

# PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of meeting held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 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) and the Clerk.

**12.30 Apologies for absence:** Kathy Doyle (KD), Robin Lindsay (RL), George Walton (GW).

**Declarations of Interest in any agenda item:** None

**To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011.** - 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:**

This year we saw many new faces on the Parish Council elected in May including my own. We would like to take this opportunity to thank publically those members who stood down from the Parish Council last year. We have with the advice of the three councillors who remained and our very capable clerk strived to build upon the firm foundations previously created.

### **Highways**

There is to be a review of the A50 in the next few months and the parish council would encourage residents of the parish to take the opportunity to comment on the A50 so that the road can be made safer for both users of the road and those living along it. This follows much activity and pro-active lobbying by the council and a number of concerned residents. The Parish Council are particularly keen to see a speed reduction on this road which has claimed three lives in recent years.

The resurfacing of the length of Stocks Lane from The Old Vicarage to Grotto Lane was completed last year and the Parish Council has continued to push for work to be undertaken on Chelford Lane.

Barclay's at Radbroke Hall have been very generous in the purchasing of three flashing speed signs for the village to help enforce the new 30mph speed limit around the school. It is hoped that these will be installed ready for the school's summer term.

The Parish Council would like to publically thank Barclays not only for this kind gesture but for a number of initiatives they have put in place to support the local community such as the discounted Gym membership and their pro-active approach to potential new initiatives such as the provision of a free bus service and cash point access.

The Parish council has also renewed the boundary sign on the A50 near Radbroke Hall and are awaiting repair of the boundary sign near the former Drovers arms on the A50.

#### Parish Field

The Parish Field will become a Queen Elizabeth II Field as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. This will ensure that the field is protected as a recreational space for future generations.

The football team continue to play, with some success on the parish field and the Parish Council are hoping to purchase new play equipment for the Under 5's as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Fundraising is underway to help supplement the Parish Council's contribution of £2500 and any personal donations would be gratefully received. The Benches on the Field and in the village have also been repaired where necessary this year and painted with wood preserver.

#### Village Hall

The new management committee has taken over the running of the Village Hall on behalf of the WI and the PCC who own the hall. The bookings and finance will be undertaken by the Parish Clerk Liz McGrath and the caretaking duties by Tom Lloyd. Many thanks must go to Trevor Cornish for his success in reforming the management committee and so allowing Mrs Bowers and Mrs Mottershead to retire. Mrs Bowers and Mrs Mottershead have worked tirelessly over their time as secretary and treasurer of the village hall and the Parish Council thank them for all their work in ensuring the village hall is still available for all to use.

The question of the village having its own Village Hall has been raised on a number of occasions and the Council would welcome any thoughts on this matter.

#### Affordable Housing - Woodside Poultry Farm

The Section 106 was agreed and signed and approval for the development was granted on 24th June 2011. The parish council are fully briefed, thanks to Barry Weinholdt on the Section 106 and await development on the site.

#### Broadband

The fight continues for not only high speed broadband but for the provision of Broadband in some areas of the parish. The Parish Council have joined forces with other neighbouring councils to try for a strength in numbers approach to the available funding for infrastructure improvements.

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Plans are underway for a big picnic fun day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012 at the cricket club. Any funds raised are to be split between Over Peover School, the cricket club and the play equipment for the under 5's on the parish field.

## The Village Show

The Village show was held in September and was a very well attended and successful event. Many thanks to all those who organised the show and to the many entrants in the array of fiercely contested categories. There were many who enjoyed the event so much they wished it could be annual as opposed to every 2 years.

## Community Pride Competition winners 2011

The Parish was successful in winning its category in last year's Community Pride event. Thanks must go, once again to all who do their bit to keep our parish looking as it does. Let's hope for matching success this year.

## Christmas Carols

The Parish Council would like to thank Kate Wadsworth for turning her idea for Christmas Carolling in the village into reality. We hope that this becomes a growing annual event in our village life.

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

If you ever have a suggestion for items for the parish council to look into or would like to volunteer to assist the parish council on any matter please contact either the Clerk or a member of the council. All the contact details can be found in the notice board by the playing field, on the newsletter or on the village website.

Finally as ever it has been a great pleasure to reside in our village and even more so this year having been given the opportunity to more actively engage with it.

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

## Presentation of Accounts

- **Parish Council Accounts 2011** - These had been previously approved and audited and were recommended to the meeting for approval.  
Proposed by Anthony Dobell and Seconded by Gordon McGrath for approval by the meeting.

- **Educational foundation accounts 2011** - 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 Anthony Dobell and Seconded by Tracey Bryerley for approval by the meeting.
- **Village Hall Accounts 2011** - These had been previously approved and audited and were recommended to the meeting for approval.  
Proposed by Sheila Read and Seconded by Tracey Bryerley for approval by the meeting.

### **Open Forum for Public Questions**

Ros Jackson asked will the parish be informed of the beginning of any development at Woodside Poultry Farm. The Clerk informed the meeting that once the developer started to discharge the planning conditions the planning officer would be in touch with the parish council as the commuted sum of £45,000 would then be payable for improvements to the facilities on the parish field.

**Any Other Business** - Anthony Dobell thanked the parish council for all the work it had done in the last 12 months.

Meeting ended 8.25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 8 PM ON 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST