

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk - Liz McGrath
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Chairman - Chris Hurst
Vice Chairman - Kathy Doyle

Minutes of meeting held at 8.30pm on Tuesday 25th March 2014 at Over Peover Methodist Church.

Present: Chair of the meeting Chris Hurst (CH), Tracey Byerley (TB), Ian Webber (IW), Howard Sagar (HS), Peter Clarkson (PC), Kathy Doyle (KD), Robin Lindsay (RL), George Walton (GW) and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence: Sheila Read (SR), Trevor Cornish (TC)

Declarations of Interest in any agenda item: None

To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 26th March 2013. - Proposed by Chris Hurst and seconded by Kathy Doyle that they be signed as a true record.

To discuss matters arising, not already covered in the agenda -None

Chairman's Report:

We are now 3 years into the current Parish Council's term and I thank my fellow councillors and our clerk for their on-going support.

Sadly Gordon McGrath who had served on the Parish Council for 38 years and was an active and vibrant member of the Council passed away this year. Gordon selflessly gave of his time freely to our Parish for so many years and contributed in so many ways to the richness of our community, we all owe him a debt of gratitude. He served as Chairman to the council for 10 years and respecting his family wishes a memorial tree will be planted on the Parish Field.

Highways - I'm pleased to say after much lobbying by the Parish Council, Councillor George Walton and many of the Parish's residents we have finally seen the implementation of the 50 mph speed limit along the full length of the A50 from Knutsford through the Parish to Holmes Chapel. The reduction in speed has been noticeable and the number of traffic accidents has undoubtedly dropped in the Parish. Further representations have been made by concerned residents and further traffic calming measures are in the process of being implemented along the A50 as I write.

The Council has made many representations on the state of the roads in and around the village and some remedial works have been completed. Chelford Lane remains a particular concern. The Council is keen to encourage parishioners to report pot holes on the Cheshire East Council website as these appear to be dealt with relatively promptly when reported.

Barclay's at Radbroke Hall continue to support the Parish where they can and to liaise with the Parish Council over potential issues. They are currently discussing resolutions to the issue of

speed of site access at peak times leading to road congestion and the demand for on-site parking which has spilled out into the Parish.

Parish Field - Maintenance is planned for the Cheshire Railings once the weather improves.

The football team continue to play, with some success on the Parish Field.

The Parish Council now hold section 106 funds and also a sum raised through the Parish for play equipment for the under 5's. The Council is now actively seeking a supplier to supply and fit appropriate play equipment and will also seek additional grant funding.

War Memorial - The Parish Council are actively seeking a contractor to clean and tidy the memorial and replace the perished wooden posts.

Village Hall - The Village Hall's own management committee continue battling to maintain the Hall which is showing signs of its age. The cost of repairs is rising steadily as windows have had to be replaced before they fell out and roof leaks resolved. They've done an excellent job and the hall remains an excellent venue with good facilities that can be hired for only a nominal cost. Please do consider it if you are organising a small gathering or event. Bookings can be made through the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council has continued to explore a number of possible solutions to this deteriorating asset with the support of both the Church and the WI. The only current potentially viable solution is a joint provision of a hall at the School site. Discussions continue.

Broadband - Kathy Doyle's work appears to be paying off as we are now in the initial stages of the provision of superfast broadband for the Parish.

Website - following a cyber-attack and the viral destruction of the Parish website, the council commissioned a local supplier to provide a new site. The result is a very attractive and modern new site which I would encourage you to visit www.overpeover.com

The Village Show - The Village show was held in September. It was a very well attended and successful event with a rich variety of fiercely competed categories from baking to flowers, fruit and veg or photography and many children's categories. Much praise should go to the WI for organising this marvellous community event.

The Parish Council continues to push for improvements in all areas of parish life.

If you have a suggestion for the Parish Council or would like to volunteer with any matter please contact either the Clerk or a member of the Council. All the contact details can be found on the notice board by the playing field, on the newsletter or on the village website.

Once again it has been a great pleasure to Chair the Parish Council for another year.

The Chairman's report is to be circulated to all households following the meeting.

Presentation of Accounts

- **Parish Council Accounts 2013** - These had been previously approved and audited and were recommended to the meeting for approval.
Proposed by Chris Hurst and Seconded by Tracey Read for approval by the meeting.
- **Educational foundation accounts 2013** - These have yet to be completed due to issues with the banking mandates following Cllr McGrath's Death. These will be approved by the parish council when available and circulated on the parish notice boards.
- **Village Hall Accounts 2013** - These had been previously approved and audited and were recommended to the meeting for approval.
Proposed by Chris Hurst and Seconded by Kathy Doyle for approval by the meeting.

Open Forum for Public Questions

None

Any Other Business - None

Meeting ended 8.50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 8 PM ON 23rd MARCH 2015 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST