

MINUTES OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10 JAN 22

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Held on Monday 10 January 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; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; and 10 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr Rowena Sanders.

2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions.

- List of Cllrs and their portfolios requested for the Grapevine.
- Footpath between Follyfield and Hillwell – requested that the mud be cleared.
- The road from Bambury Hill Farm down the hill towards Charlton – mud on road after hedge flailing operations – requested clearance.
- Request that the Platinum Jubilee be on the agenda for the next meeting. (This is certainly intended; and the Chairman will discuss it in advance with the Follyfield Streetparty organisers.)

**Action: Robin Tjolle
and Clerk for first 3**

3. Declarations Of Interest. None.

4. Urgent Matters at Chairman's Discretion. Footpaths. Piers Johansen reported:

- The Footpath Group had formed and met once.
- He had had discussions with a prominent farmer.
- Possible monthly walks.
- Some quid pro quos would be needed: keep to the footpaths when crossing farmland; keep dogs on leads; do not cause damage – report to Footpaths Cllr if any problems, don't take matters into your own hands.
- FP 24 – bridge collapsed but actually not on correct route – re-signing needed.
- Footpath near church – gate replacement requested – for a future agenda.

5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the 1 Nov 21 meeting had been circulated in advance. One action was still outstanding – obtaining new cheque signatories. The minutes were approved and signed.

6. Finance. The account was on course to end the year on about £3685 credit.

7. Cllr Vacancy. There was still one vacancy for a Cllr. No candidates had come forward. Piers Johansen had a possible name in mind but still some months away. Another candidate had some interest for the future but was too busy currently. All Cllrs were asked to continue to find candidates.

Action: All

8. Precept Part 1. The draft budget was produced. The Tax Base was not covered (**Afternote:** Tax Base reduction from 153.68 to 151.23, meaning that an unchanged precept demand would mean the Band D charge increasing by 50p (or 1.62%) to £31.41)

9. Repair of Turning Circle Outside Church. Dai Davies spoke about the state of the road surface of the turning circle outside the church. It was noted that it was adopted highway so Wilts Highways could be asked to repair it, either with gravel as existing or in tarmac. Dai Davies urged self-help as soon as possible. It was agreed to:

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- Seek a quote for local self-help reinstatement of the gravel surface
Action: Dai Davies with village resident Jon Christensen
 - Concurrently ask Highways what they could do, and inform them of the self-help plan, and ask for a contribution to PC costs for self-help. **Action: Clerk**
10. Precept 2022/23 - Decision. The PC decided to increase the precept by 'inflation', which was showing as 4.6%, thus £4968.50. **Afternote:** in discussions after the meeting it was decided to leave the precept unchanged at £4750. **Action: Clerk**
11. Defibrillator Training. Brian Dalton's son, who had conducted the training before, would be happy to do it again. It was suggested that the date should be when life was less busy for the NHS. Jacqui Erskine-Crum agreed to be the lead Cllr.
Action: Jacqui Erskine-Crum
12. Village Litterpick. The PC agreed to organise a litter-pick in March before the grass hid the rubbish. The Chairman agreed to lead. **Action: Robin Tjolle**
13. Hillwell Streetlight. The Clerk reported that a Hillwell resident had asked for help to get the streetlight at the end of Hillwell working again, and that he was attempting to do so with Wilts Council and Greensquare Housing.
14. PPG Update. Shayne Smith had issued a PPG update by email ahead of the meeting. She had also sent it to the Grapevine. Cllrs thanked her for the report.
15. Cllr Profiles for Website. Reminder to Cllrs to draft their own Cllr profiles for the PC webpage. Example at <https://minety-pc.org.uk/council-members/> .
16. Planning Update. Applications considered since last meeting: Minety South BSF – no comment; Yew Tree Farm PNCOU to convert barn to dwelling – no comment, refused by Wilts Council, resubmitted with undertaking to dismantle other barn, no comment. Applications decided in Wiltshire Council since last meeting: Land at Purlieus Farm for BSF – permitted; Yew Tree Farm initial PNCOU – refused (as above.) Currently under consideration: 1 Follyfield, 1st floor link to existing study; 17 Follyfield, alter design of permitted 16/06904, including add partial 2nd storey to rear extension. Earlier Planning Applications not yet decided: Minety Solar Farm, Five Lanes Solar Farm, Allspheres Farm 3 holiday units, Minety South BSF condition variation.
17. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting.
- Dai Davies – thanks to Nick Durnford for the Christmas tree by the church.
 - Chairman – Charlton Estate to cut the hedge at Cloatley Rd/Vicarage Lane.
Action: Clerk
 - Follyfield re-surfacing – 2 potholes needed reporting so they could be put right at no cost to Wilts Council; also contractors had said they would return to finish by hand a parking area outside 22-23 Follyfield but had not yet done so.
Action: Dai Davies
 - Platinum Jubilee – for the next meeting.
18. Next Meetings. 7 Mar, 9 May (AVM), 16 May, 4 Jul, 5 Sep, 7 Nov.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Chairman