

## MINUTES OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 JUL 22

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Held on Monday 4 July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the North Aisle, Hankerton Church

Present: Parish Cllrs Robin Tjolle (Chairman), Dai Davies, Jacqui Erskine-Crum, Piers Johansen, Jas Moorley; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; and 6 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr Richard Barrow.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. None.
3. Declarations Of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Matters at Chairman's Discretion. The Chairman had agreed to add to the agenda a communication only just received concerning a Battery Site off Ravensroost Road; it would be taken under Item 19 Planning.
5. Cllr Vacancy. Kate Nurden was unanimously co-opted into the PC vacancy. She signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took a seat at the table.
6. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the 16 May 22 meeting had been circulated in advance. The minutes were approved and signed. One outstanding action was highlighted – Cllr profiles.
7. Finance. The following payments were agreed:
  - Cheque 447, £315, Countrywide Grounds Maintenance, for vergecutting.
  - 448 Cancelled
  - 449, £206.37, to Community First Trading Ltd, for insurance.
  - 450, £56, to Clerk for 50% of SLCC subscription.
  - 451, £610.77, to Clerk, for the bench (£565), plaque (£36.78) and ground anchor (£8.99).
8. Election of Deputy Chair. Jacqui Erskine-Crum agreed to stand and was elected.
9. Cllr Portfolios. Robin Tjolle confirmed that he would continue as Info Coord. Climate Strategy could be treated like Flooding with the PC having a non-Cllr expert advisor. A Footpaths Assistant would not be nominated.
10. Planning Review Part 2. It was agreed that Cllrs would use their own hand-held devices to view planning application details if an application was being considered in a PC meeting. **Action: All Cllrs**
11. PC Meeting Notes. In future Robin Tjolle would write summaries of PC meetings for publication on the village website News page and copied to the Grapevine editor (working through the Clerk). **Action: Robin Tjolle**
12. Solar Farm Community Benefit Deed of Gift. Piers Johansen would seek unofficial and free advice on the document. The Clerk was doing the same through a Charlton resident and the 2 of them would liaise with each other over their findings before reporting back at the next meeting. **Action: Piers Johansen, Clerk**

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13. Risk Register Review. The Risk Register was reviewed. The Jubilee Bench was added as an asset vulnerable to theft and/or damage and the PC agreed to insure it. **Action: Clerk**
14. Verge Cutting 2022. There had been some concern at the quality of the verge cut this year. The contractor had offered to reduce the cost to the same as last year (£315), an effective reduction of 10%. The PC accepted this. **Action: Clerk**
15. Verge-Cutting – Review in Principle. Views were expressed against cutting the wild flowers in the verges and in favour due to the safety angle. The PC decision was to cease cutting the verges apart from the annual Wilts Council cut, but to identify those areas that needed trimming back for safety reasons (for example, sight-lines at road junctions) which the Parish Steward could be tasked with strimming. These areas to be identified by Dai Davies as Highways Cllr. **Action: Dai Davies**
16. Platinum Jubilee. Updates:
- Area Board Grant. £75 had been confirmed as a payment by the Area Board but the Clerk reported that the teaparty organisers did not want the money and he would be returning it. A member of the public expressed surprise at this and asked the Clerk to check it. **Afternote** – checked and confirmed. **Action: Clerk**
  - Bench – bought and in position.
  - Tree – Jas Moorley would consult the church and the Wildlife Area creator over a location for the tree. **Action: Jas Moorley**
  - Walk plus signing – no further action.
  - Flagpole. In a vote after discussion, only 2 Cllrs voted in support. Robin Tjolle would now consult the residents. **Action: Robin Tjolle**
17. Repair of Turning Circle Outside Church. Dai Davies said that the work was in hand and would be completed by the next meeting. It remained that the only funds needed from the PC was the £500 already earmarked. Any excess gravel would be used on the footpath behind Hillwell. **Action: Dai Davies**
18. Best Kept Village. The report had not yet been received. The village had come 2<sup>nd</sup> by one point.
19. Planning Update.
- **Considered by the PC since the last meeting:**
    - Yew Tree Farm – details following Wilts Council permission of PNCOU. No objection.
    - Cherry Tree Cottage demolish and rebuild garages. No objection.
  - **Decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting:** None.
  - **Not yet decided:** Five Lanes Solar Farm, Minety South BSF condition variation; 35 Chapel Lane.
  - **Current Planning Applications**, both still being considered by Cllrs:
    - 12 Follyfield, single-storey rear extension, garage conversion and internal alterations.
    - Nordmann House 2-storey side and rear extension.
  - **Battery Site off Ravensroost Road**

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- The PC decided to accept the offer of public consultation by the applicants in a proposed battery site off Ravensroost Road in Minety Parish, both for the PC and for residents.
20. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting.
- Dai Davies' wildflowers were complimented. All Cllrs were asked to identify other areas which could be used to repeat the treatment, for the next meeting.
21. Next Meetings. 5 Sep, 7 Nov.
22. Wilts Cllr Report. Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall had been invited to give a brief report between Items 11 and 12. Points made were:
- Recycling – if not collected after 2 days, she could help
  - Ukraine – Wiltshire was the 2<sup>nd</sup>-best county for numbers of refugees taken in.
  - She had been pleased to see some prosecutions for fly-tipping.
  - Dai's wildflowers were looking fantastic.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.