. On a question about access for reduced-mobility residents through the fresh new gravel, a path had been raked clear of gravel alongside the wall of The Old School (and the householder offered to keep it cleared). It was generally agreed that this was sufficient and that a watching brief would be kept on it. There was also discussion about the surface of the footpath behind Hillwell – the Clerk would find out from Wilts Council whether Highways or Rights of Way would admit responsibility. **Action: Clerk**

11. PC Information to Residents. The PC agreed the change to what had been agreed at the last meeting, namely that PC messaging would in future be put out on the PC website which had now been de-linked from the village website.

12. Amenity Area. Following the article in the recent Grapevine about the amenity area, the PC clarified that there had been no feasibility study which found that the area was too small to be a play area, and that a play area was still a viable option for the amenity area. The Grapevine would be asked to publish a simple correction.

13. Flagpole. The Chairman reported on residents' responses on this subject. There had been 3, all supportive of the idea of a flagpole. A cllr questioned why at the bus-stop, to which the response mentioned the memorial plaque to the village's WW2 casualty. There was general support, and the next meeting would need to consider the costs. **Action: Dai Davies**

14. Wildflowers. The PC agreed to fund 2 additional areas next year, at a projected cost of £160. The areas would be chosen at the next meeting. Dai Davies agreed to protect the current area against inappropriate verge-cutting. **Action: Dai Davies**

15. Resident Survey. Cllr Kate Nurden expressed her interest in there being more events in the village. She was promptly invited, and agreed, to join the North Aisle Committee. It was suggested that the Committee should place an article in the Grapevine to rejuvenate itself.

16. Northbound Bus Drop-Off. Kate Nurden described a problem with where northbound buses drop passengers getting off. It was agreed that she should research this with residents who use the bus and report back. **Action: Kate Nurden**

17. Platinum Jubilee Tree. Subject not covered in the absence of Cllr Jas Moorley.

18. Planning Update.

- **Considered by the PC since the last meeting:**
  - 12 Follyfield. Single-storey rear extension, garage conversion, internal alterations. No objection.
  - Nordmann House. 2-storey side and rear extension. No objection.
  - Land at Purlieus Farm. Variation of conditions in 21/04151 permission for BESS. No objection.
  - Cloatley Grange. New pool and poolhouse – amendment to 20/04701 permitted. No objection.

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- Rookery Farm. Barn for stabling and storage. No objection.
  - **Decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting:**
    - Minety South BSF condition variation. Approved.
    - Yew Tree Farm. Minor changes to aspects of the conversion. Approved.
    - Dolmans Barn incl LBC. Refurbishment of stables unit and oak-framed storage unit. Approved.
    - 12 Follyfield. (Details as above.) Approved.
  - **Not yet decided:** Five Lanes Solar Farm, 35 Chapel Lane, Cherry Tree Cottage.
  - **Current Planning Applications,**
    - Cloatley Grange, domestic solar panels in field.
19. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting.
- Shayne Smith's PCC report was acknowledged, with thanks.
  - For next meeting: Footpaths; Flagpole – with costs, for decision; Wildflowers – new areas.
20. Next Meetings. 7 Nov. Agreed for 2023: 9 Jan, 6 Mar, (8 May AVM), 15 May APCM, 3 Jul, 4 Sep, 6 Nov.
21. Wilts Cllr Report. Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall having attended the whole meeting gave a brief report. The key point concerned some Councils' efforts to consider the provision of Warm spaces for the vulnerable this winter.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman