

HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE HANKELow PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2026 AT HANKELow METHODIST CHAPEL

PRESENT: Cllr Chris Cope (Chair), Cllr Ian Jones, Cllr Gin Foster, Cllr Ian Parker, Cllr Tom Muxlow

IN ATTENDANCE: Abbi Miller (Clerk), 3 members of the public

26/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andy Bellinger and Ward Cllr Rachel Bailey.

26/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Jones, Foster and Parker have signed a dispensation for being shareholders in The White Lion Community Pub Ltd. No further declarations of interest were made.

26/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th January 2026 were approved as true and correct records. Proposed by Cllr Chris Cope, seconded by Cllr Gin Foster, and signed by the Chair.

26/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Chris Walley reported that four volunteers have been recruited for the Community Speed Watch scheme and have completed PCSO-led training. The group requires a speed gun, four high-visibility vests and potentially signage; costs will be investigated and submitted for reimbursement. Three monitoring locations have been approved by the PCSO, and the team is ready to begin once equipment is obtained. He added that the police may assess Longhill Lane for future Speed Watch use. The Council thanked the volunteers for their work.

Mr Walley also noted that a TagMaster traffic-monitoring device has been installed near Hankelow House as part of Cheshire East traffic-modelling work.

A member of the public raised concerns about worsening road conditions, increased HGV traffic due to the Baddington Bridge diversion, and the impact of heavy vehicles on nearby properties. Concerns were also raised regarding increasing dog waste in the village, particularly on the Village Green.

26/15 MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising from the meeting held on 12th January 2026 were confirmed as resolved.

26/16 FINANCE MATTERS

- *Finance Report:* Received and noted (Appendix 1).
- *Authorised Payments:*
 - Cheque 680: ThenMedia (Website and Website Hosting: March 2026 to August 2026) – £180.00

26/17 PLANNING MATTERS

- *New Applications:* None received.

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- *Decisions Since Last Meeting:* None noted.

26/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Council agreed that no further work on revising the Neighbourhood Plan will be undertaken until the Cheshire East Local Plan is published.

26/19 USE OF CIL MONIES

Cllr Cope reported that Cheshire East Highways are considering replacing some SIDs but are unlikely to fund them; an update will follow. As this may take several months, he obtained indicative costs from Wybunbury Parish Council and discussed whether SIDs could be mounted on existing posts. The Council agreed that formal permission from Cheshire East should be sought, and Cllr Cope will request confirmation of suitable locations and obtain three quotes. Estimated cost for two SIDs is approximately £5,000.

Derek provided a quote of £2,652 (inc. VAT) for vertical posts to reinforce half of the pond bank, with installation offered free of charge. The Council agreed to prioritise the SID project and review remaining CIL funds before deciding on the pond works.

It was proposed by Cllr Cope and seconded by Cllr Jones to purchase a replacement defibrillator battery.
RESOLVED.

Actions from January (26/09):

- Liaison with Wybunbury PC regarding SID specifications – **RESOLVED.**
- Pricing for pond reinforcement – **RESOLVED.**
- Clerk's response to Mr Nigel Young – **RESOLVED.**

26/20 VILLAGE GREEN SUB-COMMITTEE

No update was reported.

26/21 CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Rachel Bailey was not in attendance; no update was provided.

26/22 MEMBERS' REPORTS TO COUNCIL (AOB)

Cllr Foster raised concerns about the Parish Council website, noting that upcoming meeting dates are not easily visible and should be displayed on the front page. She also requested that the councillor information page be reformatted as a simple list rather than using individual photographs. **ACTION: Clerk to update the website accordingly.**

26/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 5th May 2026**, comprising the **Annual Parish Meeting** followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**, commencing at **7.30pm** at Hankelow Chapel.

The meeting closed at 20:48pm.