

MINUTES OF HANKERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 SEP 24

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Held on Monday 2 September 2024 at 7.30 pm in the North Aisle, Hankerton Church

Present: Parish Cllrs Jacqui Erskine-Crum (Chairman), Richard Barrow, David Bosley, Dai Davies, Malcolm Gerald, Kate Nurden: M R Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr Denis DeSouza.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. None.
3. Declarations Of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Matters at Chairman's Discretion. None.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting (held on 1 Jul 24) had been circulated in advance. They were approved and signed. The painting of the defib kiosk and the letter box by David Wood and David Pynn after the last meeting was acknowledged and much appreciated. The plaque for the Coronation tree was noted as outstanding.
6. Finance. There was £53 in the current account, £6078 in the deposit account. The following payment was authorised:
 - 2024/9, £36.99, to Kate Nurden for the water butt at the bus shelter.

Additionally the PC noted that an invoice was outstanding from the builder who had fitted the water butt and repaired the bus shelter roof and agreed that up to an expected figure of about £175 it should be paid on receipt.

7. Planning Application – PL/2024/07438 – Minety Solar Farm, Variation of Conditions. No objection. **Action: Clerk**
8. BKV Presentation Day. The following were agreed:
 - The Standard to be sited at the Cloatley Road junction in the north-east segment.
 - Dai Davies and Richard Barrow would dig the hole for the post.
 - David Pynn would 'host' the day in the absence of the PC Chair and Deputy.
 - Other presentations would be 'received' by Steve Davies, Sarah Keen and AN Other whom the Chair speak to to check on availability and willingness. **Action: Chair**
 - Admin on the day would be run by Kate Nurden (in the absence of the Clerk) including provision of the coffee and other refreshments (biscuits) and collecting in the presentation items after the event. **Action: Chair**
 - Residents to be encouraged to attend and coffee and biscuits would be available for all. **Action: Chair**
 - PC agreed to fund the coffee and biscuits. **Action: Clerk**
 - Photography on the day ... **Action: Clerk**
 - Press – Clerk to check whether CPRE would issue a press release. **Action: Clerk**
 - And the Chair said she would contact 2 local papers. **Action: Chair**

Chairman

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Afternote: In further discussions after the PC meeting it was agreed that the presentations would take place in the area of the church turning circle grass (or in the North Aisle if wet).

9. Lost Bridlepath. After the last meeting Charlton PC had been consulted as to their view, since the path was in Charlton Parish. Charlton PC were not interested in the proposal since the alternative (and correct) route was so near. The PC now decided to let this proposal drop.

10. Amenity Area Grass Cutting. The PC decided not to fund any further grass cutting this year. In discussion it was proposed in general terms that we needed a meeting on-site to try to decide what to do about the area.

11. Verge Cutting. No more verge cutting needed this year, given that Wilts Council will cut them all sometime this autumn.

12. Footpath Hillwell-Follyfield. The question was the future management of this footpath as it gets overgrown with nettles and other plants. Kate Nurden would spray the nettles. The Chair would visit the householders over the fence to discuss with them how to control the plants that had grown out under the fence. **Action: Chair, Kate Nurden**

13. Highways Updates.

- No news on Anti-Speeding proposals – next LHFIG 8 Oct.
- CCTV under the lane outside The Holt – no action seen, no news.
- Ditch running away eastward from lane at The Holt – no clearance yet but Kate Nurden said a large digger was due in the next few weeks.
- Road closure outside Sewage Pumping Station/Brookside Cottage due 9-20 Sep.

14. Planning. Report on Planning Applications:

- Decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting:
 - Minety Substation extension – permitted.
- Not yet decided by Wilts Council:
 - Minety Solar Farm variation on conditions (noise reduction kits).

15. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting. All for the next meeting:

- Dai Davies complained about Oaksey airfield aircraft overflying his house and suggested we should consider writing again to Oaksey airfield.
- Chair mentioned 2 footpath problems – HANK 1 (leading to CRUD 13) and HANK 19.
- The flag is fraying – consider replacement and if so at what quality.
- Kate Nurden suggested a noticeboard at the Follyfield junction.
- Dai Davies suggested we should use the £100 BKV cash prize for a celebration.

24. Next Meetings. 4 Nov. Agreed for 2025: 6 Jan, 3 Mar, (12 May AVM), 19 May APCM, 7 Jul, 1 Sep, 3 Nov.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman