

MINUTES OF HANKERTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20 MAY 24

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL Held on Monday 20 May 2024 at 7.30 pm in the North Aisle, Hankerton Church

Present: Parish Cllrs Jacqui Erskine-Crum (Chair), Richard Barrow, David Bosley, Denis DeSouza, Malcolm Gerald, Kate Nurden; M R Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; and 8 members of the public.

1. Election of Chair. Jacqui Erskine-Crum was unanimously elected Chair for the year.
2. Apologies. Cllr Dai Davies.
3. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. None.
4. Declarations Of Interest. None.
5. Urgent Matters at Chair's Discretion. None.
6. Election of Deputy Chairman. In his absence Dai Davies was re-elected.
7. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting (held on 4 Mar 24) had been circulated in advance. They were approved and signed. Cllr Richard Barrow was urged to complete his Cllr Profile including a photograph. The Clerk was asked to keep up the pressure on landowner and Highways regarding The Holt.
8. Exemption from External Audit. In accordance with Sect 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, the PC declared that the PC was exempt external audit, since both gross annual income and expenditure are below £25,000.
9. Approval of 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement. The PC decided that all points in the Annual Governance Statement had been covered and that the Chair should sign it, which she did.
10. Approval of 2023/24 Accounts. The RFO took the PC through the 2023/24 accounts and the Accounting Statements. Peter Wyman, resident of Hankerton, had conducted the Internal Audit. The balance of the accounts at year's end was £4209 (£3167 last year). The Parish Council approved the accounts and the Accounting Statement was signed.
11. Finance. There was £49 in the current account and £8928 in the deposit account, the precept having been paid in. The following payments were authorised:
 - 2024/1, £158.80, Community First for insurance.
 - 2024/2, £119.16, WALC membership.
 - 2024/3, £1276, to the PCC for hire of North Aisle (£126) and support to churchyard maintenance (£1150).
 - 2024/4, £500, to the PCC North Aisle account for donation to the North Aisle.
 - 2024/5, £345, to A Holton for work on the bus shelter.
 - 2024/6, £56, to the Clerk for 50% of his SLCC membership in 2023.

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12. Allocation of Portfolios for 2024/25.

- Footpaths – Denis de Souza
- Highways – Dai Davies
- Area Board – Jacqui Erskine-Crum
- Flood Prevention – the PC would continue to rely on David Pynn as advisor (David Pynn was in the meeting and agreed.)
- Patients Group – Shayne Smith to continue in this role
- Amenity Area – vacant
- Emergency Plan/Winter Plan – David Bosley
- Information Coord – Jacqui Erskine-Crum.
- Defibrillator – Malcolm Gerald.
- Climate Strategy – vacant
- Volunteers and Assets – Dai Davies
- Community Emergency Contacts – Chair, Clerk, Kate Nurden

13. Planning Application – Yew Tree Farm, Amended. The planning application PL/2023/06213 was discussed. The amended plan now retained the farmhouse. The PC decided on no objection. **Action: Clerk**

14. Verge Cutting. There was one quote - £350 + VAT from Durnford Landscapes. The previous contractors (from 2021/22) had declined to return to Hankerton. The PC decided that the Clerk should ask Lawrence Peer for a quote and if lower than £350 + VAT to go with it, and failing that to go with Durnford Landscapes. **Action: Clerk**
Afternote: Lawrence Peer declined the opportunity so Durnford Landscapes will do it.

15. Amenity Area Grass Cutting. The PC decided to cut the Amenity Area grass 3 times this year, the Clerk to seek quotes, including from Lawrence Peer. **Afternote:** Lawrence Peer declined the opportunity.

16. Speeding. The Clerk briefed on activity since the LHFIG submission seeking advice was made. The senior roads policy officer who advised the LHFIG had said that he could not recommend any measures likely to have any effect and recommended 'place-shaping', but he had then been persuaded that we could at least decide what signage etc we wanted and submit a detailed plan to LHFIG for consideration. It was agreed that the Chair, Dai Davies and David Bosley would form a small group to recommend a detailed plan to the 2 Sep PC with a view to submitting to LHFIG in time for an expected Oct LHFIG meeting. **Afternote:** the Clerk would join the group for detailed note-taking and for advice regarding LHFIG (processes and likely attitudes). . **Action: Chair**

17. Long-Term Cllr Absence. This item was not needed as Malcolm Gerald's departure had been delayed and he was able to attend this meeting.

18. 'Lost Bridlepath' Near Andover's Gorse. This had been raised at the AVM on 13 May. Preliminary investigation showed that the path could qualify under the 20 years unrestricted rule. Whether it was a good idea to pursue it was not discussed, although some complications including the fact that it was not in Hankerton Parish were mentioned. The PC agreed that first the Chair would discuss it with the landowner. **Action: Chair**

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19. Plaque for Coronation Tree. The Clerk showed examples of 2 different sizes and recommended the 150x100mm plaque at a cost including the metal stake, delivery and VAT of £94.04. The PC agreed the wording 'Planted to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III on 6 May 2023'. **Afternote:** Clerk to pause for confirmation.

Action: Clerk

20. Water Butt at Bus Shelter. The PC confirmed a water butt was still agreed, but that it should be a bought model. The Chair and Kate Nurden would research a suitable one. There was no decision on who was to do the installation work.

Action: Chair, Kate Nurden

21. Bus Shelter Roof. Kate Nurden was concerned that the roof might need repair. The Chair has a builder coming in mid-Jun and would ask him to take a look and advise.

Action: Chair

22. Planning. Report on Planning Applications:

- Decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting:
 - Elm Farm Cottage.
 - April Cottage Bullocks Horn.
 - Both approved.
- Not yet decided by Wilts Council:
 - Minety Sub-station expansion,
 - Yew Tree Farm, amended.
- Appeal:
 - 35 Chapel Lane, refusal of PL/2022/01233. Appeal dismissed.
 - Old Post Office, refusal of PL/2023/01515. Appeal dismissed.
 - Land West of Bullocks Horn, refusal of PL/2023/03382. Appeal dismissed

23. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting. None

24. Next Meetings. 1 Jul, 2 Sep, 4 Nov.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Chairman