

## MINUTES OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 NOV 22

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Held on Monday 7 November 2022 at 7.30 pm in the North Aisle, Hankerton Church

Present: Parish Cllrs Robin Tjolle (Chairman), Richard Barrow, Dai Davies, Jacqui Erskine-Crum, Jas Moorley, Kate Nurden: M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr Piers Johansen.

2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. A resident noted the damaged verge between Follyfield and Church Farm caused by the Wessex Water work recently following the sewer burst in Charlton and asked if the PC would write to request the verge be repaired once the work is complete; the PC agreed. **Action: Clerk**  
The PC Chairman mentioned that he would contact the website editor to promote the My Wiltshire app to all residents, for use for example if fly tipping was seen anywhere.

**Action: Robin Tjolle**

A resident requested that brambles be cleared off Hankerton Bridge. **Action: Clerk**

3. Declarations Of Interest. None.

4. Urgent Matters at Chairman's Discretion. The Chairman had decided to take an additional subject which had been raised with him by a resident. He proposed, with the PC's agreement, to survey the Murcott Lane for low hanging branches, photograph and w3w them, for subsequent action by landowners or Highways. The PC agreed.

**Action: Robin Tjolle**

5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the 5 Sep 22 meeting had been circulated in advance. The minutes were approved and signed. Two outstanding actions were highlighted – Cllr profiles, and action by the Clerk to see whether Highways or Rights of Way would acknowledge responsibility for the footpath behind Hillwell.

**Action: Cllrs, Clerk**

6. Finance. The account balances stood at a total of £6200. One payment was authorized – Community Heartbeat Trust, £162, for the defibrillator Annual Support Cost; the payment would be made on-line. Also the £50 grant due to Wilts Council would now be returned as it could now be made electronically. **Action: Clerk**  
The PC was heading for a £277 excess of expenditure over income following some unplanned expenditure and a large increase in the Clerk's salary that had just been agreed by the Local Government Employers, but the end-of-year balance would still be healthy at about £3400.

7. Flagpole. Dai Davies reported that the Hampshire Flag Company offered an aluminium flagpole with all necessary kit and a ground socket at 5 metres for £79.95 and 6 metres for £92.95, or a fibreglass pole (better quality and longer life) at 6m for £241 (all plus VAT). The PC agreed to buy the 5 metre aluminium pole. The location was agreed to be just west of the bus shelter. The next step was to obtain Highways permission. **Action: Clerk**

8. Wildflowers. The PC agreed to an additional area for wildflowers – on the verge on the south side of Cloatley Road right at the junction by the defibrillator.

**Action: Dai Davies**

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9. Northbound Bus Drop-Off. Kate Nurden updated the meeting. After discussion it was agreed that she would contact bus users to find out where they would like the bus to stop, after which the PC would contact Wilts Council about it. She would also speak to families who use the schoolbus to see whether they wanted the schoolbus to stop at the bus shelter. **Action: Kate Nurden**

10. Platinum Jubilee Tree. The PC confirmed (and a churchwarden attending the meeting agreed) that there was an agreed location for a tree in the churchyard, and that Richard Barrow would both provide a rowan and plant it in the near future. However it was decided that it should commemorate the forthcoming Coronation not the Platinum Jubilee. A plaque would be actioned later. **Action: Richard Barrow**

11. Cost of Living and Warm Spaces Support. Elizabeth Threlfall outlined what Wilts Council was doing; mentioned powercuts and that the vulnerable should register with SSE; mentioned the local Link scheme that had a connection with a foodbank, and the Malmesbury Community Fridge; and said it was all about identifying who needed help. Robin Tjolle highlighted the Hannah Ludlow charity. The PC agreed Dai Davies' proposal that all Cllrs should be responsible for a share of all residences in the parish, to make contact with them and introduce themselves as the contact in case of difficulty; Dai Davies would do the allocation of addresses to Cllrs. **Action: Dai Davies**  
Robin Tjolle said he intended to pursue the idea of a community fridge although he didn't yet know all the details. **Action: Robin Tjolle**  
The Saturday morning coffee mornings should be promoted as a way of keeping in touch with those who might need help, and neighbourliness would be key. **Action: All**

12. Precept 2023/24 – First Look. The Clerk introduced the draft budget for next year. The Tax Base had reduced by about 0.6%. An unchanged precept of £4750 would result in a 0.6% increase in Band D householder payments, while unchanged Band D payments would result in a precept of £4722. Currently identified expenditure was £1000 less than the Precept of the last 3 years – might Cllrs want to reduce the precept given the previous agenda item? The decision must be made in January and Cllrs were asked to consider the options and consider if any other payments would be needed. **Action: All Cllrs**

13. PL/2022/05033 Cloatley Grange – solar panels in field. The PC view as 'No Objection' was already clear but there was an outstanding question about whether to request a condition requiring screening the panels from the view of the footpath and of the road. The Clerk reported that he had met the applicant/owner that afternoon and that the latter had said he had every intention of screening the panels (using a willow screen). The PC agreed No Objection and no need for a condition. **Action: Clerk**

14. Planning Update.

- **Considered by the PC since the last meeting:**
  - None
- **Decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting:**
  - 35 Chapel Lane, demolition of existing and rebuild, refused.
  - Cherry Tree Cottage, demolish dilapidated garages and rebuild, approved.
  - Nordmann House, with amended plans (smaller), approved.

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- Cloatley Grange, amendment to approved new pool and poolhouse, approved.
  - **Not yet decided:** Five Lanes Solar Farm, Land at Purlieus Farm – variation of conditions, Rookery Farm – new barn for stabling and storage
  - **Current Planning Applications,**
    - Cloatley Grange, domestic solar panels in field (Item 13).
15. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting.
- Eastcourt junction signpost tbc
  - Speeding/Traffic Calming.
  - Footpaths (following MOP's point at start of last meeting).
20. Next Meetings. 9 Jan, 6 Mar, (15 May AVM), 22 May APCM, 3 Jul, 4 Sep, 6 Nov.
21. Wilts Cllr Report. Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall gave a brief report at Item 11. In addition to her remarks about that Item, she also said:
- BESS update – she and Chuck Berry (Wilts Cllr for Minety) had agreed to call in all undecided BESS applications.
  - Wilts Council planners were working towards taking the view that the 5 Pelagic BESS applications should be treated as a single large application. This had implications for an EIA and the applicants were arguing against it.
  - A response from Dorset and Wilts Fire Brigade was expected soon.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.