

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - Chris Hurst
Vice Chairman - Kathy Doyle

Minutes of meeting held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 26th March 2013 at Over Peover Methodist Church.

Present: Chair of the meeting Chris Hurst (CH), Tracey Byerley (TB) Gordon McGrath (GM), Trevor Cornish (TC), Peter Clarkson (PC), Sheila Read (SR) Kathy Doyle (KD), Robin Lindsay (RL), George Walton (GW) and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence: None

Declarations of Interest in any agenda item: None

To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 27th March 2012. - Proposed by Gordon McGrath and seconded by Sheila Read 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 2 years into the current Parish Council's term and I thank my fellow councillors for their on-going support as we've all settled into our roles. As ever your council has pushed for change in many areas.

Highways - The review of the A50 took place and the council was very vocal in its representations. The highway department's recommendation was for the A50 from Toft to Free Green Lane having a reduced speed limit of 50 mph. Cheshire West and Chester Council has now indicated they wish to extend this for the full length of the road to Holmes Chapel. We now await the amalgamation of these works and have been informed they will be completed in the next financial year 2013 /14.

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 very generously provided three flashing speed signs for the village to help enforce the 30mph speed limit around the school. Early observations are that this has helped reduce speeding in the village however some still continue to ignore the limit. The Council are working with the police on plans for further enforcement.

Barclays continue to engage with the Council with a view to offering services to local residents. In the year they have made a drive through cash point available to residents, continue to offer gym membership and are in talks over possible bus route provision.

Parish Field - The Parish Field became a Queen Elizabeth II Field as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. This has ensured that the field is protected as a recreational space for future generations. A commemorative plaque has been placed by the gate.

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

The Parish Council hold some funds for play equipment for the under 5's and will continue to work to increase these to a level which will afford quality equipment. All donations gratefully received.

Village Hall - The Village Hall's own management committee continue battling to maintain the Hall which is showing signs of its age.

The Parish Council has explored a number of possible solutions to this deteriorating asset with the support of both the Church and the WI. As yet no clear path forward has been identified. All ideas are welcome.

Broadband - Kathy Doyle continues to battle tirelessly for the provision of a decent broadband provision. A recent speech she gave was remarked as one of the best in the country.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - despite the inclement weather it was heart-warming to see so many pull together to put on a memorable event at the cricket club which was very well attended. The event raised money for the village school, cricket club and for the proposed play equipment for the Village field.

The Village Show - The Village show will be held in September. It was a very well attended and successful event in 2011. I would encourage residents to get involved in this great community event by entering one of the rich variety of categories from baking to flowers, fruit and veg or photography to one of the many children's categories or simply by attending.

Christmas Carols - Once again the Parish Council would like to thank Kate Wadsworth for organising Christmas Carols in the village which is now establishing as a much loved tradition, this year enhanced by the provision of a Village Christmas tree.

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

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

Presentation of Accounts

- **Parish Council Accounts 2012** - 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.

- **Educational foundation accounts 2012** - These have been approved by the parish council and the educational foundation. The foundation are the owners of the school building and hold money in trust for the provision of music in the school. Although the interest received is down the money given to school remained the same this year.

Proposed by Chris Hurst and Seconded by Peter Clarkson for approval by the meeting.

- **Village Hall Accounts 2012** - 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 8.25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 8 PM ON 25th MARCH 2014 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST