

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - John Bennett
Vice Chairman - Gordon McGrath

Minutes of Annual meeting

Held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 16th March 2010 at Over Peover School.

Present: Chair of meeting John Bennett, Gordon McGrath, Jill Wille , Peter Clarkson, Jamie Macrae, Anthony Dobell, The Clerk.

Apologies for absence: Shelia Read, Barry Weinholdt both away on holiday.

Declarations of interest in any agenda item - None declared.

Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting - Proposed by Anthony Dobell and seconded by Bessie Coppack to accept the minutes which were duly signed as a correct record.

Discussion of Matters arising from last meeting - None

Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and asked the members of the Parish Council to introduce themselves to the meeting.

This year had been his first as chairman following of from Gordon McGrath who held the position for 11 years. He thanked Gordon McGrath for agreeing to be Vice Chairman and for his guidance. He said that there were a good mix of ages and interests represented on the parish council.

Mrs Susan Lennon had retired from the position of clerk this year after a term of four years. There had been a high interest in the position of clerk and the interview team were unanimous in their decision to appoint Liz McGrath as Clerk from January 2010.

The parish website can be found at www.overpeover.com and on there the parish council will endeavour to publish minutes of meetings with in 10 days of the meeting date. The chairman said that if members of the public require any information please contact the clerk.

The Parish Council was represented this year at a remembrance service by Mrs Bessie Coppack.

The Parish Plan has continued to go from strength to strength. The Chairman then explained that the parish plan is made up of groups of volunteers working to enhance the parish council and without their work the Parish council would not have achieved all it has done this year.

Although to date only £700 of Parish Plan money has been spent but to date the chairman reported achievements in a number of areas.

Access for the parish to Radbroke Hall Gym, Tennis courts and other sports facilities and the continued success of Peover F. C. who are top of their league.

Increase in awareness of Police and Home watch Group lead by Geoff Howard, more signs have gone up around the parish.

Best Kept Village group had success last year and hope to replicate their success this year.

Conservation area of Peover Park in progressing and as no interest was expressed in the centre of the village becoming a conservation area, the idea was dropped.

Communications team have produced a number of flyers to keep people informed.

Supplementary Planning Document has been drafted and awaiting finalisation.

Road Safety Action Group are progressing with reducing the speed limit around the school and hope to have training in community speed checks in the future.

The chairman thanked Doug Gilbert for his maintenance of the Website and all the other volunteers such as Keith White on Litter patrol, so many individuals too numerous to mention he said a big thank you!

The Chairman mentioned that at a meeting planned for the 14th July 2010 where the Village Hall will be discussed. Help is needed to help run and maintain the Village Hall.

The parish council is hoping to have Christmas lights in the village this year and to renew the village field fencing.

As a parish council alternative funding is sought where possible to enable the precept to be kept low!

The Chairman Invited Cllr Macrae from Cheshire East to address the meeting.

Cllr Macrae said that Cheshire East was still transforming as an new authority and so not always run as smoothly as it would like. Although there is much to do he hopes to continue to build on the successes of this year.

1.9% increase in council tax for the next year was reported by Cllr. Macrae and a change to Bucklow Ward following the Boundary committee review. The Ward will be split into three wards namely High Legh, Mobberley & Chelford and Plumley Wards. Peover Superior will become part of Plumley Ward. These wards will be single member wards elected every four years.

Presentation of Accounts

Parish Council Accounts to March 2009

These had been approved previously by the parish council and were presented to the meeting.

The Chairman took the meeting through the accounts and explained that the Parish Council also has responsibility for the Parish Plan Money which is ring fenced for the specific areas it was given for. Proposed by Mr G Heselwood and seconded by Mr Vic Wigdal to accept the accounts.

Educational foundation Accounts 2009

These had been approved previously by the parish council and were presented to the meeting. This Charity provides a lump sum annually for Over Peover Primary School for providing music lessons. Mr G Heselwood proposed and Mr Vic Wigdal seconded that the accounts be accepted by the meeting.

Mrs J Wille spoke to the meeting in her capacity as school governor making all aware that the school is hoping to build a pre school in the school grounds and are looking for help to fund this.

The Parish Council Budget for 2010/2011 was circulated to the meeting and the chairman said it would be available on the website.

Open Forum for Public Questions

The current permission granted on the Woodside Poultry Farm for Office development is still active as far as the meeting was aware.

The State of Grass Verges and road sides particularly on Grotto Lane and Clay Lane are becoming worse with deep holes in. These are going to cause problems with road drainage and could cause accidents if they are not dealt with soon.

As 80% of roads in Cheshire were only built for horse and carts, so modern traffic needs to be more patient rather than mounting the verge to pass but it is very difficult to change driver behaviour. The parish Council will put this on the June meeting Agenda to discuss a possible solution.

The parish council, like the majority of the meeting, are in favour of Affordable housing but the plans put forward for Woodside Poultry Farm do have some design issues. Also the issue of making the houses available to local people from the parish is also a concern. The Parish Plan outlines the parishes support for Affordable Housing. Whilst the Parish Council will submit its comments on this planning application it is keen to encourage individuals to submit their own response to the planning department. The subject of affordable Housing is to be discussed at the Open Meeting on Thursday 18th March 2010 so the parish council can hear all the opinions of the community and so seek how to best represent them.

The question of the farm shop being a sight for the Village hall was discussed however due to the nature of the ownership of the current Village hall this is a complicate issue. The point was put to the meeting that if the Irlam's are not approached and asked the question we will never know if it is possible or not.

The subject of a generous benefactor willing to give £400,000 towards the village was briefly discussed.

Notices displayed when people have lost their pets or yellow planning signs are failing to be taken down and look unsightly. Yellow signs need only be displayed for two weeks and can be removed after this time; other signs are down to the individual.

The Enforcement Officer has started proceedings to remove the helicopter hanger from New Hall Farm.

Meeting ended 10.37pm

NEXT MEETING 7.45 PM ON 29th MARCH 2011 AT OVER PEOVER SCHOOL